



# Harry Anderson

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Harry R. Anderson, age 87, of Foley, Alabama, passed away on June 6, 2025. A proud U.S. Air Force veteran and retired FAA inspector, Harry was a principled, complex man who lived life on his own terms. He leaves behind a legacy of service, strength, and quiet tenderness.

Born in Chicago to Swedish-American parents, Harry grew up with deep roots and a sharp wit. He served honorably as a weapons officer in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, flying missions through hostile skies and surviving near-miss moments he later recounted with dry humor and vivid clarity. After his military service, he continued his career in aviation as an inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration until his retirement.

Harry's passions included aviation, golf and a occasional game of poker. He took pride in the accomplishments of his grandchildren and found joy in seeing the next generations grow.

He is survived by a son Richard, stepdaughter, Lynn D'anne Hodges Rothbardt, and stepson, Mark Locke Hodges, children of his late wife, Ruby Jean "RJ" Anderson. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Alex Willmon, Andrew Heffner, Rachel Henderson, Rebekkah Hawthorne, Samuel Holt, and Sophie Hodges, as well as several great-grandchildren whose lives were brightened by his presence.

A private service will be held by the family.