



ALEC ANDERSON

February 26, 1959 - August 7, 2013

Alec T. Anderson, 54, of Kankakee, died Wednesday, August 7, 2013 in Flossmoor, IL. Visitation will be from 4:00pm-8:00pm on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at Lax Mortuary. Funeral services will be at 6:00pm, Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at Kankakee Junior High School. Dr. James Mitchem will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the Alec T. Anderson Memorial Fund c/o Chris Pehlke, 850 Raintree Drive, Naperville, IL. Attendees are asked to please dress in your respective school colors, jerseys and athletic apparels.

Alec T. Anderson was born February 26, 1959 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Richard "Andy" Anderson, Sr. and Gretchen Hough Anderson.

He was a 1977 graduate of Fenton High School of Bensenville, IL and received his B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, and his M. A. degree from Governors State University in University Park, IL.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Karen Williams, July 18, 1998 and to their union was born a daughter, Sierra Anderson.

Alec had a very successful career as an educator, coach and athletic administrator; changing the lives of students in every school he taught. He began his career teaching History and coaching in Yorkville. He has coached

several sports and became a very successful head football coach at Kankakee High School. In 10 years as a football coach at Kankakee, he directed the school to the playoffs eight times in several ISHA first, second and third rounds of the state playoff tournaments.

Coach Anderson became the Athletic Director at Urbana High School and coached the football teams there. He was the only coach to guide Urbana High School to the football playoffs three consecutive years. As the Athletic Director in Urbana, his school hosted ISHA track and field conference meets, as well as basketball sectionals.

In the athletic director position at Bolingbrook High School, Alec was the administrator over four successful girls' ISHA basketball championships and a high school football championship.

Alec's most recent contribution was at Homewood-Flossmoor High School as the Athletic Director.

He will be remembered for his overall passion of caring for all students as an educator.. He will be most remembered for creating opportunities for student athletes to develop thru his coaching football camps. It is particularly noteworthy to acknowledge that through his guidance many of his student athletes obtained scholarships at the collegiate level and went on to play in the NFL.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Karen Anderson of Kankakee, IL; one daughter, Sierra Anderson, of Kankakee, IL; two stepsons, Gregory Murphy of Kankakee, IL and Seth Whalum of Champaign, IL; his parents, Gretchen Anderson of Elmhurst, IL, and Richard Anderson Sr. of Des Moines, Iowa; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard Jr. and Diane Anderson of Geneva, IL; a sister and brother-in-law, Chris and Richard Pehlke of Naperville, IL;

special aunt, Beverly and Jack King of Athens, IL; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ivy and Preston Williams, Jr. of Urbana, IL, Tammy Williams of Bourbonnais, IL, Samuel Jr. and Naomi Williams of Atlanta, GA and Darryl and Katrina Williams of Dacula GA; one grandson, Christian Whalum; a special friend, Dennis Dreesen, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall

HC

“ Karen,

*He will be missed. May God continue to keep you.
He was a good guy and a better coach than coach Luke.
Wish he was my head coach back know the day.*

***BNCOURAGED**
LaMarr*

H. LaMarr Clasberry - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Anderson Family,

I was deeply saddened to be informed of Alec's passing. I knew him as Fenton High School student and athlete and from the Bensenville Presbyterian Church where we both attended.

I remember Alec as a kind, vibrant young man wit

Jim Skomer - August 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ May God bless you in your time of bereavement. Rip coach Anderson.

John Lamar Lloyd - August 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Alec, I have not known you very well or for very long. I am sad that it ended so sudden. I miss our conversations by the "shed" and the "burn pit." We talked about sports,yard work,and kids. It's quiet there now, I miss your presence. I'll try a

A Neighbor - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Karen, I just heard this morning about Alec,,Damn I am sorry to hear this.. I hadn't talked to him in three years and I feel so bad about that..He was a great guy and he has loved you since the first time I ever met him..Joe

Joe Dickinson - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I'm very sorry for your loss.I played football with Alec at Fenton high school.
I was thinking about the Anderson brothers recently and wondered what they were doing since I left Bensenville and never met up with them again. Alec was always a spirite

Ron Streck - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ We are so sorry and love you.

