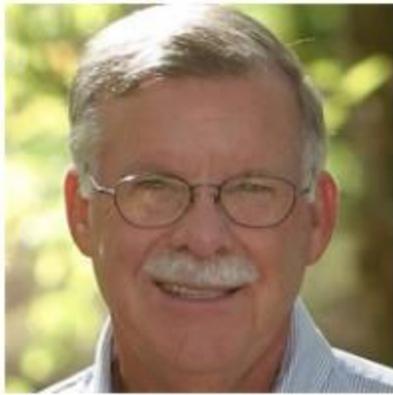




## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### John R. Anderson, Jr.

April 15, 1944 – July 27, 2017



John R. Anderson, Jr., beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend died at his home in Broken Arrow on July 27, 2017. A memorial service, complete with military honors, was conducted by Pastor James Lacey in the Floral Haven Chapel on August 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with a reception following in the Family Center.

John Anderson was born April 15, 1944 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and lived in the Brookside area, graduating from Edison High School in 1962. After graduation he studied at OSU in Stillwater for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in September of 1963. He was trained as an Electronics Communication Technician and also certified as a teletype operator. In 1964 he was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam and served a one year tour with the 7<sup>th</sup> Communications Battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division near Da Nang in Military Region 1. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Two Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, Marine Corps Expert Rifle Badge, Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon. He held the rank of sergeant (E-5) at the end of his active duty service in September of 1967.

After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, he returned to Tulsa and enrolled in the Spartan School of Aeronautics, where he earned his airframe and power plant licenses, and went on to work for American Airlines as a mechanic, where he retired in 2010 after almost 25 years of service.

John was a man of boundless energy and participated in many hobbies and clubs. He was an avid street rodder, owning and building several cars, and winning many awards at car shows over the years. His latest car restoration was a 1955 Ford Crown Victoria. He had an operating model railroad in HO scale and flew model airplanes for several years. Most recently he added antique radio restoration and amateur radio operation to his hobbies. His call sign was KN5UPS and he is now a “silent key”. John also enjoyed traveling with his wife, Vicki, and spending winters in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki, of almost 30 years, a son John R. Anderson III and his wife Mollee of Fayetteville, NC, and their children: John R. Anderson IV, Nashville, TN, Jordan Anderson, Tampa, FL, Grace Daugherty and husband Dylan of Chattanooga, TN, and Claire Mills and Jacob Mills of the home; a daughter Gretchen Clarkson and husband Bradley of Stillwater, OK and their children Cates Cathey, Tucker Cathey, Aspen Clarkson and Gentry Clarkson; a sister Sharon Finnerty and husband Mark of Tulsa, OK. He is also survived by many sisters and brothers-in-law and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father John R. Anderson and mother Beatrice Anderson of Tulsa, OK.

John was Vice-President and an important member of HLARA and contributed so much to the hobby. He hosted radio “tune-ups” in his garage and enthusiastically promoted the collection and restoration of antique radios. John was well-known as a mechanical expert and was particularly adept at repairing older phonographs. He will be missed by all, but his legacy and spirit will remain with us.

Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Heartland Antique Radio Association extend their deepest sympathy to John’s family and many friends. On behalf of the association we ask that our membership vote this resolution’s approval by standing and sharing a moment of silence.

Please stand and join the family for a moment of silence in tribute to our departed member and friend, John Anderson.

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Randy Beeson, President

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R. Scott Petty, Presenter

Presented at the HLARA Membership Meeting, Hardesty Regional Library, August 17, 2017.