

Thomas Wayne Anderson was born August 20, 1940, in San Francisco, CA, to F.P. and Mary Leta (Locklear) Anderson. He joined his Savior in Heaven on January 7, 2026.

Tom grew up as a pastor's kid in California with one younger sister, Marilyn. A natural salesman, Tom worked as a young adult for Titco selling nuts, bolts, and washers door to door, as well as Nalley's selling pickles and canned food products while going to International Bible College in San Antonio, TX. In 1966, he joined his pastor father as assistant pastor at Oak Valley Church in Oakdale, CA. By 1970, Tom took over as pastor, a role he served in until 1978. In 1979, Tom went to work at New York Life selling life insurance. Tom never fully retired from working, but his most important work was sharing the love of God with the people around him.

On January 11, 1985, Tom married the love of his life, Joan. He loved her well, and theirs is a love and devotion that inspires.

Tom and Joan cared for their family, loved many dogs over their (almost) 41 years together, and traveled all around the United States with their fifth-wheel. Craft woodworking, gardening, and bicycling up Spearfish Canyon were some of Tom's favorite activities near Spearfish, which he called home in his final season of life. Tom was a proud American and a proud follower of Jesus. He loved the Lord with all his heart and was ready to share that with everyone he met.

Tom is survived by his lovely wife Joan; children, Richard Anderson of Washington, Terry (Penney) Anderson of California, Jon Anderson of Washington, and Anita Anderson of Indiana; stepdaughter, LeeAnn (Tim) Kugler of South Dakota; grandchildren, Carissa (Grant) Guiley, Ryan Anderson, Robert Anderson, TJ Anderson, Bo Anderson, Daniel Anderson, Gary Anderson, James Anderson, and Taylor (Steve) Brown; step-grandchildren, Ryan (Carrie) Fremont, Wesley (Bailee) Fremont, Andrea (Jared) Benson; 13 great grandchildren; and 11 step-great grandchildren; and his sister, Marilyn (Marty) Feuerstein of Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation in recognition of Tom's love for his country and those who serve it.

The family would like to express their thanks to the staff at Rapid City Monument Hospital for their compassionate care.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and a meal at the church, following the burial. Thank you for your presence and condolences.*

# In Loving Memory



**Thomas Wayne Anderson**

**August 20, 1940 ~ January 7, 2026**

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Thomas Wayne Anderson**

*Born*

August 20, 1940  
San Francisco, California

*Died*

January 7, 2026  
Rapid City, South Dakota

*Funeral Service*

Monday, January 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.  
Connection Church  
Spearfish, South Dakota

*Officiant*

Pastor Gordon Phillips

*Eulogy*

Terry Anderson

*Musician*

Melanie Weatherstone

*Musical Selections*

“Higher Ground”

“How Great Thou Art” “Goodness of God”

“Homeward Bound”

*Pallbearers*

Steve Brown Terry Anderson

Ryan Fremont Collin Fremont

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Jon Anderson Richard Anderson

Jarred Benson Wes Fremont

All His Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

*Final Resting Place*

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Spearfish, South Dakota



Rev. Tom W. Anderson

**Mortgage Burning Will Highlight Convention**

By Jeanette Taylor

A church that had its beginning in 1940 in a modest building located at 225 South 1st Avenue, will hold a Mortgage Burning Convention Thanksgiving night the second of 21 weeks.

The convention will highlight the 86th Annual Convention of the annual religious conference and harvest festival, to be held Wednesday, Sunday and Friday, November 11-13 at the modern church facility located at the corner of C Street and 1st Avenue, about 400 feet east, ending to the Reverend Thomas W. Anderson, the 19th Pastor of the church.

Anderson, who came to Oakdale from his young children, Thomas Martin, in 1960. They held their service in the small church on a service on May 31 of that year.

On July 18, 1940, the church was incorporated in the name of the pastor and was officially named First Gospel Tabernacle, Inc. of Oakdale. Rev. Anderson brought the message and they performed all the duties connected with the management, building and spiritual development of the church.

The church grew from a small congregation of 15 or 20, and soon the growth presented the need for a bigger building. One of the industrial part of town where there would be a church building was not found for several years for children and young people and to the fall of 1940 the church purchased the property at the corner of C Street and 1st Avenue for a new building site. Work began on the new church in May 1940, and on October 1, 1940, the first service was held in the new building. Later a home and parsonage adjoining the church property purchased, and in May 1, 1941, Pastor and his family moved into "Young Thomas Anderson" was named in the church, and served as pastor with his father until the Anderson was called to the church Oakdale. Rev. Thomas Anderson served full time duties for the church.

Recently the church name changed from First Gospel Tabernacle to the Valley Gospel Tabernacle since for a church school were built.

The Thanksgiving Convention begins with Rally Services at 1:30 Wednesday, November 27. The and Friday services will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will be served at 8:00 days.

The Reverend P. P. Anderson will be the keynote speaker at the Conv. The Reverend New West of P. Anderson will be the keynote speaker and teachers will also speak during the convention.