



Michael J. Anderson, Jr.

July 28, 1932 - February 8, 2016

Michael J. Anderson, Jr., USN (RET) "Chief" of Deptford. Age 83. Husband of the late Theresa P. (nee Arruda). Born on July 28, 1932 in Elizabeth, NJ and completed his final mission on February 8, 2016 in his home surrounded by his devoted daughter, Cheryl Santos-Herman and son-in-law, Gregory Herman. He is loved and will be dearly missed by his granddaughter Kylene Yee-Stevens (Jay) along with his dear neighbors Brian & Doreen Wheeler, especially his devoted "Buddy" Joe Bosco and Lisa Grandizio, who was like a daughter to him.

Chief served in the US Navy for twenty years as a Master Chief and retired from active duty in 1970, then served ten years in the Fleet Reserve. During service time, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, Combat "V" Combat Action Medal, Navy Unit Commander Merit Award and Five Good Conduct Awards. His Navy Service occupations were National Defense, Korean Service, Armed Forces Exp., Vietnam Service, United Nations Service and received the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. Mike was known for his deep knowledge of Military History, honest and true to his convictions and believed in following through on what he set out to achieve. He loved his family, friends, a hard worker, enjoyed farming, reading and dancing. Known for being firm, yet fair, was sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate, was a good listener and communicator and was loved and respected by many. Mike was also a tractor trailer driver and previously worked for Gloucester County. He was a member of the Tin Can Sailors, VFW Post 2174 Westville Grove,

Deptford Elks Lodge 2708, American Legion Post 133 Woodbury.

Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing on Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 9-11am in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Dr., Deptford, NJ 08096.

Religious Service 11am in The Chapel at the funeral home.

Interment with Military Honors at Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VFW Post 2174, 640 Tacoma Blvd., Westville, NJ 08093 or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 785517, Topeka, KS 66675.

For directions, to sign online guest book and to view Chief's Video Tribute visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Anderson, Jr.*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *That was me with Chief at the Jacksonville DuPont reunion on the river cruise. He was the best of the best as a person and sailor.*

Rick Cirino - March 03, 2016 at 11:30 PM



“ *My deepest condolences go out to your family. It's very little that can take away from the pain we experience when we lose a loved one, but one thing that has comforted me and hopefully helps you too, is the the promise God made at Revelation 21:4 to "wipe out every tear from our eyes" and do away with death forever.*

S. Hamm - February 17, 2016 at 07:03 PM



“ *Dearest Cheryl and Greg,
May the memories of time spent with Uncle Mike bring you comfort and strength as you grieve his passing. Find peace in the knowledge that God is with you in your time of need because he cares for you. He sees your broken heart and your pain. Rest in His promises to bless and keep you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. All our love, Todd, Anne, Lenee and Caleb Ochsner*

Todd and Anne Ochsner - February 17, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ *RIP shipmate and good friend.*

Rick Cirino - February 16, 2016 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ Cheryl & family, My deepest sympathies on the loss of Mike. I know what a Special Man he was and how deeply loved he is. May happy memories guide you all though this sad time. Keep you all in prayers & thoughts. Sharon

Sharon Heath - February 16, 2016 at 11:03 AM

CS

“ Cheryl, No words to say how sorry I am that you've lost your father. You will always have a special place in your father's heart. You will always have those Wonderful memories and conversations to Remember. (MAY YOUR WONDERFUL FATHER REST IN PEASE)
Carol Schempp

Carol Schempp - February 15, 2016 at 11:38 PM

CW

“ My sincere and deepest sympathy.

Cassandra Wilborn - February 15, 2016 at 10:31 PM

RF

“ Chief was a leader of men. So glad he was able to join us in Jacksonville and lead the two bell ceremony. Now we will ring the bell for him. Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Robert Fischl - February 15, 2016 at 06:50 PM

AP

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences. May you find comfort that he's in God's memory and in his due time death will be no more.

April - February 15, 2016 at 01:38 PM

JR

“ Cheryl & Family, My heart goes out to you and your family. Tribute is beautiful. Your Dad and your Mom were two of the nicest people to have known.
Joanne Rebecca

Joanne Rebecca - February 15, 2016 at 01:13 PM

JW

“ Dear Cheryl and Family,
So sorry for the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Much love to you all. Jacob Wilson

Jacob Wilson - February 15, 2016 at 09:23 AM

BP

“ I never meet your dad but reading his obituary, he sounded like a wonderful and interesting man.....my deepest sympathy!?

Barb Pantaleo - February 14, 2016 at 07:36 PM

HE

“ Cheryl,our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you at this time. It was always so wonderful to see and hear how much you love and respected your father. I can see how much he means to you and I know this will be a very hard time for you and your family.Your fathers service and dedication to serving our country is a true honor. May God Bless you and help ease your sorrow.

Helen Ehrmann - February 14, 2016 at 07:17 PM

CM

“ Cheryl, I haven't known you for very long but I know how devoted you were to both of your parents. To lose them both so close in time must be so heartbreaking for you. I understand the pain and grief you are experiencing having gone through it recently myself. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy McNally - February 14, 2016 at 04:02 PM

DL

“ My prayers go out to you and your family Cheryl. May god be with you

Darleen Ledbetter - February 14, 2016 at 03:57 PM

DV

“ Cheryl, I am so sorry about your dad. I hope you know I am always here for you, just a phone call away.

Donna vonHouwen - February 14, 2016 at 03:56 PM

PH

“ Cheryl , my dearest sympathy for losing your father . Just wanted you to know I was thinking of you. Oxox. Patti

Patti Hartley - February 14, 2016 at 02:20 PM

DC

“ All of us at Cloud 9 Day Spa hope you feel the love of others all around you , especially now. We hope you know that our prayers and caring thoughts will be with you for a long time to come. Take care.

Debbie Cesen - February 14, 2016 at 01:14 PM

DC

“ Cheryl, my deepest sympathy to you, Mike was a Special Person to me, and will always remember the wonderful Man he was, and how he was such a big part of my life. A Big hug to you for a Special Daughter that you are. My heart feels for you. You have wonderful Memories that will live on with you, and you will cherish them all.

Debbie Cuzzupe - February 14, 2016 at 01:00 PM

GL

“ I will miss you with all my heart. Please have a drink with my mom and dad. Thankyou for your service Gerri & Roger

Geraldine laforge - February 14, 2016 at 12:31 PM

CB

“ Cheryl and family, So sorry for the loss of your Dad. Our deepest sympathies to you. God Bless, and Rest in peace Mr. Anderson. Carol and Randy Bartlett.

Carol Wallace Bartlett - February 14, 2016 at 12:24 PM

SM

“ RIP Chief -

SH3 Malaby - February 13, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JK

“ May your Dad rest in peace. May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. Our deepest sympathy.

Jackie & Larry Kaiser - February 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

DS

“ Dear Cher,i am so very sorry,my heart goes out to and family,your dad was a great man severed his country God bless him,a wonderful husband,father and grandfather,you are a wonderful daughter,you are in my prayers dear friend,rest in peace Mr Anderson

deborah solem - February 13, 2016 at 01:30 AM

MG

“ Cheryl ,I am so sorry for the Loss of your Dad. We always had great times with you dad and mom. He stuck us for us no matter what. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Maria Grogan - February 12, 2016 at 09:08 PM

WS

“ RIP Chief someday we will meet again.

Wesley Starr - February 12, 2016 at 08:18 PM

SL

“ May he RIP, he created a beautiful family.

Steven Lerro - February 12, 2016 at 07:12 PM