



## Paul Douglas Anderson

July 2, 1935 - July 29, 2015

A memorial service with military honors for Paul Douglas Anderson, age 80, of Glendive, Montana will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Glendive with Pastor Avis Anderson and Pastor Stan Hoobing officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Paul “Doug” Anderson was born July 2, 1935 in Fargo, North Dakota, and became the center of the universe to Freeman and Blanch Anderson of Valley City, North Dakota. He graduated from Valley City High School in 1953 and went on to serve his country overseas until 1956 where he received a Good Conduct Medal. He returned to his beloved community to graduate from Valley City State College in 1959.

In 1959, he found the two loves of his life in Glendive, Montana, teaching and his wife, Sandra Vinje. They were married for 55 years at the time of his death. They were the definition of commitment and enduring love and Doug always had a smile when Sandy’s name was brought up.

It was with great passion and enthusiasm he taught at Dawson County High School. “P A”, as some of his favorite students fondly called him, was larger than life. He remembered every student he taught, accepted them as who they were, saw potential in each one, and gave them not so subtle nudges to do their best in life. He was proud of his students and followed their successes through-out the years.

Family had deep meaning to Doug as he was blessed with a community and

close friends that were considered family. He found great joy in fishing, hunting, and partaking in just about anything that meant friends were gathered in good spirits. Doug's summer work as an insurance adjuster allowed him to extend his circle of friends across the country.

Doug and Sandra were blessed with two children, Karen and Steve. Doug passed his love of life and passions for fishing and hunting to both his children and his grandchildren. Many memories centered around the great outdoors and he looked forward to every trip with his grandchildren and friends. Doug was a very big part of everyone's life due to his continued involvement and unwavering dedication to his extended family. He could be heard at various sporting events shouting encouragement and took great joy in watching his grandchildren participate in all their activities.

Doug just celebrated his 80th birthday and was so tickled with the mountain of cards, phone calls and visitors that made it a truly special day. He suffered a stroke and passed away July 29, 2015. Doug's passing leaves us missing his spunk, laughter, and strength. He was our anchor and rock. We know he is with his daughter Karen, who preceded him to heaven, and is in a better place. He can watch over us all with a cigar in one hand and a drink in the other and we will continue to hear the voice of encouragement as we always have.

Doug leaves behind his loving wife, Sandra Anderson of Billings; son, Steven (Laurie) Anderson of Laurel, Montana; son-in-law, Brett Price of Arlington, Washington; grandsons, Jake and Josh of Laurel, and Derek Dizney of Salem, Oregon; and great-grandson Wyatt of Salem.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Dawson College Foundation, 300 College Drive, Glendive, MT 59330.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at:

[www:silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www:silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 4. 1:00 PM (MT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
401 Riverview Avenue  
Glendive, MT 59330

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Douglas Anderson*

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December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I was a scared freshman as I entered into Doug's geography class in 1974. As he gave his monologue better than Johnny Carson or Jay Leno, he made me feel at ease and I so enjoyed his class better than any other!! 5 people in my family have become teachers and I have told them all many times how Mr. Doug Anderson affected my life! May God give you all peace knowing that he touched many people's lives over the years in a wonderful way!!!*  
*Keith Bondley*

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**Keith** - September 02, 2015 at 07:07 AM



“ *Just now found this page. Mr. Anderson was my Geography teacher WAY BACK in 1966 and he was indeed one of my favorite teachers. One funny memory for me was how he could nail a student in the head way in the back row who had fallen asleep with a chalk board eraser he threw from the front of the room!! I was not fond of geography but he made it interesting enough to keep my attention. Great teacher for sure.*  
*Marvin Gaub Bismarck ND*

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**Marvin Gaub** - August 27, 2015 at 05:35 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Skillestad Partyka lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Sheila Skillestad Partyka** - August 18, 2015 at 09:47 AM

MH

“ *Like so many others have said, Doug was a wonderful teacher with a great sense of humor. I remember him well even though I'm more than 40 years out of DCHS. I trust it is heartwarming for his family to read the very positive impact he had on so many lives during his time in Glendive. A life well lived, my condolences to his family and RIP, Doug.*

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**Michael Hughes** - August 16, 2015 at 04:38 PM

GO

“ *I have so many memories of a great teacher and drivers ed instructor! Always a smile and had a love of life. Times with family and friends from Zion were special too! So sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you.*



