

TED JAMES ANDERSON

Ted Anderson was born on August 21, 1943, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Russell and Kay Anderson. He passed away on November 22, 2000, in Des Moines, Iowa, at the age of 57. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Bonnie; six sons, Tom of Goddard, Kansas, Jim of Bellevue, Nebraska, Travis of Charleston, South Carolina, Chris of Humbel, Texas, and Tim and Nick, both of Waterloo; a daughter, Pamela Smith of Summerville, South Carolina; his parents, Russell and Kay Anderson of Independence; a brother Scott of Brandon; a sister Judi Christensen of Joshua, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Anderson lived in Waterloo most of his life and recently resided in Clive, Iowa. He worked at John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works for 20 years. During that period, he served as secretary of the United Auto Workers Local 838 and was a vice president of the Iowa UAW CAP Council. Mr. Anderson was a veteran of the Air Force serving from 1961 to 1964. He was an active Black Hawk County Democrat, and in 1980 at the age of 37, he was elected to the Iowa Senate. He was chosen to serve as the ranking Democratic member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Committee, a rare assignment for a first-term legislator. He served in the Senate four years, from 1981 to 1984 during the 69th and 70th General Assemblies.

After serving in the Senate, he became a very effective lobbyist for 16 years. Some of the organizations he lobbied for are Animal Rescue League of Iowa Inc.; Prevent Child Abuse Iowa; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSME); Central Iowa Builders and Construction Trade Council; and the Iowa Library Association. Senator Anderson was dedicated to the cause of labor and worked to make the job site safer and to ensure that workers receive their fair wages. He was an avid pilot and flew many candidates and dignitaries around the state. Senator Anderson was a tireless campaigner and was known as a mentor and friend to the newly elected members of the legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA: That in the passing of the Honorable Ted James Anderson, the State has lost an honored citizen and faithful and useful public servant, and that the Senate by this resolution expresses its appreciation of his service to the State and tenders its sympathy and kindest regards to the members of his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

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Committee