

Cremation

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George Darsey Anderson

George Darsey Anderson age 76 passed away at his home in Highlands, Texas on February 19, 2005 after a lengthy illness. He was in the company of his daughter, Cindy Kay and his youngest son, Bill. Distinguishing him from other relatives in the family named George, he was affectionately known as "Darsey" among family and friends.

Darsey was born February 15, 1929, in Grapeland to Mary Lou Darsey and Leon L. Anderson, Sr. He graduated from Grapeland High school, then attended Shriner's Institute and Texas A&M. During the Korean War, Darsey volunteered for the U.S. Air Force. At Keelser Air Force Base he trained in air radar control technology. However, he was sent to Fire Island, Cook Inlet, Alaska. For two years he worked at a utility station/boiler facility for Anchorage AFB. After transferring to Eglin AFB, Pensacola, Fla., he met Lucille Smith of Crestview, Fla. while she was working at PX. They were married on August 30, 1953.

Following discharge from the USAF, Darsey sought to complete his college degree at Stephen F. Austin; he worked part of Texas Farm Products of Nacogdoches. He maintained a high scholastic average and graduated in 1958 with a major in Sociology and History. His

career with the Texas Department of Human Resources began in the Dallas courthouse; later he then worked with the Texas Welfare offices in Abilene, Gatesville, San Benito, Harlingen and Huntsville for over twenty-five years. In Harlingen he was Regional Department Director over five counties and he served twice as Commander of the American Legion Post #205. Darsey was a devoted Dallas Cowboy Football fan. He enjoyed watching college football and old movies on television. Darsey was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church of Highlands and was also a mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, and two brothers, Leon L., Jr. and Charles Edward Anderson.

He is survived by daughter, Cindy Kay Wright and husband, John of Highlands, TX; three sons, Charles Darsey Anderson and wife, Elizabeth of Fort Smith, Ark.; Roger Leon Anderson of Baycliff, TX., and William George (Bill) Anderson of Highlands; brother, Marion Murchison Anderson and wife, Marianne of Houston; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Burial services for the ashes of both Darsey and his wife, Lucille Anderson were held May 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Grapeland City Cemetery.