William Otto Anderson

(21 Aug 1920 - 1 Jan 1964)

Anderson, William O. On Wednesday, January 1, 1964, William O. Anderson of 5017 Aurora dr., Garrett Park, Md., beloved husband of A. Marguerite Anderson; father of Narda Rae Anderson, Michael and Mark Anderson; son of Mrs. Bernice Anderson; brother of Mrs. Pauline Holbrook and Marian Anderson, both of Shelbyville, Ind. Friends may call on Saturday, January 4, between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Funeral Home of Robert A. Pumphrey, Bethesda, Md. Services on Monday, January 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Fawcett and Mitchell sts., Kensington, Md. Interment Congressional Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Foreign Service Association Scholarship Fund, in memory of William O. Anderson, c/o Department of State.

The Evening Star, January 2, 1964

William O. Anderson, Expert On Sino-Soviet Affairs

William Otto Anderson, 43, a State Department expert on Sino-Soviet affairs, died yesterday at Suburban Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Anderson, who had served as a foreign service officer since the end of World War II was recently the officer in charge of Soviet multilateral relations in the Office of Soviet Relations.

In Washington he had also served on the Berlin Task Force and with the Office of Chinese Affairs. At his death he was participating in the State Department's Senior Seminar.

Mr. Anderson had served abroad as a political reporting officer in Cape Town, Bangkok, Singapore and Berlin. He held the Berlin post from 1957 to 1960.

A native of Shelbyville, Ind., he was graduated in 1942 from Wabash College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1943. During World War II he served with Naval Intelligence.

Mr. Anderson leaves his wife Marguerite of 5017 Aurora Drive, Kensington, Md., the home address; a daughter, Narda and two sons, Mark and Michael of the home address; his mother, Mrs. Bernice Anderson; a sister, Mrs. Pauline Holbrook, and a brother, Marion, all of Shelbyville.

Notes:

William Otto Anderson

Birth Date: 21 Aug 1920, Shelbyville, IN
Death Date: 1 Jan 1964, Montgomery Co., MD

Burial Place: Congressional Cemetery, Washington, DC Occupation: Foreign Service Officer, Department of State

Father: Bertie Anderson (1895-1945)

Mother: Gertrude Bernice Bennett (b. 1898 – Deceased)

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A.B. Wabash College, Indiana, 1942 (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa in junior year), Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, 1942-1943, University of Colorado, 1943. U.S. Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer (Naval Agent) 1943, With War Relocation Agency 1944-45.

Foreign Service Officer, Department of State 1945. Staff, Special War Problems Division, Department of State 1945, Vice Consul, Capetown, South Africa, 1945-1948, temporarily in charge of consulate, Port Elizabeth, 1948. Attache U.S. Embassy, Bangkok 1948-51. Political Officer, Chinese Affairs, Department of State 1951-1954. Consul Singapore, 1954-1956. Assigned to University of Washington Far East-Russian Institute, 1956-1957. Political Officer, U.S. Mission Berlin, 1957-1960. Berlin Task Force. Assigned Department of State, 1960. Officer in Charge of Soviet Multilateral Political Affairs, 1961. U.S. Senior Seminar on Foreign Policy 1963-1964.

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Wabash College, 1963. Author: *Chinese Communist Trade With Southeast Asia*, 1956. *A Study of National Communism*, 1957.