



Merlin Deane Anderson

February 10, 1941 - June 13, 2011

Merlin “Andy” Anderson, age 70, of Charlotte MI died Monday, June 13, 2011. Mr. Anderson was born in St. Louis, MO on February 10, 1941, the son of Dr. Donald and Faye Alice (Hawley) Anderson. Many will remember Merlin from his days as an Eaton County Sheriff Deputy. He held many positions including Instructor for the water rescue division, dispatch, road patrol and evidence tech program. He served the department for 31 years from 1964 until his retirement in 1995. Andy was known to many as amateur radio operator K8EFS, an interest he practiced for over 52 years. His amateur radio interest was often combined with his love to travel across the country to shows and events with his family. Andy was a member and Past President of the Olivet Rotary Club in 1999 and was also a Paul Harris Fellow. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter Tina (Louis Ernest III) Otter of Livonia; son, Donald (Rhea) Anderson of Mason; Grandchildren, Nicholas Lea-Anderson, Thomas Lea-Anderson, Jamie Otter, Sullivan Otter; Step-Grandchildren Jolie York, Lea Robbins, Dakota Robbins. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Friday June 17, 2011 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI with Reverend Kathy Smith officiating. Interment will be in Danby Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 6-8 pm at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, The Diabetes Association or the Rotary Foundation. Online condolences may be made at www.prayfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Merlin Deane Anderson*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ *So sorry to hear of Andy's passing. I enjoyed working with him at the Sheriff's Dept. Our prayers are with you in your loss.*

Pat Vander Vlucht - June 23, 2011 at 03:45 PM

AS

“ *Dear Sharon... We read of your loss and our thoughts are with you. We will never forget your many kindnesses as we started our journey at St. Lawrence. We wish you peace in the knowledge that you valiantly and gracefully supported your husband in his. Art and Susan*

Art and Susan Stine - June 21, 2011 at 10:20 AM

RB

“ To the family of Merlin "Andy" Anderson, We met when Andy joined the Eaton County Sheriff's Department and rode many miles together on road patrol. I'll forget the many good times we had and what a pleasure it was to have him for a partner. He'll never be forgotten. My sincere condolences and prayers are with you.
Sincerely yours, Ron Burch

Ron Burch - June 17, 2011 at 02:47 PM

RW

“ My condolences to Sharon and the family. Andy was a wonderful person who I will always remember. He was a teacher and I was a young Deputy who wanted to learn. He made it easy, we laughed and joked while always staying busy. He served the citizens of Eaton County with pride and compassion. He was one of those unforgettable characters that made friends easy. All of us who new him and worked with him will deeply miss him. May God Bless him and reward him with a special place in heaven for those who risked their lives to serve others. Sincerely Rick Wahl

Rick Wahl - June 16, 2011 at 10:59 PM

JS

“ I will always remember Merlin & his brother & sister. I spent my first summer (1953) after high school living with the Anderson's at their home in Portland & at the cottage on Dickerson Lake (I helped with household duties & the children). From your pictures I can see Merlin grew up to be a fine young man. I am so sorry for your loss.

Judy Sorensen - June 16, 2011 at 06:27 PM

BK

“ Sharon, I am so sorry at Andy's passing. He was my good friend for more than 40 years. I will not be able to attend as I am totally disabled, but I will be thinking of him and you. I will miss him. Bill

Bill M Kelly - June 16, 2011 at 04:52 PM

TS

“ DEAR SHARON AND FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOST. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NOW AND FOREVER. LOVE AND HUGS TY & PAULETTE

Ty & Paulette Strong - June 16, 2011 at 03:59 PM

PC

“ We were honored to have him in our lives.



Penny and Duane Charles - June 16, 2011 at 11:38 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Andy at the Sheriff's Dept from 1966 to 1972 and he was a very fine officer and friend. Our prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time.

John Simpson - June 16, 2011 at 12:14 AM

KS

“ Condolences to the Anderson family for your loss. I worked for 25yrs with Andy at the Sheriff Dept and always enjoyed his wide ranging knowledge and wisdom. My late father WA8GEX knew him from the airwaves as well.

Karl Scribner - June 14, 2011 at 11:41 PM

JS

“ Dear Sharon & Family- My deepest condolences on the passing of Merlin. May he rest in eternal peace. Jamie (From Dr Mondejar's office)

Jamie Stenberg - June 14, 2011 at 07:55 PM

TE

“ Merlin "Andy" always has a warm place in my heart. Ted Eitelbuss

Ted Eitelbuss - June 14, 2011 at 02:26 PM

RD

“ I was very saddened to learn of Andy's passing. I first met Andy while we both worked at the Eaton County Sheriff Department. He was a steady, dependable force in those years. More recently we met often at a monthly gathering of ECSD retirees. He had a lot to offer with memories and current events. I enjoyed being in his company and will miss seeing him there.

Richard Deer - June 14, 2011 at 02:21 PM

LF

“ Donald and Tina, I am sorry to read of your dad's passing, and I will pray for you and your families for strength as you go thru this rough time. Take care.

Lisa (Root) French - June 13, 2011 at 10:26 PM

PR

“ Thinking of all of you. I am sorry for your loss.

Peggy (Woodbury) Roop - June 13, 2011 at 10:22 PM