



## Gordon R. Andersen

February 16, 1938 - July 8, 2025

Gordon R. Andersen, age 87, of Alta, Iowa died July 8, 2025 at Heartland Care Center in Marcus, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Oakdale Evangelical Free Church in rural Meriden, Iowa. To view a livestream of the service provided by the church, use the following link: <https://oakdalechurch.com/live-stream>. Burial will be in the Elk Township Cemetery in Alta, Iowa. Visitation will be held Friday, July 18, 2025 from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in ALTA. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Gordon Ray Andersen was born February 16, 1938 to J. Lester and Minnie (Grienke) Andersen on a farm west of Alta, Iowa. He began grade school at Fairview School, then moved to Highview School. Following Gordon's high school graduation in 1956, he served in the Iowa National Guard until his honorable discharge in 1961. Gordon studied Agriculture at Iowa State University, graduating in 1961.

On August 7, 1971, Gordon was united in marriage to Patricia K. Snyder at Center Grove Evangelical Free Church. To this union, three children were adopted: Sandra, Donald, and Carol.

Farming was Gordon's passion. In his free time, Gordon loved fishing. You could find him watching baseball. During the winter months, Gordon and Patricia enjoyed the Arizona sunshine and getting together with their "McDonald's gang". Gordon will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish Gordon's memory include his beloved wife, Pat Andersen of Alta, Iowa; children: Sandy Mohn of Aurelia, Iowa; Don (Jen) Andersen of Lindstrom, Minnesota; Carol Andersen of Early, Iowa; brother: Max (Linda) Andersen of Vermillion, South Dakota; grandchildren: Derek (Meaghan) Olsen of Canton, South Dakota; Jeff (Caleigh) Olsen of Aurelia, Iowa; Matt (Jules) Berg of Lynden, Washington; Steven (Casey) Berg of Merville,

Iowa; Jake Berg of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Sean Berg of Aurelia, Iowa; Kelsey (Ethan) Aho of Sebeka, Minnesota; Kyle Andersen of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jon Andersen of Cherokee, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Kaysha Brown of Alta, Iowa; Gabe Olsen of Aurelia, Iowa; Amarie Olsen of Aurelia, Iowa; Logan Berg of Merville, Iowa; Milo Berg of Lynden, Washington; Xavier Berg of Merville, Iowa; Ari Staricha of Sebeka, Minnesota; great-great grandson: Amari Fussell of Alta, Iowa; niece: Holly (Rick) Bruning; nephews: Dennis (Patsy) Andersen; Troy Peterson; Ryan Peterson; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: J. Lester and Minnie Andersen; sister: Janene Peterson; and parents-in-law: Raymond and Bernice Snyder.

# Cemetery Details

## Elk Township Cemetery -- Alta

Alta, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta  
301 Alta Vista Street  
Alta, IA 51002  
(712) 284-2141  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Funeral Service

**JUL 19.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Oakdale Evangelical Free Church  
1207 450th St  
Meriden, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon R. Andersen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 17, 2025 at 01:56 PM

SS

*So sorry for your loss*

Susan Scarborough - July 18, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gordon R. Andersen.

July 19, 2025 at 06:16 PM

PH

“ *Pat, I am so sorry to hear about Gordon's passing; it has been a long time since I have seen you both and that was at the Highview reunion. I was always hoping that somehow, you both would come to Green Valley to see me as I am sure Burdette told you that I am living here. Pat Siekman Hartman*

Patricia Hartman - July 18, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon R. Andersen.*



July 18, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gordon R. Andersen.

July 18, 2025 at 02:44 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 17, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon R. Andersen.



July 17, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gordon R. Andersen.

July 17, 2025 at 10:27 AM

CT

“ Cherokee Truck and Trailer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gordon R. Andersen.



Cherokee Truck and Trailer - July 16, 2025 at 06:05 PM

CT

“ Cherokee Truck and Trailer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon R. Andersen.

Cherokee Truck and Trailer - July 16, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordon R. Andersen.



July 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gordon R. Andersen.

July 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM

LE

“ Blessings and prayers for Pat and the family as you navigate these difficult days. Even though miles separated us, Gordon and I maintained connection via phone and text message all these years. I sent him a final message a few days before his passing recalling memories from the years and hoped he was able to read them or have them read to him. I will miss his quiet laughter, the positive way he looked at life, his strong faith, his stories about farming fishing and Arizona, his love for his family and his desire to still connect with people important in his life . We have lost his presence but not the memories. He is safe in the arms of Jesus. Hugs to all. Cousin Lorraine

Lorraine Peterson Ernst - July 12, 2025 at 01:13 PM

VH

“ Vaughan Haraldson purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Gordon R. Andersen.



Vaughan Haraldson - July 12, 2025 at 10:37 AM

VH

“ Vaughan Haraldson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon R. Andersen.

Vaughan Haraldson - July 12, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MP

“ My sympathy to Pat and family. MyronPeterson

Myron Peterson - July 12, 2025 at 09:32 AM

MB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



**Matt Berg** - July 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

DM

“ Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Gordon Andersen



**Dave Merten** - July 11, 2025 at 08:57 AM

SR

“ My heartfelt sympathy for Pat and family. He was a good man. I enjoyed his conversations with me when he would come into my work. Prayers and thoughts go out to the family. Now he can farm with the angels.



**Sally Rassler** - July 10, 2025 at 01:19 PM

MP

*My sympathy to Pat and family. Myron Peterson*

**Myron Peterson** - July 12, 2025 at 08:57 AM

LS

*Our love and condolences go out to you Pat and all of the family. We know God is with you all thru each step of your healing journey. We will treasure memories of our Arizona visits. Larry and Dianne*

**Larry, Dianne Snyder** - July 19, 2025 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ Jeff and Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Gordon Andersen



**Jeff and Jean Chindlund** - July 09, 2025 at 08:54 PM