

# Anderson Memorials

Entry Number 101

## **1. The American Institute of Commemorative Art Design Competition Grand Champion!**

At the AICA annual conference in Banff, Alberta, August 2017, Jeff Anderson, Anderson Memorials, Austin and Rochester, MN won first prize for the category of large family monument and then the top overall prize in the design competition for the 'Anderson' Monument.

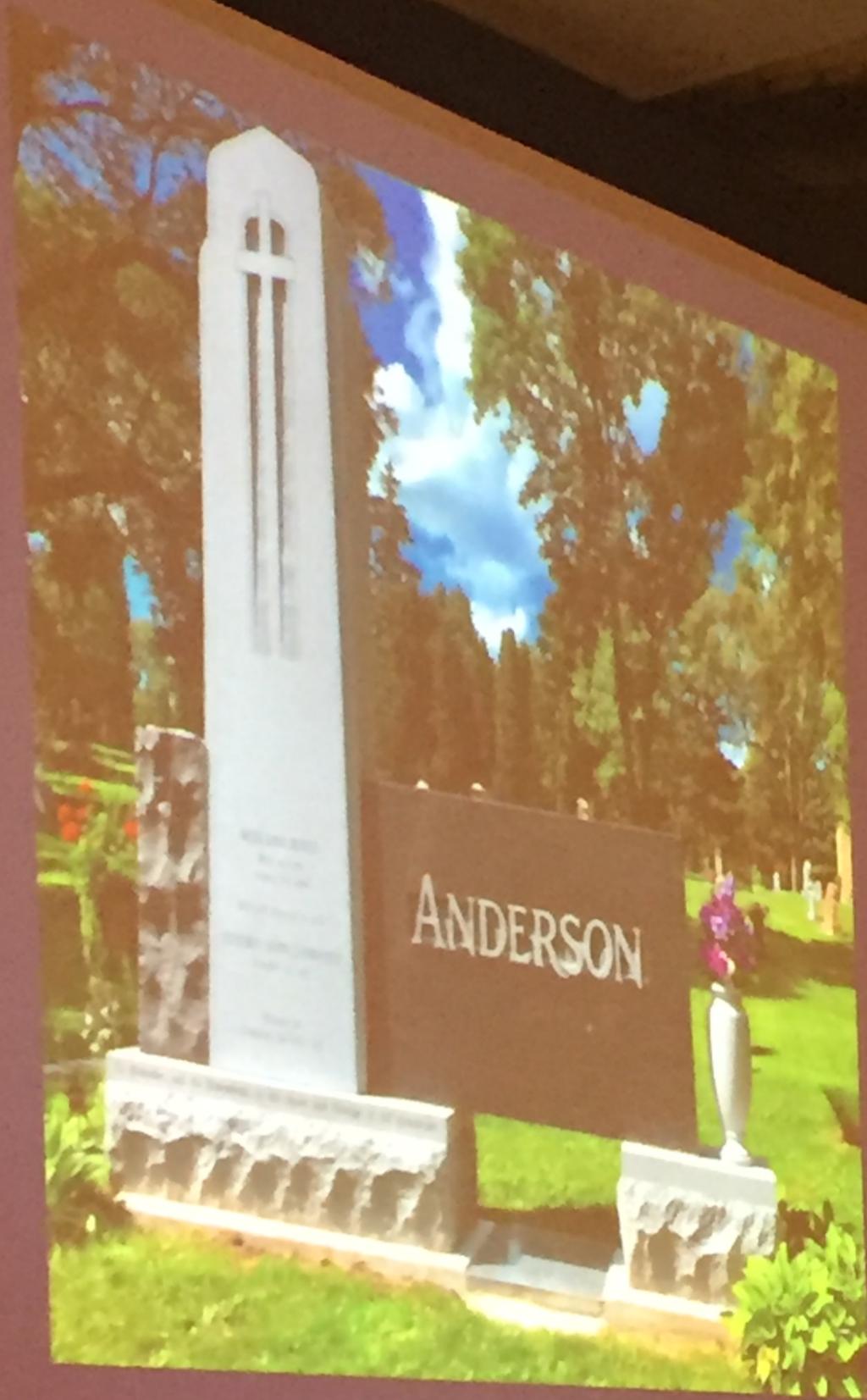
A Press release was sent to the local papers resulting in articles in both cities' newspapers and both cities' chamber of commerce newsletters.

After winning this prestigious award we posted the monument on Facebook and boosted the post. There were 9 shares and 4332 people were reached. (Thanks to a seminar at an MBNA convention we knew how to do this😊)

The Austin Daily Herald called and interviewed Jeff and a great article was in the newspaper. The Post Bulletin from Rochester, MN also ran an article in their paper.

We received congratulation cards and pats on the back from area residents, businesses and customers.

One family came in and purchased a large monument from us after seeing the article in the newspaper.



"Anderson", Anderson Memorials, Jeff Anderson, CM, AICA



ROLLAND MAYO  
May 19, 1930  
August 27, 2014

Married August 15, 1952

LENORA ANN DAMANN  
October 22, 1931

Parents of  
Damann, Jeffrey, Jill

ANDERSON

*To Remember... and Be Remembered... is the Desire and Heritage of All Generations*



WILLIAM MOYO

May 14, 1940

August 17, 2008

Rest in Peace

LINDA ANN GARMAN

October 17, 1947

December 17, 2011

Rest in Peace

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ANDERSON

Remembered and the remembered in the hearts and thoughts of all generations

washes with full-service oil changes.

For Kilian, the new express lube operation is a return to his roots of sorts. He operated an oil-change business next to his original auto shop in

Aaron Pompeian, Ed Pompeian and Red Courtney.

Hear something? Share it with Heard on the Street. Call Jeff Kiger at 507-285-7600 or drop a note to [jkiger@postbulletin.com](mailto:jkiger@postbulletin.com).

## Anderson wins memorial design competition

Post Bulletin staff report

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Anderson

States and Canada for judging based on design, craftsmanship and the story behind the memorial. Anderson won the top prize for the Anderson Monument, located in Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester.

This award was particularly meaningful to Anderson, as he designed and built the monument for his parents, Rollie and Lenora Anderson, and it symbolically represents the Anderson family business.

Anderson Memorials, 2843 South Broadway, has been in business since 1870.



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## Solar energy is fastest growing source of power

Associated Press

PARIS — A report shows solar energy was the fastest-growing source of power last year, accounting for almost two-thirds of net new capacity globally.

The International Energy Agency said Wednesday the rise was because of a boom in photovoltaic panel installations, particularly in China, thanks to a drop in costs and greater support from governments.

It is the first time solar energy growth surpassed any other fuel as a source of power. Coal, in particular, had continued to grow in recent years despite global targets to reduce carbon emissions.

The IEA said solar panels capacity grew 50 percent last year, with China accounting for almost half the expansion. The country has become a leader in renewable energy production, with the United States the second-largest market.

in September expanded at the in dozen years as a measure of climbed sharply.

The Institute for Supply Management Wednesday its services index to 59.8 from 55.3 in August. The reading was the highest since reading above 50 signals growth sector has expanded for 93 straight

The gains point to a potential economic growth — which could mean more hiring and stronger pay. The economy has gone through a slow recovery from the Great Recession its ninth year this summer. The hurricanes Harvey and Irma have hurt businesses without derailing the

“Very strong report, very solid in at such as high level,” said the chair of the ISM’s non-manufacturing survey committee. “Business is good, even with the recent weather and catastrophic events.”

September’s reading corroborated economic growth of 4.2 percent, double the pace of the average recovery. Many economists —

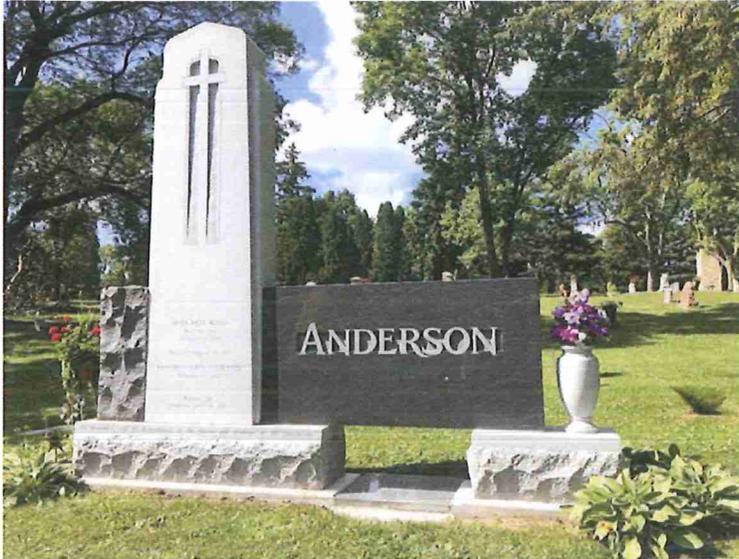
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Dear Dave: I am in a rut and I don't see my job as rewarding as it used to be. I look around at what my co-workers are doing and they seem to be in the same place I am in. How can I make what I do more constructive and rewarding? I am fairly young and I don't want to spend my life feeling the way I do. I would appreciate any ideas you have. — B

Dear B: I hear you. There is not one of us who does not feel as you do at different points in our careers and lives. We might become “experts” at what we do and even then, we might feel as if the value we add is limited. The truth is, we do not always correctly gauge the effect and importance of our work and we then feel as if we are providing little.

