



Ronald John Anderson

October 24, 1937 - April 30, 2026

Retired SMSgt Ronald John “Ron” Anderson, age 88, of Bowdon, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Ron had a fall in December that complicated his health issues. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Carrollton, Georgia. Ron was born on October 24, 1937 in Brockton, Massachusetts to his parents, Albie and Eileen Trembday Anderson. He was a devoted husband, dad, granddad, Pop, brother, and friend.

Ron dedicated 28 years of loyal service to the United States Air Force. His many assignments took him and sometimes the family to Illinois, Georgia, France, Italy, Holland, Libya, Mississippi, Thailand, New York, California, Guam, North Dakota, and Michigan. He was often assigned to fighter squadrons. With a chuckle, he said “the B-52 is such a work horse, it must be held together with bailing wire.”

Ron graduated from the College of the Air Force and Riverside City College with honors in Riverside, California. After retiring from the Air Force in 1982, he was employed by the Boeing Company in Anaheim, California for 10 years. His specialty was avionics, navigation equipment, radar, and black boxes. He composed repair manuals for various projects. His work was very interesting and again included travel to Europe.

He married Sara Word Anderson on September 13, 1958 at Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and they enjoyed 67 years together. Their union produced a daughter, Lisa Kaye, and two sons, Robert John and Michael

James Anderson.

In 1992, Ron went “full retirement mode” and began his golfing career. He golfed with mostly retired veterans every Tuesday and Thursday and, every now and then, Saturday. They were able to share their experiences with “ears” that understood and, thusly, great friendships were built.

Ron was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Lisa Kaye; his son, Robert John; his parents; and his brother, Bruce Anderson.

He is survived by his wife, Sara Anderson; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Andrea Anderson; his sister, Judy; five wonderful grandchildren and six great-grandchildren: his sisters-in-law, Betty Word Parmer and Judy Word Cantrell, and many others from the Anderson, Word, and Rampy families that he loved so very much.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The physical address to the cemetery is as follows: 741 Blackwelder Rd., Bowdon, GA 30108.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Fund (mailing address: 4034 W. Hwy 5, Bowdon, GA 30108).

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

750 Blackwelder Road
Bowdon, GA 30108

Upcoming Events

Graveside

JUN 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

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