



## Richard LeRoy Anderson

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Richard Anderson, 89, of Fort Collins, passed away April 27, 2019.

Richard was born January 19, 1930 in rural Kearney, NE to Frans and Ruth (Gitchel) Anderson.

Richard graduated from Kearney High School in 1948. He first attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL and graduated from Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney.

On June 3, 1952, he married Eleanor Johnson at the Maria Lutheran Church in Hershey, NE.

Richard served in the U.S. Army in southern Germany. Upon his return, he and Eleanor took teaching jobs in Keenesburg, CO. He continued his education with summer courses at Colorado State Teachers College.

In 1957, Richard and Eleanor moved to Fort Collins, where Richard taught English and German at Fort Collins High School. He started the FCHS Faculty Pinochle Club, which continued for many happy years. In the 1960s he taught English at CSU.

In 1965 he was summer camp director for Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp, and also served on the Sky Ranch board. Richard also served on the Trinity Lutheran Church council and Lutheran Campus Ministries Board of Directors. Richard and Eleanor were generous supporters of Project Self-Sufficiency.

Richard bought and ran Gifts Unusual in the early '70s, and later became a real estate agent, working out of Spelts Century 21. He and Eleanor bought and cared for many residential rentals in Fort Collins and Loveland, and later invested in commercial real estate.

Richard loved talking with people and telling stories. He enjoyed travelling and seeing new things, camping, fishing, tractoring, and irrigation.

He has been a loving and generous husband, father, grandpa, uncle, cousin, church member, business associate, landlord and friend to many.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 58 years; and his sister, Edith (Robert) Rights of Upper Montclair, NJ.

Survivors include his brother John (Becky) Anderson of St. Paul, MN; his children, Janet Anderson (Colleen Mlecoch) of St Paul, MN; Gail Werth of Fort Collins; Greg Anderson (Carmen Hearn) of Fort Collins; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.BohlenderFuneralChapel.com](http://www.BohlenderFuneralChapel.com).

Services will be Saturday, May 11, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran

Church, Pastor Rich Reiten officiating. Interment will be at the Trinity Memorial Plaza.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
301 E. Stuart  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dick was a gentle soul and a good man. He always had a smile and would take time to stop and visit while walking in the neighborhood. He was knowledgeable on many topics which made his visits very interesting.

A lasting memory for me is seeing Dick hold his wife's hand walking with her to the mailbox.in her later years. I remember thinking There goes a real MAN and a true Christian. He was my neighbor for 37 years.

Soon he will hear....."Well done good and faithful servant".....as he accepts his eternal promotion.

Rest in Peace, Dick

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**Carl Daniel** - May 10, 2019 at 12:46 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Richard was my landlord since 2008. He helped my family to settle in Colorado for my restaurant business. He was always helpful and kind towards us. Richard always had a smile on his face whenever I saw him and I already miss him dearly.

My family will never forget him. Richard was a wonderful person.

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**Sung Suh** - May 05, 2019 at 01:35 PM

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“ Mr. Anderson was my English teacher in 1959. Occasionally I encountered him in the years since. I always remember him as a kind man.

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**Holly Finley** - May 03, 2019 at 08:03 AM

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“ Dear Anderson family,

*Richard was a beautiful soul and he will be missed. He usually sat in the pew directly in front of us for the past 7 years at Trinity and we always passed the peace. He especially liked and commented on my boys' hair, which admittedly and hopelessly sticks up like a porcupine. I will remember his kind smile and firm handshake. His absence was definitely missed last Sunday.*

*Sending love, peace, and light in his remembrance.*

*Andrea Sauer*

*Trinity Lutheran Church member 2013-present*

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**Andrea Sauer** - April 30, 2019 at 09:40 PM