



## Joe H. Anderson Jr.

July 10, 1939 - November 29, 2016

Joe H. Anderson, Jr., lifelong resident of Old Town, FL and founder of Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2016 with his family by his side. He was 77 years old. Joe was preceded in death by his father Joe Henry and mother Mary. He is survived his wife Cindy, children; Joe III (Sonya), Douglas (Lisa) and Cindy Childers. Grandchildren; Joey Anderson IV, Tara Beauchamp (Jake), Amy Anderson, Tymber Anderson, Megan Land (AJ), Hunter Anderson, Gray and Will Childers, and three Great-Grandchildren; Holden Beauchamp, Jaci Beauchamp, Lawsyn Land and two sisters; Harriet Wall (Rolfe) all from Old Town and Ella Mae Pappas ( Fred ) from Jacksonville, Fl. He was a member and in regular attendance at Sunday School and worship services at First Baptist Church in Cross City. He also enjoyed services and visiting with friends at the Church of God in Cross City.

Joe or “Mr. Joe” as he was affectionately known by all, began working in construction at a very early age and just after his eighteenth birthday, formed what became known as Anderson Contracting Co., and followed later with the addition of Columbia Paving and a name change to Anderson Columbia, Co., with its corporate headquarters in Lake City. Today, AC is recognized as a major highway infrastructure construction company in the southern United States. Joe was actively involved in every phase of construction, running equipment, driving everywhere for parts, making repairs, looking at, estimating and bidding on jobs. He was a determined man with a competitive spirit willing

to stay the course to see that construction jobs were completed. In the early days of work, he was assisted by his sister Harriet Wall and longtime friend and employee Ernest Sheppard. The company grew and expanded operations.

Joe never retired from work, but turned over the day to day operations of Anderson Columbia Co. to his two sons and daughter who have continued to build on the successes of their father, expanding operations in a number of states. His passion was to work and he continued to be an integral part of AC's operations and was a driving force behind the founding of Suwannee American Cement in Branford, FL, providing additional jobs for area residents.

In 2012, Joe was elected by his peers to the Florida Transportation Builders (FTBA) Hall of Fame for his tireless efforts as an advocate for the transportation industry, working with friends, business associates and governmental officials to insure quality infrastructure and highways.

In the mid-2000's Joe began to refocus his efforts and developed a real passion for helping with the basic needs of people and their spiritual growth. There were many who were down and out, widows and those needing a hand up that were recipients of Joe and the family's charitable giving. Joe also began discussing ways to share Christ's love for people and their salvation. Wanting to reach as many as possible, he began thinking about getting a tent and taking it from city to city to share God's word. Many said the days of the tent being an effective tool for winning souls was over. After prayerful consideration, he furnished the funds for a tent, chairs, sound system, stage, lights and tractor trailer and within a few months, the first tent revival was held in Old Town, in a field off Chavous Rd. That was 2009 and this year, the tent is still going strong with the latest Crusades for Christ Tent Ministry revival be held in Belle Glade, Florida with over 3,000 accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior. Many thousands have been saved under that same tent since it began

in 2009 and now, seven years later, it is scheduled for many other cities.

Joe also had a passion for America and the principles on which it was founded. His thinking led to a desire to install solid granite Ten Commandments monuments throughout the land. Many said it couldn't be done, the ACLU would sue. Determined, Joe, with the approval of the County Commission, installed a six ton monument on the courthouse steps in Dixie County. The ACLU sued. The people in Dixie County stood firm in their convictions. A trial was held and an appeal was heard in Atlanta. Liberty Counsel helped in the defense. Thousands of County residents and many from around Florida came out in support of the monument one bright Sunday afternoon and today it still stands on the courthouse steps.

In their latest venture, Joe along with children invested in the old KOA campground along the Suwannee River, developing a Christian Campground called Camp Anderson. The campground offers wholesome Christian activities for youth, churches and special groups of all ages. Many churches have sent young people to the camp and many thousands have found Jesus. Many other children who for various reasons don't have parents and are being cared for by the State of Florida have been participants in the camp and have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Recently, Camp Anderson was recognized by Governor Scott and given the "Champions of Hope" award from the State of Florida at the National Faith Symposium for their work with "at risk" children.