Paulla and Teanna Grzych - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ The Board and Members-at-Large of the HFPA (Homewood-Flossmoor Parent Association) extend to you, your daughter, and all of your family our sincerest condolences on the passing of Mr. Anderson. Many of us met him last year when he joined the staff of HF H

HFPA - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *Mr. Anderson was an amazing man. He will be truly missed. My prayers go out to his family and friends. I want to encourage the family to celebrate his life. Go on with peace and harmony. God bless!*

*Vita Larry
Bolingbrook High School*

Vita Larry - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *My condolences to Alec's family, to all of the young people who will not have the opportunity to know Alec, and to all the educators who will not have him as a teammate. He was a significant element of our administrative dream team at Urbana HS.*

John Woodward - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Karen and Sierra, we are so sorry for your loss. He was very involved when Sierra was in daycare, it was always nice to see the fathers there just as much as the mothers. I remember when Sierra and Tyjha played t-ball together he was always on the field h*

Tysha and Tyjha Morrow and Family - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Anderson and Pehlke families. Wishing you strength and peace in the days ahead.*

The Hanson Family - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My family especially my daughter Brittani are offering our deepest condolences to your family. My daughter has told me many great things about Mr. Anderson and even though she is a Varsity Cheerleader - they all were looking forward to working with him th

Jenita Mays & Brittani Willis - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ Big Al...what a legacy you leave us with. So many lives touched, so much life lived in far too short a time. Thoughts and prayers with all who loved you. Thanks for the memories...they will not fade.

Ned Luke - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ KAREN AND FAMILY, YOU ARE CERTAINLY IN OUR PRAYERS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL TO GET THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN CANNOT HEAL. LOVE YOU MUCH!!!! FROM ADDIE, CHRIS AND JOVONN!!!!!!

ADDIE WALLACE& FAMILY - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Alec will be missed by our entire family, he had major influences on our sons successes. He also was considered a dear friend. He will be missed greatly by all those that he touched, and he touched many.

Lorenzo Smith - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Anderson Family. Alec was a good friend to all of us at BHS AFJROTC. He always supported us in all our activities. He will be greatly missed.

Angelo & Marsha Pellitteri - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Anderson Family.*

Diana Lopez - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *My prayers are with the family....*

RENEE WILLS-FULTON - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My condolences to Karen and the rest of the family. I have so many good memories of Coach Anderson and he will be missed. As I looked back on how he impacted my life I realize that I would not have accomplished much of what I have without his teachings an*

DAQUANE FINLEY - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Karen, May God be with you and your family.*

Priscilla Jackson - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Coach you left an incredible impression on my classmates as well as my older brother who played under you. Sending strength to your loved ones. May they find comfort in how much you meant to so many. Class of 1993.*

Stephanie - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Anderson and Pehlke families. We knew Alec as a special man to many people and he will truly be missed.

The Peyrot Family - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I was truly saddened by the untimely death of Mr. Alec Anderson. I worked with him for many years at KHS. He was always professional and genuinely cared about kids. My condolences to his wife, kids, parents and other family members left to grieve his pas

Dr. Fred B. Harris, Jr. - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Like everyone else, I was shocked when I heard the news about Coach Anderson's passing. Immediately it took me back to the summer of Summer of 1986 as we were starting summer "two-a-days" for my Junior year of HS football. Coach Ander

Alex Payne - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Anderson family. You are family to us. We are keeping you in our prayers. We love you!!

Chenille Evans, LoRyelle and LeChelle Robinson - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I worked with ALec at Bolingbrook HS. He was a very kind and understanding man. He will be missed by all that knew him. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

cathy Besler - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I went to grade school with Alec and was saddened to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Lori Schlage Malczewski - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Alec was a very good friend of mine at Southern Illinois. He was a true friend and always a joy to be with. We will always remember the fun we had together in the years we lived together. Monty, Mark and I laughed daily on the JOKES Alec would tell us. We

Leo Schmitz - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing away of Alec. Was a good man and I had the pleasure working with him at Urbana High School the years he was there. My prayers go out to the family.

Mike Dyson - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To Karen and family, my heart goes out to you. Wishing you peace and blessings at this time.

