

# Officer John Anderson

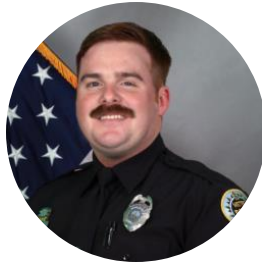
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**J**ohn Ralph Anderson, IV, age 28, passed away in the line of duty on Thursday, July 4, 2019. He was born on April 8, 1991 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to his mother, Jennifer Michelle Hein and his father, John Ralph Anderson, III.

John is survived by his mother and step-father, Jennifer and Danny Hein; his father and step-mother, John and Mollee Anderson; his 18 month old son, Gavin Lee Buell; brother, Jordan Anderson; step-siblings, Jacob Mills, Grace Daughtrey and Claire Mills; grandparents, Vicki Anderson and Clarence and Judy Vick; and his girlfriend, Katelyn Smith. Preceding him in death are his grandfather John Anderson Jr and great-grandmother Genevieve Wheeler.

He enjoyed scuba diving, woodworking, motorcycle riding, dogs and being in the outdoors. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop 500 out of Clarksville, TN and was a member of the Middle Tennessee Order of the Arrow, the Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge. He was also very proud of his Scottish Heritage and enjoyed researching more about his familial ties to Scotland. John was a music lover and played several instruments, including, the guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bag pipes. He loved a good locally brewed dark beer, loved making a great steak on the grill, and enjoyed making his own dried meat. In 2018 a son came into his life, Gavin, whom he loved immensely. Later that same year Liam entered his life when he met his current girlfriend Katelyn. He truly enjoyed being a father to both boys and hoped to one day have a life together with them all under one roof.

Officer Anderson spent his entire MNPD career at the Central Precinct. He graduated from the MNPD Academy on June 9, 2015. He also served in the USMC Reserves as a Military Police Non-Commissioned Officer. He was working to be a part of the Metro Piping Corps. He also served on the Metro Drill & Ceremony Team and recently completed the Metro Police Motorcycle Division officer training program in the hopes of one day joining the division as a patrol officer.

In January of 2015, as part of an academy autobiography assignment, Officer Anderson wrote: "So here I am, on the precipice of starting my career. After several months of closely following the



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national news regarding issues involving police officers and the public, I am more assured that I am no longer “wandering” down an unknown career path. I am definitely not feeling lost as I begin this journey of serving the public by becoming a Metro Nashville police officer.”

### 2017 Lifesaving

It was 1:30 in the morning when Officer Anderson responded to a fight/stabbing call in the area of 3rd Avenue and Broadway. He encountered three persons who had been injured. After quickly assessing them, Officer Anderson saw that one individual had a deep stab wound to his back and was losing a lot of blood. The officer minimized the victim’s blood loss until Fire Department medics made it to the scene. The victim survived.

### 2018 Lifesaving

Officers Darien Spann and John Anderson---A suicidal man, in obvious emotional distress, was standing outside the railing of the Shelby Street pedestrian bridge. When the man leaned forward toward the river, barely hanging onto the rail, Officers Anderson and Spann, without regard to their own safety, grabbed the individual and pulled him to safety.

### 2019 Department Commendation:

Officers John Anderson, Kelcey Bell, Brenna Hosey and Joshua Whitworth---These officers were at the end of their overnight shifts when they responded to an unusual call at the Tiger Market, 227 Shelby Avenue.

They responded to a reported robbery at the business but when they arrived, all appeared normal. Rather than just leave, they continued to investigate and found a clerk hiding in a cooler in the back of the convenience store. She told them that two men had gone into the office, one armed with a handgun, and that she had hidden after calling 9-1-1.

Unbeknownst to her co-workers, both suspects had barricaded themselves in the office. The officers quickly cleared the business. After a several hours long standoff, both suspects surrendered.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Monday, July 8, 2019, 1 pm at Cornerstone Church (726 W. Old Hickory Blvd., Madison, TN 37115). Visitation will be on Monday from 9 am until 11:30 am at Cornerstone Church.

Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery (5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216 – 615-865-1101) has been entrusted with the final care of Officer Anderson. [www.springhillfh.com](http://www.springhillfh.com).



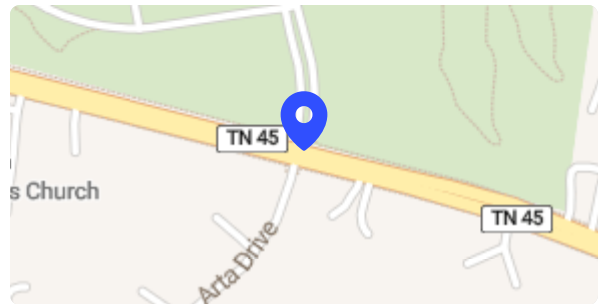
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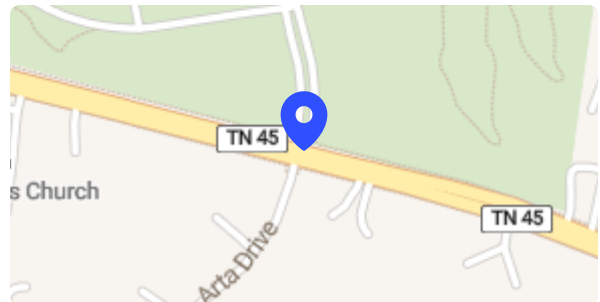
## Visitation

- Monday**, July 8, 2019
- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM CT
- Cornerstone Church**  
726 Old Hickory Blvd., Madison TN 37115



## Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

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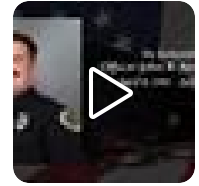
# Tribute Wall

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**Spring Hill Funeral Home And Cemetery** shared a **Video**.



