



Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson

September 8, 1928 - April 19, 2023

Major General Andrew H. (Andy) Anderson (Ret.) and former Talbot County council member died on April 19, 2023. He was 94. After a more than 40-year military career, General Anderson moved to Talbot County, following retirement from the Army in 1986.

Son of immigrant parents, Hjalmar and Annie (Rjatah) Andreasson from Sweden and Finland respectively, he was born and raised in New York City. General Anderson's father was a steelworker and foreman who worked on major skyscraper construction including, the twin towers of the World Trade Center. His mother was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. A brother Kenneth preceded him in death.

General Anderson's long and distinguished military career began during World War II. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the New York State Guard, 14th Infantry Regiment, and subsequently transitioned to the New York National Guard. He was serving as a tank platoon sergeant in the 101st Armored Cavalry Regiment during which time he received a commission to 2d Lieutenant. He was called to active duty as a 1st Lieutenant during the Korean Conflict in 1954. As an armor officer, he then embarked on the first of four tours in Germany.

During his first European tour, he met his wife Ellen Lee Miller of Arcadia, FL,

while she was working abroad. After a very short courtship, they were married in Aschaffenburg, Germany in 1956. As commander of the Regimental Tank Company, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Infantry Division, Anderson utilized his soldiers and tanks in his wedding ceremony. He and his bride rode astride a tank with its cannon at max elevation, the turret stenciled 'TOO LATE', they proceeded thru the town of Aschaffenburg from chapel to the officers' club. When questioned about his "shotgun wedding" and "gross misuse of government equipment," he explained that this event came under the heading of the daily requirement of exercising equipment: all 22 tanks to be combat loaded and to be in readiness to repel Russian & East German forces. Anderson was one of 20 company commanders and was the lowest ranking officer, all others were captains with WWII & Korean combat experience. Shortly thereafter, he received a direct (competitive) commission in the Regular Army in 1957. Normal command, staff and school assignments followed including an unaccompanied tour in Korea.

In 1968, after completing a three-year assignment in the Pentagon, Anderson volunteered for Vietnam where he was to command the 1st Battalion (Mechanized) 5th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. It was during heavy fighting in the Michelin rubber plantation and the "Battle of Ben Cui" that his battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Army's highest unit award. He was subsequently wounded by enemy launched, rocket propelled grenade fire and was evacuated to the United States. He was severely injured, requiring medical treatment for seven months at Valley Forge General Hospital. At this time his wife would dutifully visit him only on weekends as she was a teacher with the Fairfax school system.

Since retirement and moving to Talbot County in 1986, Anderson served more than thirty years as a commissioner of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home (a Governor's appointment), was designated a MD Veteran of the Year and served as president of the MD Joint Veterans Committee. In addition, he

served as board president of the Mid Atlantic Maritime Festival, photography committee chairman Waterfowl Festival, an election judge, AARP tax-preparer, and as a long-time director of the Talbot County Paramedic Foundation. Anderson was elected and served from 1990 -1998 as a member and vice-president of the Talbot County Council. He was the Council 'point man' in the establishment of both the local high school Naval JROTC program and the Talbot County community pool. These were but two of the numerous projects taken on during his two terms of service, as a County Councilman. During this time he also served on the board of the Talbot County Arts Council and again as member of the board of the Arts Council from 2001 through 2007-as vice president and then president. And, again served on the Arts Council from 2008-2014, as chairman of the Mini-Grant Committee, and the Nominating and Bylaws Committee. He was subsequently elected as president emeritus of the Talbot County Arts Council and also serves as president emeritus of the Military Officers Association of America Upper Eastern Shore Chapter and president of the state council, charter chapter and Maryland department commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Honorary Colonel of the 5th Infantry Regiment (a Secretary of the Army appointment) and past president of the 25th Infantry Division Association.

During the last decade his dear wife Lee endured failing health and died December 2, 2016. They were happily married for sixty years and are survived by three sons, James (Barbara) of Rock Hill, SC; Glenn (Catherine) of Florida, Steven (Julie) of Annapolis, MD; and granddaughter, Casey of New York, NY.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton MD. His service will be held at the funeral home on May 4 at 11 a.m. Interment, with general (flag) officer honors, will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - May 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 25, 2023 at 01:09 PM

DG

“ *Rest in Peace Boss.*



David Gonzales - October 28, 2024 at 12:07 PM

 DG

I was General Anderson's Aide-de-Camp when he was DCG VII Corps in Stuttgart, Germany. We spent some time together and I enjoyed every minute of it. He was a wonderful role model. His position took me to places, situations and adventures I would have never experienced. I remember being in Graf and I recall Mrs Anderson's frustration at his bringing another rifle home from the Rod and Gun Club. She looked me in the eye and gave me my marching orders to not let him buy another rifle. Well, he came home with a wonderful "Over and Under." I was able to escape before Mrs. Anderson got home. He was just a wonderful person as was his Lady, Lee Anderson. We are all in God's Waiting Room.

David Gonzales - October 28, 2024 at 01:15 PM

 JB

“ I am John (Ted) Browne, LTC, IN, USA, Retired. I served under General--then Colonel--Anderson in the 1st Armored Division in Ansbach Germany from 1975 to 1976 while he was Cief of Staff. I was his Secretary of the General Staff. Aside from his quiet, calm and incisive leadership, he was an avid handball player. I was responsible for arranging matched for him. After awhile, I tired of looking for players and asked him to teach me how to play. We then became dedicated partners in a sport I love to this day. He was a great man, someone to follow and to emulate. I am very very sorry to learn of his death, and offer my belated condolences to his family. He, Lee, my wife Silvia and I spent many happy hours visiting with them in Europe and in Maryland. I wrote a tribute to him in Armor Magazine upon his retirement. I was a better soldier and a better man because of my service with him. God rest his soul.

