



Anson G. Raymond, Jr.

August 12, 2020

On August 12, 2020, Anson Raymond passed away peacefully. He was born in 1945 in Washington, D.C. to Anson and Marian Raymond.

After moving a couple of times while his father was in the Army, the family moved to White Plains, NY. At age 7, he survived polio and went on to become an avid fisherman, reader and enthusiast of building model airplanes.

He later graduated with a BA in History from Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. While there he was part of the founding members of Theta Chi fraternity. He later earned an MS in Education from the State University of NY, New Paltz and an MA in Librarianship for the University of Denver.

After several years of teaching history in New York and Kansas, he moved to Florida to pursue his love of books and started working as a librarian at Sunland in Ft. Myers.

In 1982, he married Bernice Fisher and later they both transferred to G. P. Wood where he worked as a librarian. Throughout this time, following active duty in the Air Force after college, Anson remained in the Air Force Reserves and after 35 years starting as an Airman, he retired as a Lt. Colonel. Cited from his Defense Meritorious Service Medal, "As the foremost expert on Special Operations Forces (SOF) in the European theater, he served as

liaison between United Special Forces in Europe and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization counterparts for operations in Bosnia and Kosovo which provided key support in Operations ENDURING AND IRAQI FREEDOM.”

In retirement he was active with the Desoto County library, the Desoto County Literacy Council, and Trinity United Methodist Church where he volunteered with the AWANA program and was a trustee.

His memorial service will be at Trinity UMC at 10 am on September 5.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 11th, at 11:30am, at Sarasota National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Bernice and his sister Janice.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Desoto County Literacy Council, 310 W. Whidden St, Arcadia, FL 34266 or AWANA, Trinity UMC, 304 W. Oak St, Arcadia, FL 34266.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church
304 W.Oak St.
Arcadia , FL 34266

Tribute Wall

KT

“ My dear friend may you Rest In Peace. I worked at G. Pierce Wood as a mail courier and Anson working in the library was on my route. He would always play practical jokes on me and was something I will always cherish along with his friendship. We always kept in touch. Our inside joke, he called me the ugly one sounds like oogly and I called him uglier than me. Rest easy my friend, I will miss you always.



Kathleen Tenney - October 17, 2020 at 12:37 AM

JC

“ Dan and I have some good memories with Buddy and his family that we will cherish. Every time we see a soda can tab, we will always remember Buddy bringing them to us for the church's donation collection. Our lunch visits at Bob Evans were always enjoyable. You will be missed.

Janice Casagrand - August 30, 2020 at 05:58 PM

SC

This quiet man was a steady, patient worker-bee. I am very proud to have served with LtCol Raymond. I miss all the lunches we've shared at the mess halls.

Sally Hayes. CMSgt - September 01, 2020 at 03:27 PM

LA

“ My condolences to his wife and family.

Lise Amundrud - August 28, 2020 at 11:35 AM

EJ

My Condolences To The Family.

Elizabeth Jackson - September 10, 2020 at 07:01 PM

AR

“ *I work at Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia. Anson would come in frequently to visit with us. He was always so happy and helped to brighten our office atmosphere. He will sorely missed.*



Arlene Brooks

Arlene - August 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DC

*My sincerest condolences to the family. I worked at GPW and would often visit the Library. He was serious, but friendly on and off the job.
GPW Family Member*

Deborah Clifton - August 28, 2020 at 10:42 PM

DL

Hardworking, dedicated, and kind are three words that immediately describe my friend and coworker Anson “Bud” Raymond. We served together in the Air Force Reserves and had the opportunity to spend a couple years on active duty together. He had a kind demeanor and a great sense of humor. He was well-liked and respected by his active duty counterparts. He was easygoing both at work and off work. He spent some of his off duty time teaching adults how to read in an adult literacy program. He and Bernice visited our home during their travels to Tennessee and they were always a pleasure to be around. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of loss. Blessings to you and we were blessed to have known Bud and have him as a friend.

Don & Joyce Latson - September 01, 2020 at 06:55 PM