July 8 at 2:20 PM



**Mike Odom** July 10 at 5:53 AM

You will be missed by us all and we love you so much Officer John Anderson from my girlfriend julie and me we love you You are our hero you were awesome



**Larry Ling** sent a virtual gift in honor of John .



July 8 at 3:15 PM



**Melissa Thompson** lit a candle in honor of John .



July 8 at 1:08 PM



**Melissa & Thompson** lit a candle in honor of John .



July 8 at 1:07 PM



**Melissa & Mike Thompson** lit a candle in honor of John .



July 8 at 1:06 PM



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AE

**Alexander E** lit a candle in honor of John .

July 8 at 11:05 AM



AE

**Alexander E** posted:

I don't know this man personally but after he gave me a warning from pulling me over. I'd never forgot about him. Sad to hear about this tragedy & my condolences will, and always be with the family.

July 8 at 11:05 AM

JS

**Jamie Sean** lit a candle in honor of John .

God bless you thank you for your service

July 8 at 10:42 AM



MN

**Morgan Newto** lit a candle in honor of John .

To the family of Officer Anderson: My heart absolutely breaks for you, knowing this wonderful man died doing what he loved. May you know that God is with you always and that my family prays for you daily.Morgan Newton

July 8 at 8:34 AM



AB

**Amy Baker** lit a candle in honor of John .

Our heart breaks for Jay and his family. We remember this wonderful man and officer as an equally wonderful teenager. It is with a smile that we think of him and his family and the memories of all of us together. Our deepest sadness and good thoughts go out to Jennifer, John Sr. and Jordan. All our love, Dan and Amy Baker

July 8 at 5:14 AM





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**Mary Ann Hartshorn** posted:

Dear Jennifer and Family, Savor the memories and be blessed in this difficult time. Mary Ann Hartshorn

July 8 at 4:48 AM



**Nancy Hanley** posted:

Dear Jennifer and Family, Our love and prayers are with you. Nancy Hanley

July 8 at 4:31 AM



**Dan Baker** posted:

Dear Jen/John, I am truly sorry for your loss of "Jay". We have such fond memories of hanging at your house in Pleasant View and shooting the shit with your sons. We love you. Dan Baker

July 8 at 4:26 AM



**Donna E** lit a candle in honor of John .

God. bless!!

July 8 at 2:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Anderson family.

July 7 at 1:24 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Anderson family.

July 7 at 11:37 AM





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**Lisa Kirby** lit a candle in honor of John .



July 7 at 11:17 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Anderson family.



July 7 at 7:29 AM



**Gail Collie** posted:

I met the family of officer Anderson in the airport at Charlotte N.C. I want them to remember, God will get all of you through this time of loss. Hold on to each other remember the good times with John. My prayer is that you know that God is with you and for you at all times, especially in your time of grief. Lean on HIM He will get you through. I pray that John's child will grow up knowing his father was a brave, dedicated man who knew his calling in life was to take care of others. May God bless you and keep you. May you feel God's loving arms around you giving you peace. Gail Collie

July 7 at 7:02 AM



**Linda Swope** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the entire Anderson family. Mike & Linda Swope

July 6 at 4:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Anderson family.



July 6 at 1:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Anderson family.



July 6 at 11:56 AM



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**Mark And Sharon Finnerty** posted:

Sharon and I are saddened beyond words. What a loss to the family, friends, police force, community, and the entire world. Jay was such a joy to be around. We will miss him so much. To Johnny III, Mollee, Jenny, Jordan, Jacob, Grace, Claire, and Vicki, the family we knew, and those of you we didn't know, we weep with all of you at our loss. But, we can certainly celebrate Jay's life and be thankful we had him here with us, even though such a short time. Let all of us be strong during this very difficult time. Jay would have wanted it that way I'm sure. Mark and Sharon Finnerty and Chris and Stacey Finnerty

July 6 at 7:09 AM



**Joni Pinker** lit a candle in honor of John .



July 5 at 3:47 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Anderson family.



July 5 at 3:39 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Anderson family.



July 5 at 3:36 PM



**Anita Johnson** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. I just went through this in February with my husband Pawnee County Undersheriff Monty Johnson. You will be in my prayers. Anita Johnson

July 5 at 2:15 PM



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LL

**Larry Ling** lit a candle in honor of John .



July 5 at 11:43 AM

TO

**Tim And Lori Odom** posted:

To the family of Officer Anderson:We are terribly burdened by the senseless death of your loved one. We are extremely grateful for his service and for his sacrifice. We pray that you will feel the love and appreciation of our city for his dedication to our people. We pray that God will keep you close and surround you with the words, people and experiences that will comfort you as grieve. God bless you.Tim and Lori Odom

July 5 at 4:30 AM

DS

**Donna Smith** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family of John Anderson, you are in our prayers.The Saint Francis Muskogee family.

July 5 at 4:12 AM

JC

**Jclindle** posted:

Please accept our sympathy, respect, and gratitude for the gift of Officer John Anderson's life and service. Our hearts are with yours in mourning a life cut too short. ... The Gary Lindles & family, KY

July 5 at 1:34 AM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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