



Charles T. Anderson Sr.

March 22, 1933 - March 18, 2015

Charles T. Anderson, Sr., age 81, of Oxford, the beloved husband of 59 years to Mary Laird Anderson, entered into eternal rest peacefully on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Bridgeport Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Trumbull on March 22, 1933 beloved son of the late Harry J. and Helen Gannon Anderson. Charles was a devout communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church of Oxford. He was a retired truck driver of O&G Industries and formerly worked for Silliman Construction Company, Hi-Ho Petroleum Heating Oil Company and Valley Transportation. Charles proudly served his nation as a member of the United States Army with the rank of Corporal during the Korean War. He moved to Oxford from Bridgeport 53 years ago. He was a 40 year member of the Teamsters Union Local 191 of Bridgeport and was an active member of the David S. Miles Post 174 American Legion of Oxford. Charles was a member and founder of the Oxford horseshoe league and was a former member of the Shelton horseshoe league as well. He was an avid wood splitter who enjoyed feeding his birds. Charles enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and especially cherished his time with his grandchildren and his great grandson. He will be sadly missed by all.

Charles's loving family in addition to his wife Mary includes his three sons Charles T. Anderson, Jr. and his wife Debra of Oxford, Wayne S. Anderson and his wife Judy of West Haven and James S. Anderson of Derby, his daughter Brenda Lee DiGiovanni and her husband Ernest of Waterbury, his sister Barbara Bourque of Stratford, his four cherished grandchildren Nina C. Kekacs and her husband Ryan, James C. Anderson, Austin W. Anderson and Spencer C. Anderson, his cherished great grandson Ryder J. Kekacs and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved son Kenneth J. Anderson, his brother Warren Anderson and his two sisters Shirley Newton and Jeanne Bourque.

A Funeral Service in Celebration of Charles's life will be held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 9:00 am in the chapel of the Miller-Ward Funeral Home, 260 Bank St (RT 67, across from Klarides Village) Seymour with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 733 Oxford Rd, Oxford. Following the Mass, Full Military Honors will be accorded. Interment will be in the Spring at the family plot at Riverside Cemetery, Oxford. Friends and relatives may call at the funeral home on Sunday from

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Memorial gifts in Charles's memory may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation or the David S. Miles Post 174 American Legion of Oxford through the funeral home. To light a virtual candle and leave online condolences please visit www.millerwardfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Miller-Ward Funeral Home
260 Bank Street
Seymour, CT 06483

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 9:00 AM (ET)

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260 Bank Street
Seymour, CT 06483

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
733 Oxford Road
Oxford, CT 06483

Military Honors will be accorded

MAR 23 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ April 3, 2017



To the most wonderful man I've ever known:

Thinking of you today Daddy, as I do every day. It's been just over 2 years already, March 18, 2015, (unimaginable) , since you were called back HOME. I cry daily for you, as I know you have for so many that passed on before you.

I pray that Kenneth and Nana and Grandpa, and your brother..yes, many are unaware of your second brother, and sisters and friends Rudy, Jerry. Uncle Charlie E. (my Godfather), and so very many other family and friends were there to greet you.

I know you're aware, Mom also was called home just 11 months after you...yes, 1 Year ago this past Feb. 12th, 2016. I'm sure you were there to greet her, and if God allows His version of "scratch tickets", I am absolutely sure that you had one or more awaiting her arrival.....:-).

We've said , "...see you again", to so very many since both yours and mommy's passing.

Losing you both has changed our lives, losing you has ripped my soul, many souls. apart.

I often find myself reaching for the phone to call you or mom , even after this time has passed...just to share a hello, or a funny, or even stupid story or situation. My throat & chest is sorely empty, and hurt...like. a hit to the throat and gut, everytime I'm expecting that regular early morning call on special occasions.

Just typing this. I feel like I've been hit in the gut. I talk to you and mom all the time, I pray that you hear me....

(..maybe you truly are that loud black crow outside each morning.....although there's often 3...maybe you've recruited Mom & Kenny? just maybe?).

I know I WILL see you all again, especially you, mom and Kenny. I truly cannot wait to see you, however I know that life is short, and pray Heaven is forever...because I could not bare losing you all again.

Please take these tears I shed as kisses, and share them with Mommy, Kenny, and everyone else.

I love you all, and pray that you are all truly at peace.

All my love,

(no matter how old I get)...

Your little girl,

Brenda Lee Ann Anderson-DiGiovanni

BD

“ *Daddy, Mommy passed on Friday and we pray that you have found one another. We love you both so very much, and to lose you both within a year, is devastating. Yet we are aware, and hopeful that neither of you are suffering anymore, and you can be healthy and young as you once were, and grow together all over again... We love you, and we know mom knows, but if you could tell her, and Kenny, that would be lovely. RIP and Paradise, each of you. I miss you soon much. I will see you all again one day. God Bless You All !!!*



Brenda Lee Anderson ~ DiGiovanni - February 15, 2016 at 02:32 AM

BF

“ *To the Family of Charles T. Anderson Sr., Lt. Shea Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 201 of Waterbury, Ct. want you to know that your loved one is in our thoughts and prayers. We thank him for his service. Betty Fries, President*

Betty E Fries - March 29, 2015 at 07:50 AM



Brenda Lee

*Thank you Betty, on behalf of my Dad, Mom and brothers.
Sincerely,
Brenda Lee A. Digiovanni
(Waterbury , CT)*

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - April 06, 2015 at 11:28 PM

RD

“ *No truer testament to a man by the amount of family and friends he has at the end of his journey. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me be part of that. REST IN PEACE MY DEAR FRIEND*

Ron DeFilippo - March 23, 2015 at 05:55 PM



Brenda Lee

Ron, thank you for all your support & kind words, although true & known, to read them is extremely therapeutic. We love you.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:03 PM

GC

“ so sorry for your lose. i worked with charlie at o+g,made work a pleasure greg corvino



greg corvino - March 22, 2015 at 05:58 PM

 Brenda Lee

Thank you Greg, all the support & kind words are definitely making this time in our families life, less difficult at times. It will take a long time, for dad is not a man one can just move on from. Although an adult, I am still his little girl, and will forever long to see him again. Thank you.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:07 PM

DK

“ My deepest condolences to the Anderson family. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I have many childhood memories of Uncle Charlie, always a smile. I am so grateful that I had the chance to catch up with him on my last visit. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace Uncle Charlie.



Darlene Anderson Keller - March 22, 2015 at 01:05 PM

 Brenda Lee

Thank you Darlene, Uncle Charlie loved all his nieces and nephews, but you girls were very special to him, being the daughters of his only brother who passed so many years ago, his memories of times spent with you were and extremely vivid, he carry's them with him still I'm sure. I loveyou Darlene.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:11 PM

RB

“ I used to love stopping by having a cold one and enjoying your company and great stories in your garage next to the wood bring stove
To the entire Anderson family my condolences

Robert Buinicky - March 22, 2015 at 08:02 AM

 Brenda Lee

Thank you Robert. Dad's door was always open, and a big door it was, for he never turned anyone away. Thank you for spending time with & visiting with my Dad. He loved all his friends & family.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:14 PM

RB

“ Robert Buinicky lit a candle in memory of Charles T. Anderson Sr.



Robert Buinicky - March 22, 2015 at 07:58 AM

GH

“ To the entire Anderson Family, we offer our condolences and share your loss at this sad time. I remember the very first time I met Charlie and how he loved to talk louder than he needed to, always made me smile. Charlie was always proud of that front property fence and how he made it known that it was the only one like it in the world! Many fond memories of him throughout my life...a great man and a LEGEND!



George and Melinda Hamila

George and Melinda Hamila - March 21, 2015 at 11:11 AM



Brenda Lee

Thank you George & Melinda. It was wonderful of you to cone share your time and stories with us Saturday & attending Dad's service. Dont be a stranger... We love you always...

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:16 PM

JH

“ Brenda..... I am so saddened to learn about your dads passing. I was a bit stunned this afternoon when Jane told me the news. Your dad was such a great guy and, such a great great friend to my father in law Herb. It was your dad who tagged Herbie with the nickname at the pits... "Hammering Herb". I always enjoyed any time I got to spend around your dad playing horseshoes. May you and yours find peace and comfort in the days, weeks and months ahead as you cope with such a tremendous loss. God Bless...

Jim Hughes - March 20, 2015 at 09:49 PM



Brenda Lee

Jim, thank you, Dad and Herb are throwing shoes already I'm sure. Dad had the other shoe, and as promised as I read at Herbs funeral in a letter from my Dad, (not very well I must add, because I broke down reading Daddy's letter, just at the thought of what these two amazing men were facing), that the otger horseshoe would go with Dad, so they'd have a complete set, and it did. So there is not a doubt in my mind..theyll play on for eternity, which neans, we best all start brushing up on our games, or we face the inevitable shut outs that we experienced here..lol. Thank you to yourself and Jane for everything.. God Speed & God Bless.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:23 PM

"G"

“ *The war for hills and trails continued,
the places and names forgotten, except by
those who were their.*

*If you are able,
save them a place inside of you
and save one backward glance when you are leaving
for the places they can no longer go.*

*Be not ashamed to say
you loved them,
though you may not have always.*

*Take what they have left
and what they have taught you with their dying
and keep it with your own.*

*Major Michael Davis O'Donnell
1 January 1970
Dak To, Vietnam*

"G" - March 20, 2015 at 06:32 PM



Brenda Lee

Thank you...

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:25 PM

JH

“ Although hearts are heavy for your loss, I am sure my dad, Herb Benjamin, will greet Charlie with open arms, to play horseshoes eternally. He shared such true friendship with my Dad. I extend sincerest condolences to Mary and all of the Anderson family. May you find comfort in the days and months ahead through all the fond memories of those Charlie touched in such a special, fun loving caring way.

Jane Benajmin Hughes - March 20, 2015 at 05:50 PM



Brenda Lee

Jane, thank you, and if you remember, 1 of 2 horseshoes went with your Dad, awaiting my dads arrival with the other, so they can play again in Heaven. Well, that time has come, and the other shoe is ready to go....they will be throwing ringers together again very soon!!

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 20, 2015 at 06:20 PM

JH

Brenda, I am sitting here smiling and choking up w/tears that you recalled that horseshoe agreement among friends. Keeping you all very near in thoughts and prayers.

Jane Benjamin Hughes - March 20, 2015 at 06:28 PM

JH

Brenda..... I am so saddened to learn about your dads passing. I was a bit stunned this afternoon when Jane told me the news. Your dad was such a great guy and, such a great great friend to my father in law Herb. It was your dad who tagged Herbie with the nickname at the pits... "Hammering Herb". I always enjoyed any time I got to spend around your dad playing horseshoes. May you and yours find peace and comfort in the days, weeks and months ahead as you cope with such a tremendous loss. God Bless...

Jim Hughes - March 20, 2015 at 09:48 PM



Brenda Lee

They are together again, already cracking a cold one & playiing shoes. We will all be together again one day, but there is no way any one of us will come close to winning against them. They are both in our hearts & memories... You take care of yourself, and please watch out for & hold JANE near. Our dads legacy's will live on forever!

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 24, 2015 at 12:04 PM

MT

“ Charlie and Debbie,

I am so sorry to hear about your recent loss. No matter how hard you prepare you're never ready. I didn't know your dad, but Charlie, you look just like him. My prayers and condolences to you and your entire family and especially your mom who now has lost her beloved partner.



