



DR. Loran C. Anderson

February 7, 1936 - December 24, 2022

Loran Crittenden Anderson, born February 7, 1936, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2022, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife, Renée Roueché Anderson, his parents, Melvin and Ruth Crittenden Anderson, and his step-granddaughter, Bonnie Clawson. He is survived by his children Cindy (Blair) Clawson and Perry (Lori) Anderson, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, four brothers, and numerous other relatives.

Loran was Professor Emeritus of Biological Science and former Curator of the Godfrey Herbarium, Florida State University. He received his BS and MS degrees at Utah State University and PhD in plant taxonomy (1962) at Claremont Graduate University in California. Loran (aka Larry) loved plants from his earliest years (his father was a plant breeder of peas and beans for a seed company in Idaho Falls, Idaho). Larry was staff naturalist (as a teenager) for six summers at a boy scout camp in the Teton Mountains where he taught identification of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. He attended graduate school on National Science Foundation scholarships. In college and later, his research interests centered on the rabbitbrush genus *Chrysothamnus*, shrubs often associated with sagebrush in the western states but with prettier flowers. He worked for over 20 years on the plant anatomy, chromosome biology, habitat preferences, and classification of the group. Fairly recently (after DNA work by others), the genus was divided into four groups, and a new genus

was named Lorandersonia to commemorate his work. In Florida he studied the local flora with emphasis on rare and endangered plant species and he served for over 35 years on the Florida Endangered Plant Advisory Council. He also became an authority on the plant anatomy of a not-so-rare plant, Cannabis, and he served as an expert witness in numerous court cases. He discovered and named several plant species new to science. In retirement, he continued to do plant exploration, species surveys and inventories, and identify plants for various consulting groups and government agencies.

Loran spent 16 years serving in the Army Reserve, leaving with the rank of Major. He spent his life faithfully serving in various callings in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, from bishop to counselor in the stake presidency, to Sunday School president in his congregation at the time of his passing. Whether you knew him as Dr. Anderson, Brother Anderson, Larry, or Papa, you knew him as an amiable, intelligent, and witty man who loved wordplay and puns. Though he struggled to sing on pitch, he also had a great love of music and the arts. He enjoyed travel, reading, and continuing to learn about the world. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him, but we know he is rejoicing to be back with the love of his life, his wife Renée. The Family will receive friends from 5:00 -7:00 PM, Friday, January 6, 2023 at Bevis Funeral Home, Tallahassee, FL. Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 PM, Saturday, January 7, 2023 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 312 Stadium Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32304. A zoom link has been set up for viewing: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__fsu.zoom.us_j_99424155720&d=DwMFAw&c=euGZstcaTDIlvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=-8Nf6-uSr-UKWYoiLIISvmdlXXqjaIMmNqatqTIMSIM&m=Vhe9OdGijla40482eAOZWeeSfhxlzBwpdVWbB5jpRWs&s=yHy_YAXUxIXkV-r44WUn32sIZQ0JeLdCPKZOm2xxf8Q&e=

The interment will be January 31, 2023 at the Millville/Nibley Cemetery in Millville, Utah. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Anderson Family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
312 Stadium Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Tribute Wall

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“ *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant....” Loran truly found his niche in life with his chosen profession, family, friends, and faith; in all, he found joy. His peaceful approach to life and his calming influence were outstanding examples of a dedication and an obedience to Christ's teachings.*

Gary Holland - January 07, 2023 at 01:55 PM

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“ *Tony & Lynda Christensen purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of DR. Loran C. Anderson.*



Tony & Lynda Christensen - January 05, 2023 at 01:16 PM

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“ *The Sunday before he slipped through the veil I had the blessing of visit with LORAN a great blessing!*

Bruce Campbell - December 27, 2022 at 06:37 PM