



## Thomas Ray Anderson

February 26, 1937 - July 23, 2025

Thomas Ray Anderson was one of nine children born to Wilburn Ray and Evelyn Pearl (Smith) Anderson. He was born in Dent County, Missouri, on February 26, 1937. He passed away on July 23, 2025, in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Tom graduated from Salem High School and at the age of nineteen moved to St. Louis, Missouri, to start his working career as a journeyman electrician. He worked for McDonnell Douglas for nearly forty years. He was a hard worker and was an excellent provider for his family.

Tom was united in marriage to Melba Gentile and to this union blessed with two daughters: Diana and Lisa. Tom later married Carol and shared forty-two years of memories before her passing in 2016.

Tom enjoyed the simple things in life and could often be found outdoors in his garden. You usually seen him with a cup of coffee or cigarette in his hand. His faith, family, and friends were most important to him, when his daughter, Diana, travelled, he would follow along with his atlas and looked forward to seeing her pictures once she returned.

Those left behind to cherish his memory include his daughters: Diana Anderson of Winfield, MO and Lisa Anderson of Bowling Green, MO; brothers:

Eugene Anderson and wife Judy, and Ronnie Anderson and wife Tressia; sisters: Margaret Anderson, and Carolyn Conaway and husband Junior; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his wife: Carol Anderson; parents: Wilburn and Evelyn (Smith) Anderson; infant brother: James Wesley Anderson; brother: Mike Anderson; and sisters: Melba Hughes, Betty Gorman, and Beverley Morris.

Tom will be deeply missed by those who loved him most.

Funeral Services for Thomas Ray Anderson were held Monday, July 28, 2025, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Jim Privett officiating. Song selections played were "How Great Thou Art" and "In The Sweet By And By". Serving as Pallbearers were Stanley Anderson, Steve Anderson, Matt Anderson, Rodger Anderson, Rommel Cowan, and Scott Shults. Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Thomas Anderson to the Corinth Cemetery Fund and left with Wilson Mortuary. Memorial Envelopes will be available.

Condolences may be left online at [www.wilsonmortuary.com](http://www.wilsonmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Corinth Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**JUL 28.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem  
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.  
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### Funeral Service

**JUL 28.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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