If there is one thing I can tell you that might help you feel better about your work, it is to objectively assess what you are doing what you are doing and why it matters. As many of us do have a purpose or many purposes in our careers and we must find out what is and why people depend on us and why products, services and solutions would not be made without our help and expertise.

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Jeff Anderson's award-winning design is in Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester. Photo provided.

## Memorial to parents wins nat'l award; Anderson Memorials owner given top award at conference



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Jeff Anderson has designed many memorials and headstones in his life. As the fourth generation of his family to run Anderson Memorials, located in Austin and Rochester, his designs are meant to honor the memories and stand as a silent tribute to the deceased.

In early September, the American Institute of Commemorative Art recognized Anderson's craftsmanship by awarding him the Eugene H. Faehnle Award at its annual conference, held this year in Canada. The award, given to the overall first-place winner was for his work on the Anderson Monument at Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester.



Jeff Anderson

"The Anderson Monument is for my parents – Rolland and Lenora Anderson – who worked in the monument industry their whole lives," he said. "That's what makes this award so special to me."

The AICA is an invitation-only organization of the top 50 memorial designers in the United States and Canada. Once selected, memorial designers have to submit a portfolio of work for review. The nearest member of the organization must also interview them. From invitation to acceptance, the process takes one to two years. Anderson was invited in 1988.

"(The AICA) really focuses on the craftsmanship and artistry," he said.

Members submit their designs in various categories to compete at AICA conferences. Judges consider design, craftsmanship and the story behind the memorial.

"Before (my parents) retired 26 years ago, their goal was to make their own monument," Anderson said. "Twenty-six years of drawing designs for them finally got one they agreed upon, shortly before my father died. Dad never got the chance to see it completed."

Anderson described the monument as more than 10 feet tall and 12 feet long. The materials are steeled finish blue/gray granite from Barre, Vermont, and polished French Creek black granite from Pennsylvania, which Anderson said were two of his father's favorite types of granite to work with.

The monument contains a significant amount of symbolism, Anderson said.

"The Vertical Barre Tablet is based on the monument that is depicted in our company logo which has been used for decades," he said. "The cross represents their strong Christian heritage. The epitaph on the base margin is our family-company slogan: 'To Remember – and Be Remembered – is the Desire and Heritage of all Generations.'"

Black pieces on the monument include other forms of symbolism. They are rustic on the left side and polished on the right, representing the family's work of changing rough stone into beautiful monuments, Anderson said.

Between the bases is a polished slab of Norwegian Blue Pearl granite with a bronze lily pad sculpture symbolic of his parents' love for the outdoors. On the back is a lengthy poem about them and representational acronyms of the organizations in which they were involved.

Anderson's design won first place in the large monument category as well as the grand prize. Anderson has won several category awards in the past, but this year was the first time he received the Eugene H. Faehnle Award.

"The design represents their lifetime in the monument business," Anderson said. "That's what makes this award so special to me."

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# Fall Meeting is Oct. 18 at country club

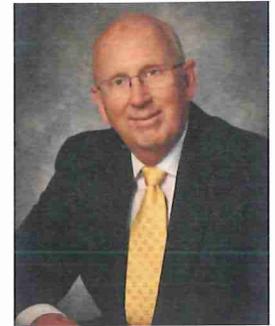
The Chamber's annual Fall Meeting will be held 12 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the Austin Country Club. Seven members will be elected to the Chamber's Board of Directors and a long-time member and community leader will be recognized with the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award. This year, the Chamber Board selected Austin native James Herrick, D.D.S. for the honor.

Four of the seven members up for election are seeking their second term on the Board. They include Jana Gray, Publisher of the Austin Daily Herald; Taggart Medgaarden, Management Services Director for Cedar Valley Services, Inc.; Doug Nuckolls, President of First Farmers & Merchants Bank; and Jackie Bumgardner, Operations Manager at Games People Play.

Three members have accepted nominations for their first term on the board: Dan Goshorn, Store Director HyVee Foods; Nan Hanegraaf, Branch Manager for Bremer Bank; and Clint Walters, Hormel Foods Plant Manager.

