



## Dr. W Cary "Doc" Anderson

May 9, 1941 - November 16, 2022

Dr. W. Cary Anderson, resident of Decatur, Arkansas and known to his many friends simply as "Doc," passed from this life to his heavenly home on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at Apple Creek Health and Rehab Center in Centerton, Arkansas, following a long illness.

Born May 9, 1941, in Wynne, Arkansas, Cary was the youngest of his siblings and was raised on a farm two miles northwest of Cherry Valley, Arkansas. His formal education includes Cherry Valley High School, diploma; University of Arkansas, BS (Education) and MS (History); University of Northern Colorado, Doctorate (Education).

Cary was an educator for 37 years, teaching elementary and high school in Missouri, Colorado, Columbia, Guatemala, Jamaica, and Bolivia, retiring his teaching career after nine and a half years at Decatur, Arkansas High School. During his nearly eighteen years in Latin America, he served as Chief Administrator of American Schools for thirteen years. Extensive travels took him all over the world; in addition to most of the United States, he visited Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Easter Island, most of Western Europe, England, Ireland, and Scotland. As a public servant, Dr. Anderson served the citizens of Benton County as Justice of the Peace and County Judge from 1995-2000. Cary's passion was genealogy; he was a member of several local and national genealogical and historical societies. His extensive research resulted in five published books,

several published articles, and four unpublished manuscripts. Cary held offices in a number of Masonic lodges and has been a longtime, faithful member of Grace Episcopal Church in Siloam Springs.

Cary was predeceased in death by his parents, Roderick George Anderson and Francis Catt Anderson, brothers Mack Anderson, William Anderson, Jennings Anderson, and Rod Anderson, sisters, Veatrice Anderson Perry and Vorene Anderson Peak, nephews Rick Anderson and Mack David Perry.

He is survived by five nieces and nephews: Angela Hathcock (Eddie), Jenean Henderson (David), Jim Anderson (Rita), Carl Anderson, David Anderson (Donella), and a host of grand, great-grand, and great-great-grand nieces and nephews, his long-time friend and caregiver Jeannie Harper, and many, many other friends.

The family is forever grateful to the wonderful nurses, staff, and caregivers at Apple Creek Health and Rehab Center for the care and kindness extended to Cary.

A Memorial Service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 617 N. Mt. Olive Street, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, at 1:30 pm, December 13th, 2022. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Dr. W. Cary Anderson Youth Scholarship Fund at Grace Episcopal Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 13. 1:30 PM (CT)

Grace Episcopal Church  
617 N. Mt. Olive  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Doc Anderson was such an interesting teacher & such fun to be around in the 1990's at Decatur HS. Learning history from him was a pleasure because it was always like he was telling a story rather than lecturing. He also had a great sense of humor & got a kick out of making us laugh. Much honor and appreciation for Doc and his memory will live on in the hearts of many students.*

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**Tamra Duncan** - April 22, 2023 at 11:29 PM

DR

“ *I spent a lot of time having Phone conversations with Cary. He sent me a copy of the Thomas Thomas' book November 3, 1997. I cherish it so much! My wife's Chariot picked her up just 20 days before he stepped into his. Wished to have met him face to face! Dr. Sid R. Rogers Easton, Kansas*

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**Dr. Sid Rogers** - April 02, 2023 at 05:54 PM

TR

“ *So sorry to hear of your passing!! You will always hold a tender place in my heart!*

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**Traci** - January 22, 2023 at 01:26 PM

LL

“ *Rest In Peace, Cary.  
It was my pleasure to serve on the B.C. Quorum Court with Cary.  
We learned politics was not our calling. We lost track of each other  
and I am sorry to hear he passed recently.  
May the family that remains know he was a respected educator and  
friend.*

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**Leo Lynch** - December 13, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about W C he was one of my classmates in high  
school, I graduated with him in 1958. So proud of all he  
accomplished in his lifetime. Prayers to all his family. Love, Faye  
Woodham Hall, Lancaster, California.*

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**Faye Hall** - December 10, 2022 at 04:37 PM

CP

“ *I grew up in Cherry Valley until I was 14 and knew W.C. (as he was  
known then. His nephew Mack David Perry was my friend and his  
parents were close friends of my parents. I am so sorry for the  
family's loss and was glad to read of all the events in WC.'s life. His  
sister Veatrice was one of my Mother's closest friends.*

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**Chloye Gowen Pogue** - December 10, 2022 at 09:14 AM

VS

“ *Doc was such an interesting person to work with. We did have  
some fun times at Decatur High School.*

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**Victoria Smith** - November 26, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Cary was a wonderful friend and fellow genealogist. I loved his insight to research and his writing abilities. I will never forget him.* ”



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**Mike Freels** - November 24, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *Lots of long talks late at night, we talked about our family and his adventures abroad, I will miss them greatly, thanks for all the great memories and info on our family* ”

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**James H. Anderson** - November 19, 2022 at 08:32 PM