



## Neil Anderson

January 18, 1937 - November 4, 2018

Neil Anderson went to meet his Lord and Savior Sunday evening, November 4th, 2018, peacefully while surrounded by his family at the Helen and Robert Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Neil was born on January, 18th, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan to Fred and Carol (DuShane) Anderson. Neil graduated from Marquette High School in 1955. He graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1961 with a B.S. degree in education. He taught two years at the Silver Creek Elementary School in Harvey before moving to Sault Ste. Marie in 1963 where he taught 30 more years at Soo Township Elementary and the Sault. Area Jr. High. Neil was also very proud to have served in the Army National Guard. He received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He served with Company B. 107th Combat Battalion out of Marquette from 1957 to 1963. He was trained in demolition and bridge engineering.

Neil taught geography and history for most of his career. He also taught hunters safety and was a Red Cross certified lifeguard and swimming instructor. He enjoyed being involved in athletics. He coached and refereed basketball, football and track for many years. He also took great pride in running the intramural program at the Jr. High.

Upon retiring from teaching in 1993, after 32 years in the classroom, Neil then tutored for 25 more years at Lincoln Elementary School. He received the Lincoln School Volunteer of the Year Award twice and was also awarded the Champion of Children Award by the Michigan Association of School

Administrators in 2016.

Neil's hobbies included reading, walking and the outdoors. He loved spending time at the "250 Club", a hunting camp in Stalwart, Michigan that he shared with Ben Jones and Dick Huttenen. He loved to play cards, cut wood, feed the birds and sit by a warm fire with a cold beverage telling stories of deer seasons past.

The most important thing in his life was his family. While at Northern Michigan University he met the love of his life, Janet Olson. The two wed on April, 6th, 1963 in Trenary, Michigan. The couple raised two children, Michelle (Rich Hank) Anderson and Allan (Kristie Marble) Anderson. They also have four grandchildren, Sydney Hank, Allie Anderson, Lauren Anderson and Trevor Anderson.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday morning, November 8th at 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Church with Father Michael Chenier officiating, assisted by Deacon Bill Piche. Calling hours will then be held Thursday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 pm at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Memorials can be left to the Helen and Robert Ball Hospice House of the E.U.P.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Best teacher I ever had! He was very encouraging!*

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**Lynda Kelly Gregorini** - November 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *I just saw this and want to express my deepest sympathy. Neil was by far my favorite teacher, I thought he was the best in those years we spent at Sault Township School. My you know that he was loved.*

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**Joanne Umbrasas** - November 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Very sorry to hear of Neil's passing. Many blessings of comfort upon you, his family.*

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**Ron and Myrna Weaver** - November 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Thank you for your commitment to us, because of this you have helped to shape and empower so many people through your journey. Forever your student, Sunny*

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**Sunny Vittitow** - November 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ *Mr Anderson was one of my all time faves as a teacher. He had great hunting stories, and his passion for sports was infectious. Al and Kristie find comfort with the memories of your dad and all the lives he touched.*

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**Brian Newcomb** - November 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Neil was a wonderful teacher! His years of dedication to the students of Sault Ste. Marie impacted so many lives. We miss him here at Lincoln. He was a strong supporter of the Student In Transition Program. He recognized the importance of meeting the basic needs of children to help them with their academic success. A life well lived with a focus of service to others. May you find comfort in your happy memories of a great dad, grandfather, brother, teacher and friend.

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**Carol McKay** - November 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Neil affected a lot of kids during his teaching life, not only that, but his positive outlook was a gift to all who came in contact with him. I have enjoyed my time spent with him as well. Your family is in our prayers for peace and rest. The Bennins

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**Norbert and Paricia Bennin** - November 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ My condolences to his family. Many fond memories of Mr. A's class at SAJH. I admired him. He made learning fun. Rest In Peace Mr.A

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**Kim Meiser** - November 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I was one of Mr. Anderson's Soo Township students. In the last class to graduate 8th grade from Soo Township. I still use some of his stories that he told us back then. Mr. Anderson was a great educator and his legacy will live on in the many students he helped.

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**Tami M. Kokko-Wojnaroski** - November 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Blessings to all the Anderson family ,especially to you Jan.

Phyllis Crosson - November 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Neil's passing. He was one of my daily highlights during the time I worked in the office at Sault Junior High. He lived a long, rich, rewarding life, and had a positive impact on so many young lives. Well done, Neil.

Betty Ames - November 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ A life well lived. We offer our sincere condolences to the Anderson family.

David and Phyllis Bigelow - November 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Allan and family, I am sorry to hear of your dads passing...he was one of my favorite teachers.....he always had a story and made me laugh. Such a nice man. My prayers are with you over the coming days.

Carrie Riordan - November 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Many moons ago, circa 1982, Mr. Anderson was my homeroom teacher. We adored his Yabut & his wit. We feared the metal arrow shaft that he kept above the chalkboard. Come deer season, he gave reduced homework to those of us who were absent due to hunting. I remember his class with fond memories. The world was a better place with him in it. He will be missed by many throughout the community. My condolences to your family...

Chuck Picotte - November 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Neil was a great man. I haven't seen him since junior high, but I've never forgotten about him or his lessons, in class and in life. Rest in peace, Mr. Anderson. - Mop

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**Steve Gillotte** - November 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Sandy and I are so sorry for your loss.

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**Russ & Sandy Garniss** - November 06, 2018 at 12:00 AM