All members are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required.

Cost is \$20 per person, which includes a buffet lunch. You can register simply by calling the Chamber at 437-4561.



Jim Herrick, DDS

# Jeff Anderson wins international award

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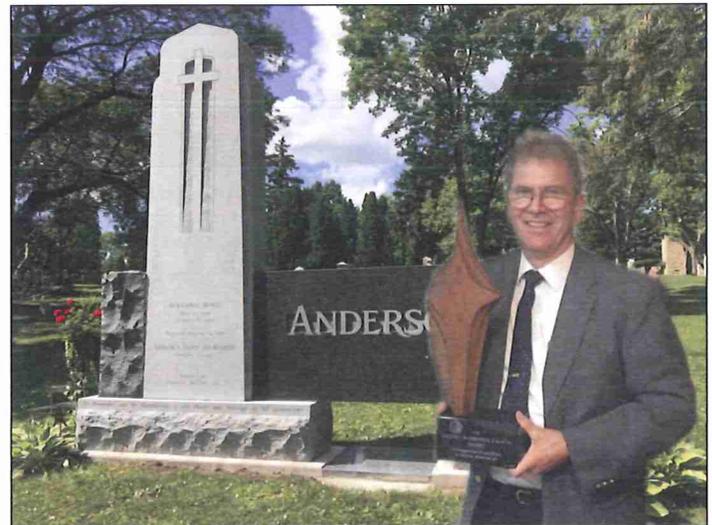
The American Institute of Commemorative Art (AICA) was founded in 1951 by a group of dedicated memorialists and is devoted to the highest standards of commemorative memorial design and business ethics in the monument industry.

AICA membership is composed of many of the most renowned memorialists in the United States and Canada. Membership is by invitation only and is limited to monument retail firms who have shown a sincere commitment to excellence while practicing their trade

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Anderson Memorials is located at 106 4th St SW, Austin, MN, and has been in business since 1870.



JEFF ANDERSON received the top honor for design at the American Institute of Commemorative Art conference for the memorial he created honoring his parents.

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affirmed the decision of the Hennepin County District Court that Minneapolis could enact a mandate but could not impose it on businesses located outside of Minneapolis. We believe that the court misapplied the law regarding the city's authority to enact the ordinance in the first place, and we will appeal that portion of the ruling to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The Minnesota Chamber respects the principle of "local control" in many policy areas. Equally important, however, is the principle of "proper level of control." The ordinances passed by Minneapolis and St. Paul – and being contemplated by others – threaten to open the floodgates to a whole new area of legislating for local governments. This overreach ought to be stopped, and municipal authorities should not stray in their authority.



**NEW MEMBER.** Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Dirty Laundry to the Chamber, October 9. Owned and operated by Justin and Kristin Bickler (center), Dirty Laundry offers complete dry cleaning and laundry services. The business is located next to Simplified Technology Solutions, 315 Third Ave NE.

## **2. The Pillars of Austin Project**

In our second year of the Pillars of Austin Project, we were commissioned to make bronze plaques of the winners. The committee wanted to add even more excitement than last year as to who the winners were, so the Pillar of Austin Committee came to our office with the media to have a 'peak' press release. The story appeared in the newspaper and on TV and generated many favorable comments about our company.





**Gary J. Ray**

Gary J. Ray was an integral member of the Board of Trustees, serving from 1988 to 2000. Gary began his career with the University of Northern Iowa in 1968, and served as the 10th President of the University from 1994 to 2000. Gary was also active in the work of the Board of Trustees, serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. He made a lasting impact on the University's history and development, leaving a legacy of service and leadership.



### **3. Walking Trail markers with historical information**

The Park and Rec department wanted to replace trail markers as they were weathered and worn. The Anderson's got involved and suggested a permanent solution. This resulted in 8 historical granite monoliths and opening up the potential for additional orders in the future.

## THE GREAT HUNT OF 1841

Perhaps the largest hunting expedition ever to take place on the American Frontier happened here in 1841. Organized by Henry H. Sibley, the Great Encampment included over 1,000 Indian hunters and was led by Little Crow. Hundreds of sod huts and teepee lodges covered the west bank of the river. The Indians hunted thousands of animals including deer, elk, bear, panthers, buffalo, and beaver.

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#### **4. Bronze statue in flood control area**

Because of flood issues in a particular part of the city, houses in the area were removed. The city received a grant to add art to the parks and contacted Jeff. Because a popular local resident had grown up in that spot, she chose the placement of the statue where her backyard was when she was young. Now it is a beautiful addition to the Parks department.

