



## Dr. Thomas J. Anderson

May 28, 1928 - January 14, 2024

Dr. Thomas J. Anderson, 95, passed away on Sunday, January 14th, 2024 in Laurel, Mississippi, in the loving presence of his family and friends.

Affectionately known as Tom or "Bub" to his loved ones, he was born on May 28, 1928, in Ellisville, Mississippi, to Amos Deason Anderson and Laura Lawrence Anderson. As the youngest sibling in a family of twelve, Tom embraced a life of learning and service early on. He earned an Associate of Science degree from Jones County Community College, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Southern Mississippi, a Master of Science from the University of Mississippi, and ultimately, his Medical Degree from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. He completed his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. His pursuit of excellence led him to serve as a general medical officer in the United States Air Force.

Returning to Jones County in 1959, Dr. Anderson began a distinguished private medical practice that spanned until 2001. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice and held esteemed positions such as president of the medical staff at Jones County Community Hospital, president of the South Mississippi Medical Society, and president of the Mississippi Academy of Family Practice. Dr. Anderson's most cherished work was at the Good Shepherd Clinic, where he dedicated his skills to helping those without insurance or with insufficient coverage.

Dr. Anderson's life was rich with interests beyond his medical practice. He was a world traveler, a passionate gardener, an enthusiastic boater, an avid fisherman and a lifetime fan of his beloved St. Louis Cardinals.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife and mother of his children, Katherine Blair Anderson; his daughter, Laura Allene Anderson; his son, Thomas Lawrence Anderson; his grandson, John Anderson; his second wife, Nelline Jones Anderson; his parents; and all of his eleven siblings.

His legacy continues through his daughters, Kathy Anderson Dearman (Reggie) of Collinsville, MS, Suzanne Anderson of Laurel, MS; and his son, Glenn Anderson of Waynesboro, MS. He is also fondly remembered by his eight grandchildren: Jeffrey Anderson (Linzey) of Port Saint Lucie, FL; Lauren Anderson Bannister (Jonathan) of Prosper, TX; Brian King (Pam) of Vestavia Hills, AL; Michael Anderson (Caitlyn) of Tacoma, WA; Leah Anderson Holland (Drew) of Gulfport, MS; Andrew Dearman (Jessica) of New Orleans, LA; Jacob King (Rachel) of Northport, AL; and Forrest Boyd of Vestavia Hills, AL; as well as by a cherished assembly of great-grandchildren.

Dr. Anderson's life was a beacon of dedication and compassion, shining through his contributions to medicine and his unwavering faith. His memory will be treasured and his impact deeply felt by the community he served so faithfully.

His family and friends will gather to honor his remarkable journey at First Methodist Church in Laurel, MS on Thursday, January 18th. Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. and then a graveside service will follow in Shubuta, MS.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Good Shepherd Clinic in

Laurel, MS to continue the legacy of care that Dr. Anderson championed throughout his life.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Shubuta Cemetery

Shubuta, MS 39360

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
420 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
420 N 5th Avenue  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Wonderful memories of Dr Anderson. My aunt, Rosie Welborn was his nurse for many years. He was very good to her and she thought the world of him. Our condolences to his family.

Patricia Welborn Jefcoat - January 18, 2024 at 03:16 PM

LR

*I remember Rose well. Loved them*

Lydia Riley - January 20, 2024 at 03:00 PM

SW

“ Dr. Anderson was a wonderful, gentle and compassionate gentleman and physician. He will always be remembered for his sweet disposition and caring nature. He will be missed for sure. Suzanne, you did a great job caring for him till he crossed over into heaven where there will be many who welcome him there. May God be with all of the family and give you comfort and grace. Sue White

Sue White - January 18, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SW

“ Suzanne,  
I am so sorry about the loss of your father.  
I know you did a wonderful job caring for him over the last several years and I know he loved you very much.  
Dr. Anderson was so good to me through the years and I enjoyed visiting with him at Easter last spring and talking about the St. Louis Cardinals.  
My condolences are with you and your family.  
Shawn

Shawn Wansley - January 18, 2024 at 12:47 PM

CT

*Prayers for peace to the family.  
RIP*

**Cindy Anderson Theriot** - January 21, 2024 at 04:12 PM

CE

“ *I will always remember Dr. Anderson as a kind gentleman,  
dedicated to serving mankind!  
May the Lord be with his beloved family during this hard time.... His  
daughter, Kathy, is a very special friend of mine.... God bless you  
all!*

**Cheryl Knight Entrekin** - January 17, 2024 at 07:15 PM

SA

*Thank you for your kind words.*

**Suzanne Anderson** - January 27, 2024 at 07:08 PM

ER

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Jolene Rahaim*

**Eddie Rahaim** - January 17, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ *Jennifer Busby lit a candle in memory of Dr.  
Thomas J. Anderson*



**Jennifer Busby** - January 16, 2024 at 07:54 PM

BB

“ Dr. Anderson took care of our family for many years, and was always there for us. His attention and his humor brought us through some hard times but lots of joyful ones. Wonderful memories! Bebe Baldwin

Bebe Baldwin - January 16, 2024 at 12:32 PM

DT

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dr. Anderson was one of the most loving, caring, kind person, I've ever known. He was not just my family's doctor, but friend and family. He delivered me and cared for my daughter like one of his grandchildren. I was so privileged to know and love him.

Denise Taylor - January 16, 2024 at 11:32 AM

LR

I know he was the best of the best Physician's. None like him. Live in Tx. now but I promise he was the best of all.

Lydia Riley - January 20, 2024 at 03:11 PM

Paula Phillips

“ Paula Phillips lit a candle in memory of Dr. Thomas J. Anderson



Paula Phillips - January 16, 2024 at 09:56 AM

DB

“ *Suzanne, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. I know the two of you were very close. Please know that I am praying for comfort and peace for you and your family. You and your family will always be special to me. Love you and praying for you.*

*Donna Collins Burchett*

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**Donna Collins Burchett** - January 15, 2024 at 11:38 PM

LM

“ *I only met Dr. Anderson once but he made a lasting impression as a very kind man. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Lee Magill** - January 15, 2024 at 09:19 PM