

## **Jimmie (Jim) Anderson**

### **1932 - 2019**



Jimmie Ray Anderson was born April 12, 1932, the third oldest of eight children, to John and Capitola Anderson in El Dorado, KS. Jim was raised in the Oil Hill area in a "Shot Gun" house on the Stokes Lease north of El Dorado. The family house was moved to the 1500 block of West 6<sup>th</sup> Street in El Dorado when he was 15 years old. Jim attended grade school at Oil Hill Elementary and graduated El Dorado High School in 1950. Following graduation, he went to work in the oil fields for his father John R. Anderson. Shortly following this, he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean War. He did his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; he was then sent to Korea and served with the 45<sup>th</sup> Division Engineers as a radio operator for a total of 23 months. Upon his return from the war, he went back to the oilfields working for his father once again as a truck driver. Then in the early 1960's the price of oil dropped, and he went to work in the refinery on North Topeka Street in El Dorado. The confinement of the refinery did not set well with him, so for the next several years he worked at a service station for Pack Williams at the corner of West 6<sup>th</sup> and North Main in El Dorado, was the owner of J and J Sales and Service Station at the corner of North Main

and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, worked as a tool dresser for Baker Oil Tools and did other various jobs to keep his family fed.

Then in 1974 as he states “he changed jobs for he better” so along with his wife, Phyllis N. Anderson, they became the owner and operators of Jim Anderson’s Tank Truck Service. Together they ran a successful tank truck service, hauling oil/salt water and cleaning tanks for companies such as Range Oil and K.T. Wideman and other local oil companies in and surrounding counties of Butler County. His honesty, strong work ethic, and dedication to the oilfield and their workers kept the business going until he retired from the oilfield in 1991. For his many years of service in the oil fields, he was inducted into the Kansas Oil & Gas Legacy Gallery in 2015.

Jim loved being an active member of Grace Lutheran Church and serving on the Care Committee. He was active and well-known in his community, and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. During the years of his retirement, Jim spent his time performing volunteer work in many different capacities, rooting for his favorite sports teams (especially the Kansas Jayhawks) and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who were the light of his life.

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