



Hi, John,

1-26-06

I imagine this obit about Harper Anderson appeared in the Wilson paper, but just in the event it didn't, I'm sending it along. Harper was a classmate of Ernest D. and me. I recognized him from the picture even before reading the article. That oval-shaped face and head and the mischievous smile had never changed. I did not know he lived and had worked for so long in Alexandria. He had quite "well-spent life," didn't he? Do you know whether the Historical Society has his WWII history? Note he served in Heidelberg, Ger. '47-'49.

Best wishes,

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## Robert Harper Anderson Alexandria Pediatrician

Robert Harper Anderson, 82, who had been an Alexandria-based pediatrician since 1951 and an officer of medical and civic organizations, died Jan. 20 at Inova Alexandria Hospital. He had prostate cancer.

Dr. Anderson had a private practice in Alexandria for about 50 years. He also was on staff at what is now Inova Alexandria Hospital, where he once was chief of pediatrics and president of the medical staff.



**ANDERSON**

He had worked part time since the 1950s at the Alexandria Health Department's Well Baby Clinic.

He was a native of Wilson, N.C., a 1943 graduate of Duke University and a 1946 graduate of Duke's medical school.

He served at an Army station hospital in Heidelberg, West Germany, from 1947 to 1949, followed by two years as an assistant chief resident at Children's Hospital in Washington.

An Alexandria resident, he was a former president of the Alexandria Medical Society and the Alexandria Rotary Club, where he also founded the Rotary Rooters jazz group. He played saxophone and clarinet in the band, which specialized in New Orleans-style jazz.

He was also a former board president of the American Heart Association's Alexandria chapter and a former board member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and First Commonwealth Savings and Loan.

His other board work included the Alexandria Boys Club and Head Start in Alexandria.

He was a vestryman at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. He was a golf and tennis player.

A son, Jesse Anderson, died in 1960.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Valda Clark Anderson of Alexandria; three sons, Dr. Stephen W. Anderson of Atlanta, Dr. William S. Anderson of Charleston, S.C., and Paul V. Anderson

of Alexandria; and five grandchildren.

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### DEATH NOTICES

**ANDERSON, DR. ROBERT H.** (Age 82)  
On January 20, 2006, ROBERT H. ANDERSON, M.D., passed away in Alexandria, VA. A pediatrician in private practice, he was active in the Alexandria community for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Valda Clark Anderson, sons, Dr. Stephen W. Anderson (Jane) of Atlanta, GA, Dr. William S. Anderson (Susan) of Charleston, SC and Paul V. Anderson (Ana Lucia) of Alexandria, VA and five grandchildren. Friends may call at EVERLY-WHEATLEY FUNERAL HOME, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA, on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 from 6 to 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church.