Mary Torres

Mary Torres - March 20, 2015 at 04:20 PM



Mary, on behalf of Charlie, Debbie and our entire family, thank you dearly fir your kind words. Our mom is holding her own, yet we are keeping a very close eye on her. With 4 kids, 3 spouse- in-laws, 4 grandchildren (2 of which are married), and countless friends and extended family, we are all being well taken care of and watched oveer. The concern for our well being is immeasurable, and I believe in time, a long time, as long as we continue toblean on one another, and not be afraid to be vulnerable and ask for help & guidance, we'll get through this. Our dad touched so many people...he is smiling down on us right now, and I believe extremely proud that we are functioning as one unit right now. Again, thank you, & God Bless.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:32 PM

RR

“ To the Anderson family. Please accept our deepest sympathy in you lost. He was one the best friend I could ever have had, I don't think there was not anything he wouldn't do for me if I ask him. He will be deeply miss by us.

Dick & Gail Rosenbaum

Richard Rosenbaum - March 20, 2015 at 02:39 PM



Thank you Dick & Gail, I will never forget his story of the "embankment" atcthe legion. Lol. Laughable now, but extremely concerned then. He loved you dearly. My husband and I will stop by soon to say hello to everyone, annd thank you for being a friend abd sharing time with him & mom. You were very special to him..

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles T. Anderson Sr..



March 20, 2015 at 09:00 AM

PW

“ To the Anderson family sorry for your loss my deepest sympathy goes out to all of his Family and friends. May he rest in peace and be sitting beside our Father being his Greatest Angel. Blessings to everyone.
Penny Wahl

penny Wahl - March 20, 2015 at 08:39 AM



Brenda Lee

Thank you for your kind words, on behalf of our entire family.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:36 PM

TS

“ Tricia Slowik lit a candle in memory of Charles T. Anderson Sr.



Tricia Slowik - March 20, 2015 at 02:19 AM

Nancy Smith-Hyatt

“ So very, very sorry for your loss! Charlie was a great man.. Always remember he made everyone happy! Charlie, Wayne, Jimmy, and Brenda my deepest sympathy to you with your Dad's passing. Now at peace having a beer with Kenny Nancy Hyatt

Nancy Smith-Hyatt - March 19, 2015 at 06:44 PM



Brenda Lee

Thank you Nancy. We sure did share some great & memorable moments with Dad. Those memories will be with us forever, and I have no doubt, he and Eddy are smiling ear to ear, tipping back a couple cold ones. I know they are with Kenny, and can only imagine the stories they're sharing..lol. Until we see them again....
Love you sweetheart.

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:40 PM

JO

“ To the family of Charlie Anderson, To one of the greatest guys I ever knew, God bless you, may you rest in peace, Sincerely, Joe the mailman

Joe - March 19, 2015 at 04:24 PM

RD

“ If life was a test Charlie you get a A+. Here was a man who had a garage who door was always open with a stove that was always lit. If you came in with a problem by time you left that problem seem to stay in that stove. A great mentor to all and never a critic.As I look at his picture with a tear in my eye I can't help but smile of a memory with him. I know that's the way he would want it.I only ask that when your heart is hurting say that name CHARLIE ANDERSON a guarantee you will smile with a fond memory he left you with. He always said he would come back as a black crow so the next crow you see smile it just may be? To a GREAT HUSBAND,FATHER AND FRIEND TRULY MISSED

Ron DeFilippo - March 19, 2015 at 04:07 PM

PA

To the Anderson Family;I haven't been a part of the Anderson family for many, many years, but I have fond memories of Charles Sr.as he was truly a great man. He touched many hearts because that's the type of man he was. I know he will be missed by all and I pray that his family will always remember what a special person he was and follow in his footsteps,

Pam - March 19, 2015 at 05:56 PM

BA

My Sincere condolences to Charlie's family and friends. Charlie and I worked together for many years, first at the Silliman Company and then O & G. He was truly a good man and a pleasure to know. May he rest in eternal peace. Bill Ahern (retired O&G), The Villages, FL

Bill Ahern - March 21, 2015 at 11:34 AM



Brenda Lee

Thank you Ron, Pam & Bill, your words are filled with comfort & truth, and you are all a part of this family... Nothing or no one can ever change that. We are blessed to have you all care so much. Thank you, & God Bless

Brenda Lee DiGiovanni - March 25, 2015 at 09:43 PM



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March 19, 2015 at 03:41 PM