



Helen "Andy" Louise Anderson

February 6, 1927 - July 1, 2016

Helen "Andy" Louise Anderson, age 89, of Chanute, KS passed away on Friday, July 1, 2016 in Parsons, KS. Helen was born on February 6, 1927 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ruth James (Hayhurst) Anderson and Harry Logan Anderson.

Helen began teaching in 1949 and in 1954 began her teaching career in Physical Education, coached girls sports, such as tennis and track, and led the drum corps at Chanute High School. She later served as Chanute High School Counselor. Helen was also a senior Girl Scout Leader and formed the Wing Scout Troop. After her retirement From USD 413 in 1995, Helen volunteered as an advocate for at-risk children in the Chanute community. She was an educational voice for students in foster care in association with her work for CASA.

Known as an inspirational woman with a great sense of humor, Helen Anderson took on many leadership roles throughout her life and has had many a lasting impact on those whose lives she touched. With her wisdom, quick wit, faithfulness, and grace Helen helped many a person reach their full potential that has reached across generations.

Helen is survived by:

Brother:

Dale Anderson and wife, Norlea Anderson of Gardner, Kansas
Two nieces and four great nieces

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy Westfall, and two nieces.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Chanute. A Rosary will be recited on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Chanute. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Families request memorials to St. Patrick Catholic School and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 16 N. Forest, Chanute, KS 66720.

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Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, OK

5111 S. Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74145

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Chanute
424 S. Central
Chanute, KS

Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ helen I going to miss you so munch tell jesus hi four me

scottgodinez - July 07, 2016 at 07:38 PM

MS

“ I am really going to miss Helen Anderson. She was a presence in my life since I was a little girl. She lived above us at 209 E 10th in Chanute. We lived downstairs and she lived in the apartment above us. I really don't remember life without her. She was a friend of my Mom's, a friend of mine and friends to both of my children. She affected all of our lives in a way I cannot explain. A great teacher, wonderful counselor, and gracious, fun and good friend. My good friend Sherrie and I used to ride our bikes to her visit with Cec and her. They would invite us in; we shared good conversation and laughter and off we would go. Through the years we shared several good visits together when we were in Colorado and Chanute. And my last – several weeks ago in Chanute, I will always treasure. I am grateful to have known her. I am grateful for all of the wisdom she imparted, freely, to my children and me. We are all better for having had her in our lives. I am really going to miss Helen Anderson.
Marcia (Allen) Sayles

Marcia (Allen) Sayles - July 07, 2016 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ Andy was my high school PE teacher, as well as our Drum and Bugle Corps director(1966-68). I remember her fondly; she trained us like a drill sergeant, but also remembering to let us have fun. Under her direction, most years we were the best in the state. I'm aware of her service to Chanutte High School, as well as to the community at large. RIP, Andy

Love, Marcia Foster

Marcia Foster - July 06, 2016 at 08:57 PM

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“ Miss Andy is a wonderful lady, she helped me to become a better person just for knowing her. I was a high school dropped out, when she learned my story she helped me get back in school and graduate, there were a few times I was going to drop again and she talked to me and I stayed in graduated and even went on to college! I hope and pray my son comes across a few Great educators like Miss Andy if and when he does I know he has the best to have his back and with him having someone like her he will do great things

Sandra Thomison - July 06, 2016 at 07:47 PM

J'

“ What a marvelous human being Andy was. I remember her as soft spoken and friendly to everyone. I always felt her display of understanding and concern for each of us assured us we always had someone whom we could rely on. She was a true role model full of compassion for her students. She will be missed by so many. Bless you, Andy.

Jackie '61

Jackie '61 - July 06, 2016 at 03:52 PM

RC

“ *"Andy" was a great lady and a wonderful leader of many of my classmates and others during her tenure at CHS. The girls/ladies ALWAYS had a top-notch Drum and Bugle Corps, thanks to her leadership. God Bless Andy Anderson.*

*Rolen "Casey" Casebolt
Class of 1961
Chanute High School*

Rolen Casebolt - July 06, 2016 at 02:36 PM

SA

“ *I'm not sure what I can say to describe what Andy meant to me. I read all these wonderful tributes and they say exactly what I feel. She was one in a million and brightened our lives. She challenged us to be better, smarter, stronger. She had no idea what she meant to hundreds of the young girls who passed thru her classrooms. You will be sorely missed Helen Anderson. God speed and God bless you dear lady.*

Sandi AcreeLopeman - July 06, 2016 at 10:07 AM

KB

“ *Andy was a very special lady in my life. I feel so fortunate to have been able to still be very close to her all these years. There was such a peace felt every time I visited her. We were honored to be part of several of her (80's) birthday celebrations. She touched hundred's of young women's lives. She always wanted to help steer her P.E. and Drum and Bugle Corp girls lives in the right direction without being critical. She never stopped caring or forgot any of her students. We will miss her wit, her cute little smile, her asking about the kids and grand kids and her sharing of her Catholic faith. May she be at peace and I can just see her and Cec bird watching in heaven above. Love you Andy -*

Kristy Boaz - July 06, 2016 at 12:54 AM

AU

“Helen was and will always be one of my favorite people to visit with. Since I've worked at Country Place she was one of the few people I would go spend extra time with. She always welcomed me with open arms and a listening ear. She genuinely cared about me and my family. I would also ask if there was anything new with her. She usually had a sarcastic response. It will never be the same without you Helen. I along with all the other staff will miss you tremendously. Fly high with the angels but always keep a look out for us. As for the family, I send my condolences for the loss of one of the greatest woman ever lived.

Alexia Ulrich - July 05, 2016 at 10:00 PM

CB

“Ms. Anderson will always have a fond memory in my heart. She helped me through some very difficult times in and out of high school. When I graduated high school at a different school, she was in attendance for support. Her support has been with me even through adulthood. She would write and send postcards (which I still have). Even though I left Chanute many years ago, she made a point to make sure I knew I had her support. She will be greatly missed, truly an angel walking this earth!!

Carrie Brecheisen - July 05, 2016 at 08:02 PM