



Hampton Wade Anderson, Jr.

July 19, 1928 - October 7, 2022

Hampton Wade Anderson, Jr. was born July 19, 1928 in Seminole, OK to Reverend Hampton W. and Tessie Arbuckle Anderson, original enrollees of the Choctaw Nation, direct descendants of Pushmataha and Moshlatubbee, former Chiefs of the Great Choctaw Nation. Our beloved father passed at the age of ninety-four, peacefully on October 7, 2022, in Nokomis, FL. Hampton was affectionately known as Hamp, Andi, Poppi, and Uncle Corky and was a kind, quiet and thoughtful man. At the time of his death, he was a member of Faith Baptist Church, in Sarasota, FL, pastored by his son Rev, David W. Anderson. who followed his grandfather Rev. Hampton Anderson, Sr. in Christian ministry.

Hampton enlisted in the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) in 1946 and served in France during the Korean War. Commissioned 2d Lt, USAF Reserve in 1950, he married SSgt. Mary Elinor Finch, Women's Air Force, on December 8th. They celebrated 49-years together until Mary passed in 1999. They had three children Celissa, Hampton III, and David W. Anderson. Hampton retired, Maj. Oklahoma National Guard, 45th, Infantry in 1971.

Hampton and Mary relocated from his beloved Oklahoma to New Mexico in 1971. He remained a "Sooner" football fan for life. In 1971, they both accepted Christ as their Savior at Berean Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Together they instilled in their children and grandchildren a deep commitment

to God, Country, military and public service, and a deep appreciation of their Choctaw heritage.

Hampton worked diligently to improve opportunities for Native American people and communities in Indian Country serving as the Vice President of the National Congress of Indians, circa 1960's, and in service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and as a Special Assistant to the Director, Indian Health Service, circa 1970's. Community focused he was a member and actively supported many fraternal organizations. Hampton was a Sir Knight in the York Rite and a 33rd Degree Mason, active in McAlester #185, Edmond #37, and Cashion #174 Masonic Lodge promoting charity and goodwill. He received a 50-year certificate from the Masonic Lodge and a 50-year blue cap from the Scottish Rite. Hampton received recognition, certificates, citations, accommodations, medals and awards from various organizations, OK Governors and two United States Presidents.

Preceded in death by his loving wife Mary, beloved parents-Rev. Hampton Anderson (Tessie Arbuckle), sisters-Minnaletha (Charles) Reeder, Leta Jane (Jack) Ligon, and granddaughter-Jennifer Marie Spencer. He is survived by his three children-Celissa Stephens, RN, CAPT, (retired) USPHS, (John), Hampton W. Anderson III (Jill Anderson, PharmD, CAPT (retired) USPHS,) Rev. David W. Anderson (Colleen), seven grandchildren- Kelly Myers, RN, Todd (Ann) Myers, Chase (Alexa) Stephens, Marcy Carpenter, DDS, (Josh, AuD.), Connor Mayes, Brooke (Josh) Cole, David (Bobbi) Anderson, and thirteen great-grandchildren; Remington Bingham, L CPL Kale Milette, Kylee Strom, Izaac Williams, Emily and Kennedi Myers, John, Jeremy, Jacob and Amelia Spencer, Liam Cole, Logan and Luke Anderson, beloved cousins Clyde and Martha Evans, OK and GA nieces and nephews who knew him as Uncle Corky, Lodge brothers and friends across the country.

Burial will be private at the Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL. The

family requests, "in lieu of flowers," contributions to Tidwell Hospice, Venice, FL, or to Hurricane IAN relief efforts.

Celissa, Hampton III, and David wish to extend our deep appreciation to Tidwell Hospice and staff; Jackie Dorsett and family and to Pamela Culkin, for their loving care.