Barbara Wells - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ To the entire Anderson family, I am sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Alec. This past summer I drove through Bensenville down Green St. where we grew up, remembering the times all the guys would get together to play football and baseball in the church

Lloyd Romin - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ my freshman football coach...28 years ago. Also taught my World History class. I'll never forget him teaching us the "Code of Hammurabi" in the classroom, then "re-teaching" it on the football field. An eye for an eye...and coach's respect an

Dave Buss - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My heartfelt sympathies to the family of Alec. Alec was just one classy man whom I had the privilege to work with as a coach at Bolingbrook High School. He had an open door policy and was always available to just talk about anything. He was my greatest su

Heather Favale - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ He was a great man, a great coach and a great friend... He will be missed! Love to all he leaves behind.

Cricket Luke - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ As Athletic Director at Oswego High School from 1994-2006, I got to know Alec well. I found him to be a man of great integrity. His loss will be felt by many. I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family and assure them that Alec's lo

Craig Watson - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dearest Karen, Sierra, Tammy, and Family: May God's peace surround you continuously; his love cover each of you during this time. Praying for you as I too share your loss!

Joyce Shoemaker - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Thoughts are with in this time of sympathy. Please know we are very near if you or family need anything.

Sue & Amy King - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Shocked and so sorry to hear this. I wish all of you strength, courage and God's blessings through this trying time.

Mark Connolly - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My heart is saddened today. Al was a mentor and a friend. Al was so good to my parents Fred and Cindy he loved them and they loved him like a son. Today I sit disappointed that I will never bump into Al again in this lifetime to let him know what a special

Matt Luke - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ What a shock. Alec was a neat kid growing up in Bensenville. I'll always remember his winning smile and positive attitude while he was at Fenton. Jim Skomer

Jim and Laurel Skomer - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Chris and family,
We are so sorry to hear of the lose of your brother... He really sounds like a wonderful guy, and a great leader of youth in many places... We know he will be so missed by everybody who knew him, and wish you to pass our sincere sy

Charlie and Nancy Rehor - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the Anderson Family, may God provide peace, comfort, and everything you need as only He can. Alec will always be a part of our family, and Raider Nation. He clearly was a champion and advocate for girls basketball (actually all youth sports). We met A

The Tuck Family - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Alec and I were College roommates at Southern Illinois University. I want people to know he had goodness and honor. I read about his accomplishments but I also want people to know he himself was a great athlete. He will be missed.

Monty Boatright - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Karen,
Both of my sons played football at BHS during the time your husband was Director. He motivated the students and was very respectful to the parents. Please listen to the song, Don't Cry For Me by The Because of Christ Singers . I hope it w

Clark - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Alec touched our lives in many special ways. He will live in our hearts forever!

Phil and Debbie Boniface - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Anderson Family,
Please accept my deepest condolences. As a teacher at HF, I am confident Alec's memory will remain vibrant in the lives of faculty and students. We are fortunate for the time Alec spent at HF.
Sincerely,
Sahar Mustafah
English D

Sahar Mustafah - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ An amazing coach that will never be forgotten.... RIP Coach Anderson- my thoughts and prayers with your family- KHS C/O 99

KELI HODGES - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ i was deeply saddend to hear of the sudden passing of alec anderson. my sympathy goes out to his wife karen and his family.i remember it well when alec came to kankakee with the new head coach b.j. luke. 2 years later he was named the head coach. he and i

paul schmidt - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We started working as colleagues, that working relationship turned into a friendship. A good man gone too soon, but while he was he left everlasting footprints to follow.

Doug Smith - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Karen and Alec's Family,
We were devastated to hear of your loss. We want you to know we
are thinking of and praying for all of you. He was a wonderful man.
Terry, Toni and Amanda

Terry and Toni Diel - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Anderson Family. Alec was
a great person and Family Man.

Ken Falkner - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who had the pleasure to
know Alec. It was a pleasure to work with him.

The Holdren Family - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ The grass is not as green, flowers not as bright today as I say
goodbye to my friend. We will miss you and your friendship. Dennis
and Jackie Dreesen.

Dennis Dreesen - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Keeping family and friends lifted up in prayer; enjoyed working with
Alec @ Bolingbrook High School. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
cannot heal"

Darlene Phillips - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“*Karen and family, I am so sorry to learn of your tragic loss. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May it comfort you to know that others care.*”

Beulah Pennell - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“*My thoughts, love and prayers are with you Karen for you and your family, may the lord keep you and bless you and watch over you all.*”

Tammy Gray - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM