

# 2  
8/30/09

## JOHN E. ANDERSON JR.

**NEWPORT NEWS** - Dr. John (Jack) E. Anderson Jr., 77, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009 at Mary Immaculate Hospital from complications of Wegener's Granulomatosis.

A native of Akron, Ohio, Dr. Anderson attended prep school at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio. He earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Akron and his Ph.D. in psychology from The Ohio State University. In June, 1956, he married the love of his life, the former Joyce Ellen Querry. He left Ohio to teach at the Rochester Institute of Technology until warmer weather beckoned and he left to become an associate professor of psychology at Florida State University. After four years at FSU, he settled in Columbus, Ga., and joined Columbus State University, serving for 17 years as Dean, Vice-President, and finally, acting President.

He was chairman of visitation committees for the Southern Association of Colleges and schools, and a lecturer and seminar leader for the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. At Columbus State, he served on the committee that authored the original guidelines for the University System of Georgia's core curriculum.

Attracted by the possibilities of an autonomous urban school that could engage with its outside community, Dr. Anderson was inaugurated as Christopher Newport University's third President in November of 1980. His tenure represented an important transition in Christopher Newport's history towards forging its own independent identity. After leaving the presidency in 1986, Dr. Anderson returned to full-time teaching, serving for several years as a department chair in CNU's School of Business. He concluded his teaching career as a distinguished professor of psychology, retiring in 2003.

An avid runner and health buff, Dr. Anderson had a love for sailing, and was a member of SASS. He also enjoyed traveling to their vacation home in Treasure Island, Fla., out west, and throughout the country to visit family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, extended family and especially playing cards with his grandchildren. He was also a faithful supporter and follower of both Columbus State and CNU athletics.

Dr. Anderson is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Joyce Anderson; his son,



John E. Anderson III of New York, N.Y.; two daughters, Christie Anderson Thornett and husband, Robert W. of Selbyville, Del.; and Karen Anderson Fernbach and husband, Don J. of Houston, Texas; one brother, Richard K. Anderson and wife, Susan of Reno, Nev.; sister-in-law, Alice L. Querry of Williamsburg, Va.; three grandchildren, Thomas Bradley Thornett, and Allison Marie and Tyler Joseph Fernbach; numerous nieces and nephews; and his dear friends and extended family, Carl and Jamie Colonna of Newport News, Morgan D. Colonna, Erin K. Tierney and James B. Tierney.

The family wishes to especially thank Dr. David Chang, Dr. Thomas M. Beazlie, and the cardiac and ICU staff at Mary Immaculate Hospital for their care during Dr. Anderson's illness. The family also wishes to thank CNU for their generous support.

A funeral service will be conducted at noon Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at the Ferguson Center at Christopher Newport University by the Rev. Stanley M. Turnbull, Chaplain at Mary Immaculate Hospital. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the Ferguson Center. It is requested that guests use the parking garage on campus.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dr. Anderson's memory to CNU Athletic Dept., Office of Advancement, 1 University Place, Newport News, VA 23606.

Arrangements are by Weymouth Funeral Home, 12746 Nettles Dr., Newport News, VA 23606.

View and post condolences on our online guestbook at [dailypress.com/guestbooks](http://dailypress.com/guestbooks).