John (Ted) Browne - June 28, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

LD

“ *Mr. Anderson- You sure will be missed. I'm glad I got to see you one last time at CYC.*



Linda Daniel - May 04, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson.*



May 02, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson.*



May 01, 2023 at 08:36 PM

TH

“ I had the pleasure of spending a few hours with General Anderson just before he passed. As usual, he was pleasant and witty as we visited his doctor's office and ran some errands. He was absolutely one of the finest men I have ever been privileged to know and I will miss him and his leadership. The Military Order of Purple Heart meetings will not be the same without his presence. Rest in Peace my friend.

Trudy Hoxter

Trudy Hoxter - April 28, 2023 at 11:10 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 27, 2023 at 03:29 PM



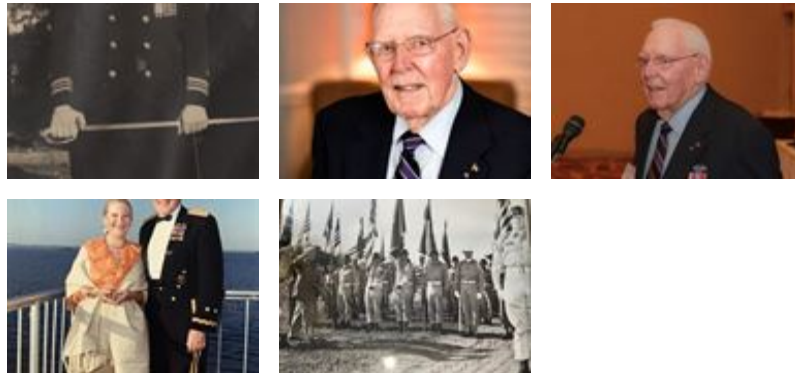
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson.



April 27, 2023 at 02:57 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ The Scholarship Committee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson.



The Scholarship Committee - April 26, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 26, 2023 at 04:58 PM

BP

“ I had the honor of being in his presence a few times. Although I didn't serve under his command, he was a man to respect and learn from. Prayers for his loved ones.

Becky Pulley
M.O.P.H. Chapter 570 Member

Becky Pulley - April 26, 2023 at 01:57 PM

MR

I had the honor of serving with Andy in Viet Nam. Always a man of action and in the thick of things as a leader. He will be greatly missed by his brothers of the Fifth Infantry Regiment. A Bobcat forever. "I'll try sir"

May you rest in peace.
Mike Rohdy Bobcat 6 RTO

Mike Rohdy - May 02, 2023 at 03:39 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 26, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson.



April 26, 2023 at 11:15 AM

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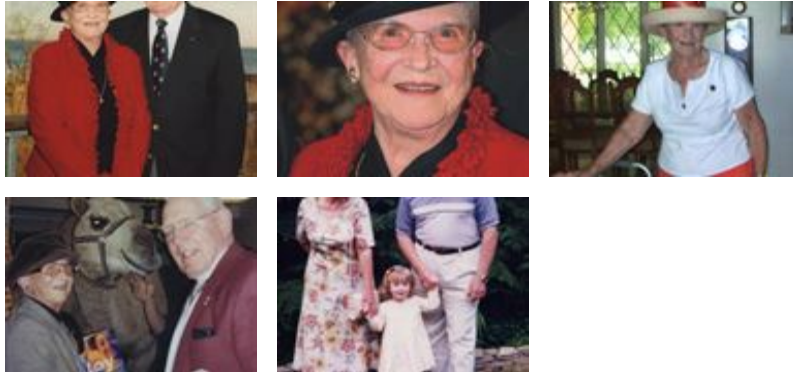
“ Andy and Lee were a beautiful couple. ❤️



Karen - April 25, 2023 at 09:06 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 25, 2023 at 04:56 PM

SM

“ It was a pleasure and honor to work with General Anderson for more than 30 years as a member of the Maryland Veterans Home Commission. His passion for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and the veterans who live there was evident at every meeting. Thank you for your service. You will be missed. Sincerely, Sharon Murphy, Director, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sharon Murphy - April 25, 2023 at 02:46 PM

DA

“ So sorry to hear about General Anderson. We have great memories about him and his loving wife. Always in our hearts and praying for the family.

Dan and Linda Adams

Dan Adams - April 23, 2023 at 03:20 PM

RH

“ It was an "HONOR" to serve under your command in Vietnam. Rest in peace Major General Anderson. Hopefully we will meet again in the sky's above. God Bless thank you again.Randy Harris

Randy Harris - April 23, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ret. Major General Andrew Herbert Anderson.



April 21, 2023 at 06:41 PM

EK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ed Kawczynski - April 21, 2023 at 05:14 PM

CK

“ To the family of General Andy, my heart is broken, I have no words, only tears. It was more than an honor to know the General and to be by his side at so many 5th Infantry Reunions. I always planned them to meet his expectations, he loved attending them so much. The world has lost a hero, but his reunion in Heaven was met by some of the most courageous men who served under him in Vietnam and were a part of his life through the 5th Infantry Regiment Association. I will miss you terribly General. Fly hi, until we meet again, you are always in my heart.



Carolyn Kethcart - April 21, 2023 at 03:29 PM