



Robert U. Anderson

December 16, 1943 - October 8, 2020

1943-2020

Robert Udden Anderson, age 76, passed away on Oct. 8, 2020, after fighting ill health for nearly a year. Bob Anderson was born on December 6, 1943, in Baltimore, MD, and grew up in Mount Lebanon, PA. He was a Russian translator in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Bob first came to love New Mexico as a Scout at Philmont Scout Ranch. He returned in 1969 to make New Mexico his home. Bob attended UNM and was director of UNM's Division of Government Research for more than two decades. He was able to retire at age 50 to enjoy a life of playing racquetball, buying/selling books, traveling, and reading. He lived with his wife, Sandy Schauer in Los Lunas, NM, for 30 years. Bob is survived by his wife of 36-1/2 years, Sandy Schauer of Los Lunas; his sister, Sue Anderson and husband Shamel Shawki of Naperville IL; niece and nephew, Nora Shawki (Ehsan Sheikh) and Sharif Shawki (Sean Serluco), of Chicago, IL; and other relatives. Bob fell short of his goal of voting for Biden / Harris, but he'll be there for the ballot counting in spirit no matter how long it takes. Interment will take place at Santa Fe National Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall

BN

“ I'm sorry to hear that Bob has passed on. I always thought of him as a big brother. He had a wide range of interests and a great sense of humor. He hired me in the summer of 1980 as a student, Bob then hired me for my second full-time professional job from 1982, and I worked at DGR for him until he retired. DGR did some good work in those days, we were pioneers in a few things. I learned a lot from Bob about all sorts of things - especially politics which was always one of his passions. In his retirement I occasionally chatted with Bob in the little bookstore he had in the Zimmerman library. Sandy, I wish you all the best.
Hanh Nguyen

Bich-Hanh Nguyen - July 08, 2021 at 09:45 AM

LT

“ Dear Sandy,
Zach and I were so sorry to hear that Bob had passed. We know how hard it can be t lose a loved one. Hang on. Life does go on.
Lynne Tyner & Zach Zeve

Lynne Tyner - November 13, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ My condolences Sandy. I always enjoyed working with Bob at the Village office (we almost always agreed). His intelligence and dry sense of humor will be missed.
Diana Crowson

Diana Crowson - October 29, 2020 at 02:36 PM

BD

“ Sandy, Linda and I were so, so sorry to hear about Bob. Through the years, my contacts with him were brief and fleeting, but I usually came away from them feeling I'd learned something. He was quiet, but when he spoke you knew you were listening to a smart, funny, sincere man.
God bless.

Bob & Linda Davey

Bob Davey - October 24, 2020 at 11:57 AM

JD

“ I'm sorry to hear that Bob has passed on. He hired me in my first full-time professional job, and I worked at DGR for him until he retired. I think we did some good work in those days. I learned a lot from Bob about all sorts of things - especially politics which was always one of his passions. He had a great sense of humor and a wide range of interests. I'm glad he enjoyed his retirement. I know he found plenty to do. Sandy, I wish you all the best.

Jim Davis - October 18, 2020 at 02:53 PM

PF

“ Sandy, Lollie and I are truly sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with Bob, you and all of your family.

Peter Fernandez - October 15, 2020 at 09:43 PM

KV

“ Ken And Mary Vincent lit a candle in memory of Robert U. Anderson



Ken and Mary Vincent - October 15, 2020 at 04:09 PM

SH

“ I met Bob and Sandy at Midtown Sports and Wellness and we ended up playing racquetball -- sometimes as partners sometimes as opponents. He was soft spoken but he easily gave praise for a "good shot". Quiet, always polite and friendly. I hadn't seen him for more than a year as I had an injury and had to stop playing racquetball. My prayers are with the family. We all know we have a time to live and a time to die, I pray he did not have much pain. Love and hugs to his other friends and family.

Sandy Hays

Sandy HAYS - October 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM

JW

“ Sandy, I would like to send our heart felt condolences for your loss with Bob. He will be missed by us all.

Joe Wilson

Joe Wilson - October 15, 2020 at 12:13 PM

MM

“ Sandy, Please accept my condolences for your loss. Bob was a friend and we spent much time during and after our UNM association discussing that as well as state and national politics. I'll miss his commentaries.

Mick McMahan

Mick McMahan - October 15, 2020 at 11:59 AM

EJ

“ Bob was my best boss, ever. He hired me as a work study student at UNM. There was a great team there, which reflected his spirit as director of the DGR. When I needed more work, he hired me for a staff position, promoting me to a job in mapping that I coveted. Within the first week, I realized that I lacked the dexterity to do that work. I was scared to tell Bob, as the boss, but I was more worried about disappointing him down with my poor quality mapping. He took my confession in stride and appointed me to a new job that was a perfect fit. I have never forgot his example of professional mentoring, his sense of humor, and his generous spirit. Thank you, Bob, for treating me, a college student, with respect and dignity and giving me opportunities.

Eithne Johnson - October 15, 2020 at 11:27 AM

EJ

“ Bob was my first boss upon moving to New Mexico. He was so supportive and taught me so much with his sardonic sense of humor. I still treasure the 'Get Out of Jail Free' card he gave me to go along with his great advice. My deepest sympathy to his family - Liz Jenkins

Elizabeth A Jenkins - October 15, 2020 at 08:30 AM

FR

“ Frederica lit a candle in memory of Robert U. Anderson



frederica - October 13, 2020 at 05:17 PM

FR

Sandy so sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your family.

frederica - October 13, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Robert U. Anderson*



Bernardine Baca Spiers - October 12, 2020 at 12:57 PM

SS

“ *Bob was my big brother, 8 years older and 8 inches taller than me. He always made me laugh. He always had an answer to my questions. Most of the time correct ones. Or I would catch on that he was pulling my leg. I will miss his humor and his presence in my life. Sue Anderson*

Sue Anderson, sister - October 09, 2020 at 09:07 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Robert U. Anderson*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - October 09, 2020 at 06:23 PM