The family invites friends to join them at Rick Gooding Funeral Home in Cross City on Thursday, December 1, 2016, from 6 pm to 8 pm to share remembrances of Joe.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Cross City on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 11:00 am, with Pastor Mike Brown officiating. Interment

will be at Old Town cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Camp Anderson, Inc., PO Box 38, Old Town, FL 32680.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of Rick Gooding Funeral Homes, Cross City, Florida 352-498-5400 and Chiefland, Florida 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Old Town Memorial Cemetery

910 SE 136th Ave  
Old Town, FL 32680

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628  
(352) 498-5400

## Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Cross City  
16024 SE Highway 19  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe H. Anderson Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Joe H. Anderson Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Dewey Deese and family are greatly saddened by the loss of Mr. Joe. Mr Joe encouraged Dewey to quit smoking, even offering Dewey money to quit. Dewey was so moved by Mr Joe's concerns and encouragements that Dewey has not smoked since that day in 2005. We think of, and pray for the Anderson's family who has meant so much to the Dewey Deese family.*

**Dewey & Jerry Deese** - December 03, 2016 at 06:59 PM



“ *Mr. Joe Anderson, Charles Hudson, and Ernest Shepherd all together again up in heaven paving those streets with gold. Love and miss you all.*  
*Sonya Hudson Fisher*

**Sonya Hudson Fisher** - December 02, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Mr. Joe Anderson, Ernest Sheppard, and Charles Hudson are all together again up in heaven paving those streets of gold! I love and miss you all.*  
*Sonya Hudson Fisher*

**Sonya Hudson Fisher** - December 02, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe H. Anderson Jr..*



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December 01, 2016 at 09:32 PM



“ *Mr. Joe bought the old Bear's Den bar and graciously turned over the keys to the building almost 3 years ago for us to have church. Bible Ministries Breakthrough Church will forever be great full. We are thankful for how he touched so many lives in Jesus name. Glad he is no longer suffering.*



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**Bible Ministries Breakthrough Church** - December 01, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ *I didn't know Mr. Joe Anderson personally but I have heard of all the good things that he has done for the folks of not only Dixie but all over. Prayers for the Anderson family.*

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**Marion Hurst** - December 01, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ *Mike and Robin Owens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe H. Anderson Jr..*



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**Mike and Robin Owens** - December 01, 2016 at 02:30 PM

BS

“ *Share a memory of Joe H. Anderson Jr. or send condolences to the family.*



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**Betty J Sanders** - December 01, 2016 at 02:26 PM

GT

“ *Mr. Joe will surely be missed by the transportation industry. He was instrumental in so many ways to many people, including me.*




*Condolences to the Anderson family*

*George Tedder and family*

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**George Tedder** - December 01, 2016 at 12:15 PM

 Omera  
Brooks

“ *Knew Joe since we were kids. He was always the same--nice, easygoing, easy to talk to. I always admired his business success and his generosity.*



*Omega Douglas Brooks  
North Carolina*

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**Omera Brooks** - December 01, 2016 at 11:07 AM

BK

“ Mr. Joe was a great friend who helped our ministries in so many different ways. He and his wonderful family have been great supporters of the Christian Schools we operate in Levy, Gilchrist, and Alachua Counties. Each of these schools he and his family supported have flourished, and are still providing high quality, Christ-centered education to many young people of our area. His legacy will be forever etched into the fabric of our communities as these young people grow into responsible adults who enter our society and live productive, Christian lives. We would not have been able to fly as high as we've flown without the help he provided! Thank you Mr. Joe for investing in the ministry of Christian Education and the youth of our area in Florida!

*Pastor Bill Keith  
Senior Pastor - Countryside Baptist Church  
CEO - Countryside Christian School, Riverside Christian School,  
Creekside Christian School*

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**Bill Keith** - December 01, 2016 at 08:41 AM

CW

“ So saddened when I heard of his death. Mr. Joe would take my mom, Velma Lovelace and Mrs. Eva Chaires out to lunch for many years in July near their birthdays. I was honored to attend with them for the last few, he was so attentive and paid such attention to what these ladies would say, asking them questions and listening attentively for their replies. We had such fun. He had a sense of humor, as did mom and Mrs. Eva. Don't wait to call people, I did, so have not talked to him in almost a year. Sorry you are gone, Joe.  
*Cecelia Walker*

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**Cecelia Walker** - December 01, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ Joe was the first person to hold little Sammy chavous when I brought him home from the hospital he was at Mrs Gladys Chavous house



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**Jean Watson** - November 30, 2016 at 07:44 PM

LD

“ Loycelle Dickert lit a candle in memory of Joe H. Anderson Jr.



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**Loycelle Dickert** - November 30, 2016 at 06:35 PM

CA

“ Sheila and I are sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Doug, Joey, and Ms. Harriet. Thank you Mr Joe for all the good you have done for Dixie and the people you have helped along the way. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

*Casey & Sheila Ragsdale*

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**casey** - November 30, 2016 at 05:42 PM

RK

“ Ron And Sue Knowles lit a candle in memory of Joe H. Anderson Jr.



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**Ron and Sue knowles** - November 30, 2016 at 05:04 PM

GL

“ You did so many wonderful things for many people...Surely God has taken you into his arms. Peace & rest be yours.



Gayle Hart Lange - November 30, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Joe H. Anderson Jr..



November 30, 2016 at 04:34 PM

CO

“ Connie O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Joe H. Anderson Jr.



Connie O'Dell - November 30, 2016 at 03:37 PM

CO

“ Connie O'Dell sent a virtual gift in memory of Joe H. Anderson Jr.



Connie O'Dell - November 30, 2016 at 03:33 PM

PE

“ *Mr. Joe will be greatly missed by so many. I'm blessed to have known him and will miss him greatly. Love and prayers to his family and friends he leaves behind. I hope they find comfort in knowing he is not in pain anymore and he is in heaven with Jesus. Love you all Larry and Pam Edmonds.*



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**Pam Edmonds** - November 30, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe H. Anderson Jr..*



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November 30, 2016 at 02:43 PM

SC

“ *I have worked for Mr. Anderson going on 18 years. Because of his kindness and generous heart I was able to be with my brother during his final days a few months ago. I will be forever grateful for that.*

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**Suzan Carnright** - November 30, 2016 at 02:40 PM

LA

“ I would like to say how much I appreciate Mr. Joe for his love for people, Dixie County and Jesus Christ. His greatest legacy and one which he will be greatly rewarded will be the gifts and help he gave to people in need and for Camp Anderson which is making a great impact on today's youth. He leaves a family and coworkers and citizens who will greatly miss him, yet know that He has gained his Heavenly home.

*Lynette Allen*

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**lynette allen** - November 30, 2016 at 02:20 PM

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**Wendy Hutchison** - November 30, 2016 at 02:19 PM

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**Wendy Hutchison** - November 30, 2016 at 02:17 PM

JD

“ When we first met him, he said, I'm Joe Anderson and I build roads". We often asked for his political advice which he gladly shared. We will sadly miss Joe.

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**Janet Davis** - November 30, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *Him and his wife Cindy helped me out alot thru my time of need. Mr. Joe will be missed by many. May his soul rest in peace and may God give his family the strength they need right now.*



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**Mayela Carnley** - November 30, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ *Mayela Carnley lit a candle in memory of Joe H. Anderson Jr.*



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**Mayela Carnley** - November 30, 2016 at 02:09 PM




“ *Him and wife cindy helped me out alot during the time I worked for them. He will be missed by lots of people.*



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**Mayela** - November 30, 2016 at 02:07 PM

 Debbie  
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Gainey

“ *Mr Joe was such a great person who helped so many people without wanting the praise's... He has been so good to my family. Him and my dad was good friends for many years.. When my dad died in 2000. He was at our house nightly bringing food as well as other gifts to the family to help in out time. When my brother Paul Gainey got hurt badly several years ago. He was there offering support and guidance as well as providing his own personal lawyer he flew in from Miami... Mr Joe I hope you have found my dad in heaven by now and catching up on things since ya have been apart from this world. You will not be forgotten in Dixie County*



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**Debbie Thisse Gainey** - November 30, 2016 at 01:22 PM

MC

*I will remember Joe for a lot of reasons. He gave many people jobs but he gave in many other ways also. He came from a loving family and he treated others with the same love. I've been blessed to have known them all. He will be missed by us all.*

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**Martha J Cassidy** - November 30, 2016 at 05:38 PM

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*Mr Joe came to visit my dad when he was dying of cancer and offered to take and care for his many dogs when he died, which Mr Joe did. Thank you Mr Joe for your kindness to my dad.*

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**Cynthia Kiehl (Jones)** - December 01, 2016 at 01:50 PM