

Franklin Delano Anderson

1934 - 2010



Franklin Delano Anderson, son of John R. and Edith Capitola Anderson was born November 9, 1934, in Oil Hill, KS on the Stokes lease. He was named after President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with a family nickname of “D.D.”. Frank, as he was known, rode with his father in the oilfield truck when he was very young and his feet didn’t even touch the floorboards. Later, he would be known as the “sidekick”.

Frank was married to Phyllis Louise Sullivan. He volunteered for the U.S. Army, where his service was all stateside. He returned to El Dorado, working for his father in the business of J.R. Anderson Tank Cleaning and other oilfield companies for about 13 years. In 1969, Frank bought his father’s steaming and reclaiming business, operating as Anderson Oil Reclaiming and Steaming Service, and also added vacuum trucks to his business.

From 1969-1996, he employed brothers Jim and Arthur Anderson and brother-in-law Marvin Newman as lease owner/ operators, making it a “family business.” In his retirement he and his wife Phyllis enjoyed traveling in their RV. A quote from

Frank.... *“The ride through life isn’t always smooth, but when God came on board, he didn’t promise it would be. There is always the clicking of the wheels on the rails to remind me of the straight and narrow, but with the exception of some minor derailments and one major washout, it’s been just great.”*