



## Herman A. Anderson, Jr.

April 19, 1933 - November 10, 2018

Herman Andreas Anderson, Jr. died with his family gathered by his bedside, holding him close and saying “I love you.” He was 85 years old and full of life and humor, always having a kind word for everyone he met. He was born and raised in Bethlehem, CT. He attended Watertown High School, Western Connecticut State University (then called Danbury State Teachers College), and earned a master’s degree from the University of Connecticut. He relished his profession as a teacher. He began his teaching career in Milford and Watertown and spent 26 years teaching elementary school in West Hartford. After his retirement he spent 13 years at the University of St. Joseph supervising student teachers.

He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps stationed in Bremerhaven during the Cold War. He was a member of the National Education Association, the Connecticut Education Association, and the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut. He enjoyed the theater and faithfully attended Theaterworks and Goodspeed Opera and enjoyed traveling to New York City to the opera and Broadway shows. He loved traveling with his wife, watching sports (particularly the Dodgers), reading, playing golf at Stanley Golf Course and meeting friends at the Back Nine Tavern. He played slo-pitch softball in West Hartford until he was 70 years old.

Herman is survived by the love of his life, Ann; his beloved children, Scott

Anderson (Melissa Colonese) of Hebron, Kendra Giulini (Chad) of Higganum, Kara Chapman (David) of Plantsville and stepdaughter Sarah Boggess (Steven) of East Greenbush, NY; grandchildren Trevor Chapman, Caitlyn Anderson, Eric Giulini, Zachary Chapman, Alexander Boggess, Anna Boggess, Alyssa Anderson, Kevin Giulini and Aiden Chapman; and sister Ruth Plumb of Prospect. He was predeceased by his stepson Stephen Metzgar, sister Doris Pantelli-Cote, and stepbrother Hugh Bronson. He also leaves nieces and nephews that he treasured; he especially enjoyed the Las Vegas trips he had with the Bronson boys! He loved his family, friends and his neighbors in New Britain. He always felt the most important thing in life was people, and he loved every student he ever taught. A service of celebration will be held at South Church on 90 Main Street in New Britain (additional parking available in the city garage) on Friday, Nov. 16th at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon at his favorite spot away from home, the Back Nine Tavern at Stanley Golf Course, where his life will be celebrated with joy and laughter. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorial contributions can be made to the Stephen Metzgar Human Services Fund at Hudson Valley Community College Foundation, 80 Vandenberg Avenue, Troy, NY 12180. This fund was established in the memory of Herman's stepson and provides assistance to students pursuing careers in serving the disabled.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

South Church  
90 Main Street  
New Britain, CT

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Dear Mr. Anderson's family,

*Both my brother and I had Mr. A as a teacher at Morley. He was a family favorite and I still have a fuzzy creature that he gave me some 30 years ago. I remember him telling us students about the ills of soda and his love of the Dodgers. He made a lasting impression as someone who truly cared and he was cared about in return. We are very sorry for your loss.*

*Sarah Schuman*

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**Sarah** - November 19, 2018 at 09:58 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss Scott, Our Sincere Condolences from the Sandoval's Family  
*Jose Sandoval*

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**Jose Sandoval** - November 15, 2018 at 09:26 AM

BB

“ Dear Herman (or Hermie), Our friendship (teammates) started as freshman 1951 at DTC. Article you wrote in "The Cupola" (DTC College Magazine) tells all ! We phoned often- last personal meeting included Russ Butera , DTC classmate who passed 8/13/18 . We played golf together. Long friendship with continuing contact is special. Much to be thankful for including that we both have wives named Ann. Will light a candle at Saturday night mass when at Christ The King service, Bob and Ann Brayton

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**Bob Brayton** - November 14, 2018 at 07:26 PM

LG

“ Dear Ann and Family ~  
Just seeing this photo of Herman makes me smile. Husband Bob has fond memories of playing with Herman in the WH Softball league when the favorite post game gathering place was the Peter Pan Cafe on Park Rd. I remember fun interactions at SJC during our supervisory years. May the collective wonderful memories of all who knew Herman warm your hearts and bring peace.

Love,  
Lynette T. Grande

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**Lynette T. Grande** - November 14, 2018 at 07:25 PM

JN

“ Whenever I heard Herm's name I smiled. Peace be with you and your family, Ann.  
Jill Nova

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**Jill Nova** - November 13, 2018 at 08:07 PM

DW

“ Ann and family, I am so sorry to hear about Herm's passing. I am praying for you all and hope you will find comfort in being together as you celebrate his life.  
Diane Wilson

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**Diane Wilson** - November 13, 2018 at 10:18 AM

AW

“ It was with heavy heart that I sadly learned that I lost my cherished friend of 59 years, Herman Anderson. Our companionship began in Watertown, Connecticut where we were beginning teachers and where we became fast and lifelong best friends. Our careers continued, as did our friendship, when we came to West Hartford as teachers in the 1960's. We remained bosom buddies through the years and days until Herm's demise.

*Good-bye dear buddy. I will miss you for the rest of my days on this planet.*

*Art Woznicki*

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**Arthur Woznicki** - November 12, 2018 at 02:35 PM

CM

“ Dear Ann. Herm was such an “up” person. He was wonderful with our Colin who struggled in school, particularly integrating info and transferring to paper. Always encouraging and never putting Colin down in any way. I thank him once again. May he Rest In Peace.  
*Carole Mulready*

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**carole mulready** - November 12, 2018 at 02:30 PM

DA

“ It's been 33 years since I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Anderson as a teacher. He changed more lives than he could possibly know. There's an old saying: "whoever saves a life saves the world." If it's true, he saved galaxies.

*May his life be a comfort to his family and an example to others.*

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**Daniel** - November 12, 2018 at 01:58 PM

JS

“ *The laughter is gone. Herm was always there with a twinkle in his eye, a good joke or story to brighten your day and make you laugh. I will not be able to attend services for Herm but mourn for you , Ann , and your family. Loving thoughts and prayers. Jane Sebolt*

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**jane sebolt** - November 12, 2018 at 12:47 PM

AL

“ *On behalf of all the Morley students you taught in your amazing career, thank you for making a difference in all the lives you touched. God received an Angel who can deliver HappyGrams now. Sincerely,  
Alanna Goldberg*

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**Alanna** - November 12, 2018 at 10:16 AM

LS

“ *Teaching at Aiken School with Herm will always be one of the joyful memories of my life. He made every fellow teacher and every child feel special.  
My heartfelt sympathy goes out to my friend, Ann and to the whole Family.*

*Linda Stein*

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**linda stein** - November 12, 2018 at 09:57 AM

JH

“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of "Mr. A" as he was known to us little kids in the gym on Saturday mornings at Morley School...one of the nicest and caring people you'd ever hope to meet. Everyone just gravitated to him. Always had a smile and a laugh. Had genuine interest in all kids, and, as years passed and we would bump into him at various "places", he had never forgotten us, and we never forgot him. It just made you feel good to be around him, and you hoped you see him again soon. Rest in peace Mr. A - you deserve it.

*Jay Hershman*

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**Jay Hershman** - November 12, 2018 at 07:36 AM

MW

“ His laugh always brought light to me, especially when he knew I was down. His children and grands all share in that ability. I am grateful to have known him and to have felt his love. May he rest peacefully. Until we meet again ..... with love, always, Maura ❤️

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**Maura Wallin** - November 11, 2018 at 04:26 PM