



John Anderson

April 6, 2013

PRINCETON – John P. Anderson, 78, of Princeton, died Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Princeton Community Hospital. Born August 14, 1934 at Matoaka, he was the son of the late Garland Anderson and Beulah Davidson Anderson. Mr. Anderson graduated from Matoaka High School Magna Cum Laude and received his college degree from West Virginia University Cum Laude. He went to Washington, DC and began working as a Congressional Liaison Officer, working with political figures such as Bobby and John Kennedy and eventually his service was requested by John Kennedy to help manage the Kennedy presidential campaign in West Virginia. After the death of President John Kennedy, he entered Law School at WVU.

In 1967 John moved to Princeton and began his private law practice which was a success for the next 46 years. He was a member of the WV Bar Association and Mercer County Bar Association. He played a pivotal role in the growth and betterment of the state of West Virginia, Mercer County and the surrounding area. He served two terms as Mercer County Commissioner and was president of the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the WV Turnpike Commission. Most importantly, he was instrumental in the purpose, development and construction of the Mercer County Courthouse Annex.

John was an outdoorsman and an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his farm in Lerona and raised his garden every year. He enjoyed history and had a passion for politics. He was an avid WVU fan and most of all loved his family

and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Jack W. Anderson; and three sisters, Virginia Boone, Joan Ann Burnette and Billie June Testino.

Survivors include his wife, Dana Hawks Anderson; three children, Karen Gorman of Athens, GA, John C. Anderson of Athens, GA and Virginia Anderson of Watkinsville, GA; two step-children, Kia Hebb and her husband Wayne of Princeton and Micah Musick of Princeton; one sister, Carol Lee Vensel and her husband Jack of West Alexander, PA; six grandchildren, Gage Gorman, Forster Gorman, Hannah Gorman, Claudia Gorman, Cheyenne Anderson and Andie Schultz; three step-grandchildren, Kameron Musick, Derian Musick and Adrian Musick.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Paul Furrow officiating. Entombment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Princeton.

Serving as pallbearers will be John Anderson, Gage Gorman, Forster Gorman, Butch Wolfe, Jacob Hawks and Jim Hawks.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Anderson, or send the family online condolences, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Anderson*



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Anderson*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *A unique quality I liked best about Mr. Anderson was that he was a very smart man but he was also very well grounded and a person you could easily talk to. Mr. Anderson and Dana both help me greatly through some of the toughest times of my life and for that I am truly grateful. May the love of God comfort and protect you Mrs. Anderson during this time of loss. Sincerely, Johnathan Rode*

Johnathan Rode - April 19, 2013 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ *Revised: To Dana and all of the family of John P. Anderson, I send my heartfelt condolences and appreciation for the enormous amount of expert legal assistance he provided for us; as did his office staff. He tended many legal incidences for our family when we needed it so desperately. But most of all we thank God for his life and for helping many people along his life's journey. May God rest his soul and I pray that you, Dana, and all of the family will find comfort from God, our Creator. Your friend, Delma Walker Birchfield*

Delma Walker Birchfield - April 15, 2013 at 04:41 PM

DM

“ *condolences to the family*

David McKinney - April 12, 2013 at 03:36 PM

TW

“ *I have the entire Anderson family in my thoughts right now. John was one of my dad's closest friends and helped him so much over the years. I knew him from when I was just a kid. I will always treasure the memories.*

Tim White - April 12, 2013 at 02:08 PM

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Delma Walker Birchfield - April 11, 2013 at 05:54 PM

CF

“ Dana, Ed and I are very saddened to hear of John's passing. We all had some good times together! You are in our thoughts and prayers at such a sad time. We love you always.

Carol Faulkner - April 10, 2013 at 06:41 PM

JJ

“ Dana, We are so sorry. John helped me and my family a lot over the years when I needed help. He was a great man and you are a great person and both have been so helpful. A shoulder to cry on. I'll keep you in my prayers. Sam and Janet Jennings

Janet Jennings - April 10, 2013 at 06:07 PM

KH

“ Dear cousin Dana Ruth, I am so sorry for loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Karen

Karen Hawks - April 10, 2013 at 05:11 PM

BW

“ Dana: So sorry to hear of Johns passing, we were freinds for near 40 years both personel and professional. He helped both Brenda and me a lot and we do appreciate it very much. If we can help in any way please call. GOD BLESS

B J Meadows-Brenda Wickline - April 10, 2013 at 12:07 PM