



Ronnie Claud Anderson

April 3, 1945 - December 23, 2012

Ronnie Claud Anderson, of Garland, Texas, passed away December 23, 2012 at the age of 67. He was born April 3, 1945, in Dallas, Texas, to Claud and Lucille (Craver) Anderson. Ronnie grew up in Allen, Texas and graduated from Allen High School. On July 31, 1965, Ronnie married Anna Irene Ruyle, in Balch Springs, Texas. He worked as a truck driver all of his life. Ronnie enjoyed working around the house and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Ronnie Keith Anderson of Richardson, Texas, Randy C. Anderson and wife Meagan of Keller, Texas; grandchildren, Bailey, Kaitlyn and Will; brother, Ricky Anderson and wife Brenda of Kemp, Texas; sisters, Linda Moore and husband Kenneth of Climax, Texas, Alice Faye Franklin and husband Joel of Kemp, Texas; and a host of other loving family and friends.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his parents, Claud and Lucille Anderson; wife, Anna Irene Anderson; and brother, Robert Anderson.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 29, 2012, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel, in Allen, Texas. Interment will follow at Van Winkle Cemetery, in Climax, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., Friday evening at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas.

Memorials

Dear Anderson Family, We send our deepest sympathy to you and this great loss in your family. Over the years, we have contacted Mr. Anderson in our

ministry and know this day will weigh heavy on your hearts. When our loved ones die, we mourn. And we may ask: 'What has happened to them? Are they suffering? Are they watching over us? Can we help them? Will we ever see them again?' The world's religions offer differing answers to these questions. Some teach that if you live a good life, you will go to heaven but if you live a bad life, you will burn in a place of torment. Such religious teachings all share one basic idea—that some part of us survives the death of the physical body. According to almost every religion, past and present, we somehow live on forever with the ability to see, hear, and think. Yet, how can that be? Our senses, along with our thoughts, are all linked to the workings of our brain. At death, the brain stops working. Our memories, feelings, and senses do not continue to function independently in some mysterious way. They do not survive the destruction of our brain. I hope you find the following of comfort as we hope it did with Mr Anderson.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENS AT DEATH?

What happens at death is no mystery to Jehovah, the Creator of the brain. He knows the truth, and in his Word, the Bible, he explains the condition of the dead. Its clear teaching is this: When a person dies, he ceases to exist. Death is the opposite of life. The dead do not see or hear or think. Not even one part of us survives the death of the body. We do not possess an immortal soul or spirit. After Solomon observed that the living know that they will die, he wrote: "As for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all." He then enlarged on that basic truth by saying that the dead can neither love nor hate and that "there is no work nor devising nor knowledge nor wisdom in [the grave]." (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6, 10) Similarly, Psalm 146:4 says that when a man dies, "his thoughts do perish." We are mortal and do not survive the death of our body. The life we enjoy is like the flame of a candle. When the flame is put out, it does not go anywhere. It is simply gone.

WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT DEATH

Jesus Christ spoke about the condition of the dead. He did so with regard to Lazarus, a man whom he knew well and who had died. Jesus told his disciples: "Lazarus our friend has gone to rest." The disciples thought that Jesus meant that Lazarus was resting in sleep, recovering from an illness.

They were wrong. Jesus explained: "Lazarus has died." (John 11:11-14) Notice that Jesus compared death to rest and sleep. Lazarus was neither in heaven nor in a burning hell. He was not meeting angels or ancestors. Lazarus was not being reborn as another human. He was at rest in death, as though in a deep sleep without dreams. Other scriptures also compare death to sleep. For example, when the disciple Stephen was stoned to death, the Bible says that he "fell asleep." (Acts 7:60) Similarly, the apostle Paul wrote about some in his day who had "fallen asleep" in death.—1Corinthians 15:6. Yes, Jesus as the King of GOD's Kingdom not only has the ability resurrect our loved ones, but longs too. One final scripture we hope will help this day is found at John 5:28,29...28Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice29and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment. Yes, Mr Anderson will be in line for a resurrection under righteous conditions. Should you want to further Bible truths about death, hope for our loved ones or have other questions, you can email me at trace.c@att.net May the God of Comfort, Comfort each of you.

TRACE CALVERLEY, JANUARY 19, 2013

We will miss Ronnie so much. He was like a brother to me. May God grant peace to all the family.

TOMMY ANDERSON, DECEMBER 27, 2012

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