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**Gail Overby** - August 04, 2015 at 08:29 AM



“ *My condolences to his family. Mr. Anderson was a great teacher and Driver's Ed instructor. His sense of humor made you enjoy being in school.*

*Tana (Rein) Madill*

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**Tana Madill** - August 03, 2015 at 07:42 PM

BF

“ *Bob & Kristie Stanhope And Family lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Bob & Kristie Stanhope and family** - August 03, 2015 at 03:19 PM

KS

“ *Kim Rilla Stickel lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Kim Rilla Stickel** - August 02, 2015 at 10:56 PM



“ *I have fond memories of dear Mr. Anderson too. As he was teaching me how to drive, he called me "leadfoot" and we both had a good laugh out of that. Fortunately, he taught me well. He was great.*  
*Nadine (Sutton) Parker*

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**Russell Parker** - August 02, 2015 at 10:12 PM

CF

“ *We will all remember UGLY tie day. Only Mr.Anderson was cool enough to pull every Wednesday off with an ugly tie. Then in a very loud voice, "Get back to work!"*

*You will be missed!*

*Cheryl Brutlag Fadness*

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**cheryl fadness** - August 02, 2015 at 09:35 PM

DZ

“ *Doris Roberts Zinger lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



Doris Roberts Zinger - August 02, 2015 at 09:14 PM

DS

“ *Donna Latka Stanfill lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



Donna Latka Stanfill - August 02, 2015 at 04:02 PM

JH

“ *Mr. Anderson = geography class! It was a big room and he co-taught with Mr. Boschee. Mr. Boschee would pose a question for confirmation to Mr. Anderson who might be taking a turn working at his desk behind us students, and he would answer with his booming voice and sense of humor. Rest in peace, Mr. Anderson!*

Jo Anne Jonutis Herem - August 02, 2015 at 03:32 PM

TG

“ *Tracey Hughes Gatlin lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



Tracey Hughes Gatlin - August 02, 2015 at 03:14 PM

OW

“ So enjoyed our visit this summer and how Doug was always smiling at you Sandy. Doug was looking forward to his 80th birthday! Our prayers and thought are with you, Sandy, Steven and family as you remember all your wonderful memories of Doug. Love Orville and Virginia

orville wass - August 02, 2015 at 12:03 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss! Mr. Anderson was my geography teacher...made the class fun! I was also one of 5 in his geography club, where plans were to make maps...but don't think we ever did...our fault! I remember your cute family at church, too! So cool Avis doing his funeral!God bless you all! Patty (Rigg) Harrington

patty (Rigg) harrington - August 01, 2015 at 06:37 PM

TM

“ The Michaels lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



The Michaels - August 01, 2015 at 12:40 PM

LM

“ RIP Mr. Anderson



Loretta McDanold Miller - August 01, 2015 at 08:25 AM

MD

“ Sandy and Steve and family,  
I am very sorry for the loss of your husband and dad. Doug was one of the Anderson's who mentored some of us younger faculty members. Doug demonstrated a real passion for teaching and performed his job with confidence. Over the years many former students had commented to me on what a positive influence Doug had made in their life. Memories of Doug will not be forgotten. Thoughts and prayers to you.

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**Mike Dryden** - August 01, 2015 at 01:48 AM

MB

“ Sandy and family, so sorry for your loss. He was a great teacher and a great person! He will be missed. Marilyn roesler bean

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**Marilyn roesler bean** - July 31, 2015 at 09:26 PM

MG

“ I loved Doug's sense of humor. One night bar tending at the Elks club he yelled down the bar, "how about some beers for us steers?" Without a best I answered back, "don't you mean some suds for you duds?" He roared laughing. He was a favorite teacher and I know he will be missed by many.

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**Maria Varriano Geiger** - July 31, 2015 at 09:03 PM

HH

“ Deepest sympathies, Sandy, Steve, and Family. It was an honor working with Doug at DCHS. He was well thought of by everyone around him. I enjoyed his visits for coffee at Hop's after we retired. He will truly be missed.. Hilary Hopfauf

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**Hilary Hopfauf** - July 31, 2015 at 07:12 PM

SA

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Steven Anderson** - July 31, 2015 at 06:38 PM

DK

“ *Sandy Steven and family. We have all been blessed too have had a friend like Doug. He would arrive at our house in Glendive and our dog Gidget would greet him and his feet would be wet her excitement was just to much. Doug was was full of fun, chatter and would do anything for you. Rest in peace Doug. Hugs to all your family*

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**D L Kautzmann** - July 31, 2015 at 05:50 PM

JW

“ *Sandy, Steve & family I'm very sorry for your loss. You have many happy memories to recall during the tough times. He was a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*He was a wonderful neighbor with a great sense of humor.*

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**Janet (Smith) Weber** - July 31, 2015 at 04:49 PM

LG

“ *I had Mr. Anderson for geography class in high school. He was a super great teacher and made the class fun. My condolences to the family. Laura Grzanic*

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**Laura Grzanic** - July 31, 2015 at 04:44 PM

MK

“ *to the family of Mr. Anderson you will be in my thoughts and my prayers! he was truly a gifted teacher and one that left an impression on me!! my thoughts and prayers are with your family!!*


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**melissa powell kwasney** - July 31, 2015 at 04:23 PM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. Doug was a great friend and we have many fond memories of our time with you both.*



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**Dale and Linda Hallock** - July 31, 2015 at 03:11 PM

 Lori  
Zeller  
Fleck

“ *Sandy and family,  
So sorry to hear of Doug's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Lori Zeller Fleck*



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**Lori Zeller Fleck** - July 31, 2015 at 02:13 PM

GG

“ *Doug Anderson Family,  
Looking at all the remeberances already sent, it is easily determined that Glendive loved Doug (Mr. Anderson), the teacher and the person, as he loved Glendive. Many of us students in the era of the three Mr. Anderson's have no trouble selecting our favorite. Many former students will be at the memorial service, many more there in spirit from all over the country.  
Thinking of you at your time of loss,  
Gina Mason Giles*

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**Gina Giles** - July 31, 2015 at 02:12 PM

MD

“ Sandy and family,

*I will remember Mr. Anderson very fondly. He was a good teacher and one of my favorites. My God comfort you in this time of loss.*  
*Melissa Danielson*



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**melissa danielson** - July 31, 2015 at 02:01 PM

BT

“ *Becky Tipton lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Becky Tipton** - July 31, 2015 at 01:28 PM

BT

“ *Mr Anderson was one of my most Favorite Teachers... sad to hear of his passing. May you rest in peace..*  
*Becky (Chouinard) Tipton*

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**Becky Tipton** - July 31, 2015 at 01:28 PM

GS

“ *I would like to offer my condolences to Sandy, Steve and families. The passing of Doug will create a void for all of us. I enjoyed being on the faculty with Doug at DCHS for many years. When a person was around Doug It always made the day brighter. He had a way of putting things in proper prospective. He will be missed by all.*

*George Skerritt*

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**George Skerritt** - July 31, 2015 at 01:12 PM

CH

“ SANDY AND FAMILY, SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DOUG'S PASSING. I KNOW YOU'LL HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES TO CHERISH FOR A LONG TIME. KNOW YOU'RE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

CHERISE - July 31, 2015 at 11:04 AM

CG

“ Doug was definitely one of my favorite teachers, I was lucky to have both Doug and Sandy as teachers! I wonder how many people fell for the "I'll bet you a milk shake I can pet a wild deer" story in Drivers Ed!  
Cathy Grooms

Cathy Grooms - July 31, 2015 at 11:02 AM



“ Til we meet again Mr. Anderson!



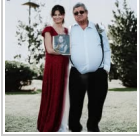
Andrea Gates - July 31, 2015 at 10:27 AM

KW

“ Karen Wallace lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Karen Wallace - July 31, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Nancy Rowsey lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Nancy Rowsey** - July 31, 2015 at 10:06 AM

HS

“ *I only had Mr Anderson for Montana History but he definitely made that class interesting. A really great teacher that will be missed a lot!! RIP Mr. Anderson*

*Hally Stroud Steinert*

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**Hally Steinert** - July 31, 2015 at 10:05 AM

KC

*Sandy and Family: I am so sorry to hear about Doug. He was not only a great teacher but a wonderful friend to our family. I always loved visiting with him whenever I saw him. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. He will be missed in this world for sure.*

*Kim Michael Congdon*

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**Kim Michael Congdon** - July 31, 2015 at 12:20 PM

KW

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. We were fortunate to have him for a teacher and a friend. The halls of DCHS would resonate this his booming voice and laugh! He was blessed to have Sandy by his side. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*  
*Wilbur & Karen Wallace*

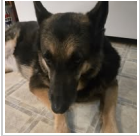
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**Karen Wallace** - July 31, 2015 at 09:58 AM

KS

“ I so enjoyed him as my geography teacher! He would let me draw maps for extra credit. I also corrected papers for him. He was a super teacher and a nice guy. He will be missed!! Condolences to his family from Mel and myself.

Kathy Sampson - July 31, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ Prayers and condolences to the family. I had Mr. Anderson as an instructor. He was a very nice teacher, and all around nice man. He will be missed.



Cammy Sprout - July 31, 2015 at 09:42 AM

MS

“ Mary Swanson lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Mary Swanson - July 31, 2015 at 09:20 AM

SW

“ Shirley Wolff lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Shirley Wolff - July 31, 2015 at 09:10 AM

TK

“ Hugs to you Sandy. I have thought of you two often since you moved. Your husband meant a lot to so many people, especially his students. Prayers for you and your family. Erin Kuehn

Ty and Erin Kuehn - July 31, 2015 at 09:02 AM

CR

“ Prayers for Mr. Anderson ' s family!!! He was such an amazing person and teacher!!!



Cindy Riedlinger - July 31, 2015 at 08:54 AM

TH

“ Teresa Hathaway lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Teresa Hathaway - July 31, 2015 at 08:39 AM

RK

“ Rex And Sheila Kunick lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson




Rex and Sheila Kunick - July 31, 2015 at 07:53 AM

SK

“ Susan Kelly lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Susan Kelly - July 31, 2015 at 07:34 AM

 Tracie Engle

“ Tracie Engle lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Tracie Engle - July 31, 2015 at 07:26 AM



“ A wonderful teacher and inspiration! Mr. Anderson will be missed by all.



CynDee Novitch - July 31, 2015 at 05:24 AM

LL

“ Leah LeSueur lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



Leah LeSueur - July 31, 2015 at 03:19 AM



“ *Mr. Anderson was one of my favorite teachers. May he rest in peace. Prayers to his family. God Bless.*

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**Shea Bobiney** - July 31, 2015 at 01:18 AM



“ *Tammy Milne lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Tammy Milne** - July 31, 2015 at 01:03 AM



“ *Mr. A was my favorite and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*



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**Pamela Mitchell-Ramirez** - July 31, 2015 at 12:58 AM



“ *Sandy, Steve & family, I was so sorry to hear of Dougs passing. He always had time for a chat any time, anywhere! He was such a great teacher and held the highest of respect from his students but he returned that respect to each one! I know that you and everyone that knew him will feel a great loss! You are sure to have great memories to comfort you! He will be missed! Pat Eiker*

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**Pat Eiker** - July 31, 2015 at 12:56 AM

LL

“ *Leah LeSueur lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



Leah LeSueur - July 31, 2015 at 12:36 AM



“ *You were one of the great ones, Mr. A. The lives you've touched are spread across the world. This class of '89er appreciates all the wisdom you instilled in me. Godspeed, Sir.*

Lonnie Schwindt - July 31, 2015 at 12:29 AM

PT

“ *I so enjoyed Mr. Anderson as a teacher, neighbor and friend. He was a sweet and wonderful man. I am so sorry for your loss. Our block lost two really good guys this month. Patty (Smith) Thompson*

Patty Thompson - July 31, 2015 at 12:27 AM

JJ

“ *Jane Jarvis lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



jane jarvis - July 31, 2015 at 12:17 AM

 Sherri  
Kettner

“ *Mr. Anderson was one of my all time favorite teachers! I can still hear his laugh and remember his sense of humor! He made a positive impact on so many young people! His was a life well lived. My sympathies to the family!*

*Sherri Heimbuch Kettner*

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**Sherri Kettner** - July 31, 2015 at 12:10 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear about him. He was one of my favorite teachers. When you say he accepted everyone how they were that is really so true. One of the few people I was comfortable around. I can't say I remember anything he taught me as far as classroom but I still remember how he made me feel and how positive he always was. That is the mark of a great person.*



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**Kathy Anderson Bishop** - July 30, 2015 at 11:41 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Schiff Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Barbara Schiff Schwartz** - July 30, 2015 at 11:24 PM

MA

“ *Mary Lou Ayre lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Mary Lou Ayre** - July 30, 2015 at 11:14 PM

MH

“ *Melissa Hansen lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Melissa Hansen** - July 30, 2015 at 11:10 PM

JV

“ *Jeana Schieffer Vollum lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Jeana Schieffer Vollum** - July 30, 2015 at 11:07 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Skillestad Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Tracy Skillestad Schroeder** - July 30, 2015 at 11:06 PM

DC

“ *Diane Kolstad Crockett lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Diane Kolstad Crockett** - July 30, 2015 at 10:55 PM

MK

“ *Sandy, Steve, and all of Doug's loved ones, You are all in my prayers. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Doug was a great member of our community.*

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**Myrna Kintz** - July 30, 2015 at 10:50 PM

DL

“ *Deb Lytle lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Deb Lytle** - July 30, 2015 at 10:44 PM

LL

“ *Leah LeSueur lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Leah LeSueur** - July 30, 2015 at 10:40 PM

VT

“ Vicki (Turner) Turtle lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



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**Vicki (Turner) Turtle** - July 30, 2015 at 10:40 PM

CB

“ One of the best. Prayers and hugs to you Sandy



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**Cindi Byron** - July 30, 2015 at 10:27 PM

JS

“ Jill Skillestad lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson



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**Jill Skillestad** - July 30, 2015 at 10:17 PM

LH

“ Mr. Anderson was a great teacher and person. Prayers to his family.

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**Lory (Buxbaum) Heltemes** - July 30, 2015 at 10:04 PM

Kaari  
Haugen-  
Fulton

“ *The only teacher that made me learn even when I did not what too.  
Thank you Mr. ANDERSON*



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**Kaari Haugen-Fulton** - July 30, 2015 at 09:58 PM

TD

“ *Tammy Dey lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Tammy Dey** - July 30, 2015 at 09:58 PM

TD

“ *Sandy and Steven~ I am so sorry for your loss of Doug. He was a wonderful man and always had a smile on his face. I was blessed to have him as a teacher at DCHS and enjoyed visiting with him whenever I saw him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
RIP DOUG!*

*Tammy Dey*

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**Tammy Dey** - July 30, 2015 at 09:57 PM

VS

“ *Veronica Hartman Scales lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Veronica Hartman Scales** - July 30, 2015 at 09:44 PM

LB

“ *Lori Holm Brooks lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Lori Holm Brooks** - July 30, 2015 at 09:34 PM

TW

“ *Terri Winhofer lit a candle in memory of Paul Douglas Anderson*



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**Terri Winhofer** - July 30, 2015 at 09:28 PM

TW

*Had to make it red as he was a true Red Devil! You will be missed.*

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**Terri Winhofer** - July 30, 2015 at 09:29 PM

JS

“ *Thinking of you during this difficult loss. We Pray for comfort with wonderful memories. He was my favorite teacher as I know he was for many. Driver's Ed was the greatest. Never a dull moment in his class or any sporting event. You always knew where Mr. Anderson was. A man that will never be forgotten!*

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**Jacky Boje Saur** - July 30, 2015 at 09:28 PM

GM

“ So very sorry for your loss of  
Doug.....everyone loved him!!  
Gene & Leslie Micheletto



Gene Leslie Micheletto - July 30, 2015 at 09:17 PM

VJ

“ Doug was a terrific teacher, I learned so much from him. He had a  
silly nickname for me and years after I was gone from DCHS he  
was adjusting crops for my father in law and told him the silly name!!  
Virginia Johnston

Virginia Johnston - July 30, 2015 at 08:40 PM

DT

“ Debbie Tweet lit a candle in memory of Paul  
Douglas Anderson



Debbie Tweet - July 30, 2015 at 07:42 PM

JT

“ I had Mr. Anderson for geography. He was an awesome teacher. I  
am so sorry for your loss and he is watching over you and you all  
have memories close to your heart. Prayers for you and your family  
through this difficult time.

John & Debbie (Fager) Tweet

John & Debbie Tweet - July 30, 2015 at 07:42 PM

SA

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**Steven Anderson** - July 30, 2015 at 06:19 PM