



Alexander 'Sandy' P. Anderson, Jr.

October 7, 1942 - April 30, 2019

Alexander 'Sandy' P. Anderson, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at the age of 76 years.

In 1952, ten-year-old Sandy emigrated from Scotland with his parents Alexander (Alec) and Janet B (Jenny) Anderson and his brothers David and John B. He said he complained all the way that no one had consulted him about this move! Quickly, he came to love his new country, where rationing was over. Here, there was ice cream, bubble gum, fishing, & fancy cars.

After graduation from high school at 16, he joined the Coast Guard. Sadly, his color blindness made him ineligible to continue. At 18, he went to work at IBM Poughkeepsie. At 21, he was the youngest to make manager. During his career, went from feeding metal filaments into microchips by hand to travelling internationally, coaching semiconductor companies in Taiwan and Singapore in inventory control. After his retirement, his analytical mind was always ready to tackle a new set of data for local businesses and even political campaigns.

He met and married Trudy, his life partner, at 24. He and Trudy celebrated 50+ years of marriage. Their 3 children Sara Anderson Youngman, Joshua S Anderson and Janet Katherine Anderson will miss him very much. Sara's spouse, Kipp Youngman, and children: Sabrina, Vanessa, Dezirae, and Kipp, Jr. were much a part of his life. He loved to cheer them on at sports events.

After 36 years at IBM he decided to retire and open a business growing, selling and teaching Bonsai. He was well known for sharing this love. His many other interests included fishing, bird watching and after his recent move to Mount Dora, Florida searching for alligators.

Pancreatic cancer is a horrendous disease and robbed us much too soon of a vital, energetic force for good.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.

Comments



“ With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of Alexander 'Sandy' P. Anderson, Jr..



May 23 at 08:18 AM



“ Sandy, You were a great friend and help with my bonsai trees. God bless you and I will remember you in my prayers

Jack Barrette - May 12 at 07:52 AM



“ I met Sandy through gardening and appreciated his knowledge, talent, skill and generosity, particularly with bonsai. His (and your) love of life was apparent in your landscape and in his miniature trees. I am sorry for your loss.

Mary Jo Childs - May 06 at 08:38 AM



“ Joe Jacobs purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Alexander 'Sandy' P. Anderson, Jr..



Joe Jacobs - May 05 at 09:10 PM



“ Sandy was a very giving fellow. When I brought my badly-behaving high school classes out to Millbrook Bonsai for visits, Sandy was a gracious host. Recognizing that introducing high schoolers in depth to the art of Bonsai might produce one (perhaps) future bonsai-ist from every thirty kids, he nonetheless gave a fully professional presentation. And this is the way I always found him. A foot smarter and more experienced than most of those around him, he was yet gracious and giving.

Thus I remember his acceptance of my own amateur standing and lesser knowledge fondly. I miss and will continue to miss him. I hope the esteem in which we all hold Sandy's memory will buoy Trudi in the years to come.

Andrew Mack, GMBS Treasurer

Andrew Mack - May 05 at 01:49 PM



“ It is a deep sorrow to learn of Sandy's passing on April 30th; gone far too soon. Our time goes back to the late 1950's when we were high school 'sweethearts' for awhile. He drove a black 1949 Mercury convertible. It was a massive car and he was so proud of it! Of course our lives diverged and he met the love of his life, Trudy. I saw him once again 9 years ago when he and Trudy attended a celebration of life and service for my Mother. He was the same Sandy: smart, funny, kind and sweet. His photo here is one of a man at peace with himself and the world...and a bit of a devilish look in the eye! Trudy, Sara, Josh and Janet, my heart and thoughts are with you all. I wish you peace and my very deepest sympathy.

Carol (Nevers) Curry

carol curry - May 03 at 04:54 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Millbrook Bonsai



Mary Miller - May 03 at 09:11 AM



“ I first met Sandy in 2004. We relocated to Vermont and I was in search of fellow Bonsai people. My research told me of a Bonsai Club that was having a meeting at a local garden center. I went, and was approached and warmly welcomed by who I latter found out was Sandy. That started a WONDERFUL relationship. We became good friends and my knowledge of Bonsai increased whenever we talked. He helped me with my trees and with learning the ins and outs of Vermont. He gave freely and always had the answer.

I keep returning to this memorial page to read what others have to say. But to be honest, I think I return to see that wonderful picture of Sandy. It TOTALLY is the man I know, respect and will miss.

I feel honored to know his family and I am a far better person having spent some of

the last 15 years with him.

Jay

Jay Gettinger - May 02 at 09:31 AM



“ Sandy and my husband David have been friends since high school. David and I got engaged by mail while he was still in Vietnam. Sandy, wanting to make sure his friend wasn't screwing up, drove all the way to Southeastern Ohio in a snazzy little sports car to check me out. While showing Sandy the sights in the old mining towns, we ended up driving down an alley that was higher in the middle than the car could handle, and we lost the muffler. Sandy was disgusted, but never lost his cool. Luckily, we found a garage that could repair it, and it was not long before a crowd of local boys gathered, big eyed, full of questions. So, while the car was being fixed, Sandy was in his element. No one in that part of Appalachia had seen anything like that car! As a footnote, my mother couldn't understand why I wanted to marry David when there was such a cool guy as Sandy out there. His friendship, his wit, his ornery little boy smile will be sorely missed.

Beverly Nevers - May 02 at 01:50 AM



“ I met Sandy and Trudy when Trudy started helping me in the early 1980s with lights, sets, and costumes for my Ballet school. Over the next 30 years, we got to know each other well. Last week I went to visit and found Sandy was a bit befuddled and I wasn't sure he recognized me. I said Hi Sandy it's Camille, without skipping a beat I received a typical Sandy response, he said I know you're Camille "a force to be reckoned with". We both laughed. For a few minutes, the old Sandy was with me. You will be so missed my friend for the wonderful person with a fabulous sense of humor. Much love and peace for your next adventure.
Camille Vickers

Camille Vickers - May 01 at 05:18 PM



“ Around 1999, Ida and I stopped by a bonsai tree display at the Vermont Fair in Essex Junction where two people, Sandy and Trudy, were giving a demo. Little did we know how our lives would change after that day. It's because of Sandy that I found, like so many others, a passion for bonsai that has brought so many wonderful events and people into my life. Not only did Sandy introduce me to bonsai, he and Trudy became our good friends over the years sharing many bonsai, family and friendly events. Thank you Sandy for guiding me to the art of bonsai and for your many years of friendship.
Rest In Peace

Frank and Ida Pucino

Frank - May 01 at 03:39 PM



“ Remembering how much Sandy, cracking jokes along the way, relished a good piece of beef after Big Apple Circus with the "Birthday Twins" at Sirloin Saloon or a successful Potato Dig Day so long ago! Thanks for the memories and wishing peace to your gentle soul.,

susan and Jim - May 01 at 08:23 AM