



Wendell G Anderson

December 22, 2013

Anderson, Wendell G passed away on December 22, 2013, at the age of 86. Wendell and his wife Lillias lived in Moorestown for many years before retiring to Medford Leas.

Wendell was a fourth-generation engineer. His three children and two of his grandchildren are also engineers. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, he spent most of his career at the Radio Corporation of America. He worked on anti-submarine warfare, missile defense and the global positioning system (GPS), among many other projects. He was licensed as an amateur radio operator, call sign K2RNF. In 1965, he became the first amateur to create a receiving station for weather satellite photos, using his home-built ham radio apparatus with a motor-controlled antenna mounted on a jungle gym in his Moorestown back yard. The received signals were converted to blinking lights. He used a microscope turned upside down to focus tiny spots of light onto film taped to a wooden rolling pin with its spin and lateral motion precisely controlled by two motors. He developed the film negatives and printed the pictures in his basement photo lab. Thanks to his good friend and colleague Nicholas Pensiero, this became national news in 1966 after the launch of the satellite NIMBUS II and Wendell's successful reception of its pictures. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 56 years, Lillias Harris Anderson. He is survived by their three children, Wendell Anderson Jr. (wife Christine Adams), Helen Lillias Anderson (husband George Faulkner) and Thomas Harris Anderson (wife Suzanne Anderson), four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. At the family's request services and interment will be private. Please no Flowers. Memorial contributions may be made to charity of donor's choice.

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“ So sorry for your loss. Uncle Wendell was such an inspiration because of his kindness and wisdom. Peace to you all.

Jeff and Pauline Smith - January 12, 2014 at 08:43 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you. Brian Egleston

Brian Egleston - January 08, 2014 at 09:17 AM

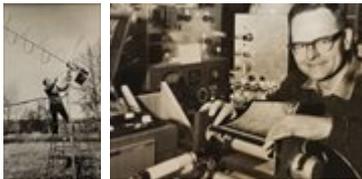


“ WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME. CONTINUE TO HOLD ONTO THE FOND MEMORIES OF WENDELL. MAY YOU FIND COMFORT TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE THE ASSURANCE IN THE FUTURE “GOD WILL WIPE AWAY TEARS AND DEATH” REV 21:4

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“ Great guy, great engineer, great pix!

Bpb Paglee, RCA Moorestown

Bob Paglee - January 05, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ I worked for many years with Wendell at RCA on Engineering Staff. He was, in fact, a great guy. RIP Wendell.

Rose O'Brien - January 07, 2014 at 12:15 PM