

James Bruce Anderson
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Bruce Anderson, a life member of the Texas Cave Management Association who was also active in the Maverick and Dallas-Fort Worth Grottos, has died in Colorado. He was 74.

Bruce, of Fort Worth, Texas, is remembered along with other cavers on [The Hall of Texas and Mexico Cavers](http://www.hall.cavetexas.org/) at www.hall.cavetexas.org/ - the Texas Speleological Association website. There, you can find stories and achievements of those who discover, explore, map, and preserve caves.

With his younger brother Mike, also from Fort Worth, Bruce was very active in the North Texas caving scene from the 1990s into the

next decade. He served as treasurer both on the 1994 National Speleological Society Convention Committee and for the Texas Cave Management Association (TCMA).

Bruce introduced his brother, Mike, and his niece, Meta, to cave exploring. That was after Bruce's wife, Donna Kay Anderson, got her husband started in caving. The four then enjoyed many trips over the years to the Texas Hill Country, including Colorado Bend State Park, where the Texas Speleological Association sponsored a cave project.

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana to James and Margaret Anderson, Bruce moved to Fort Worth with his family in 1965 when James Anderson was hired by Magnavox. Because he was a scoutmaster, Bruce spent many hours outdoors in the Boy Scouts.

Bruce studied chemistry in college, working as a plating technician for a Fort Worth company where he soon advanced to represent the workforce as a union leader. Then he was a sales and service engineer for A Brite Co. Later, Bruce was hired by another plating company with operations south of the Texas-Mexico border. Bruce and Donna moved from Fort Worth to McAllen in far South Texas, where his services were in constant demand, requiring frequent trips into Mexico.

In 2010, Bruce recalled living in McAllen, about 14 miles from Mexico, when violence from the cartel trade and drug smuggling started heating up. He commented on the deteriorating state of the Rio Grande Valley at the time, with threats from armed narcos and innocent people caught in the cross-fire.

Donna Anderson is listed in Carl Kunath's *50 Years of Texas Caving* as an early officer - vice-chairman - and charter member of the Maverick Grotto in Fort Worth. She was a founding member of TCMA in 1986.

Bruce suffered from Type 2 diabetes while his brother had Type 1. But both were able to manage the disease, enabling them to stay active, because both enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors - as well as exploring underground worlds. Bruce was a bow hunter who also bred, trained, and showed Malamute dogs, winning multiple competitions.

After retirement, Bruce and Donna moved to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, buying a house near the mountains and enjoying many years together in the alpine beauty of the American West. Bruce died in Colorado in October 2022 after an illness.

Bruce is survived by his wife Donna; his sister, Kathi Shumaker and husband, Mark; a sister-in-law, Julianne (Julie) Huzarevich; his niece, Meta Huzarevich; nephew Evan Anderson; and many extended family members. Bruce's brother Mike had died in 2014 (please see [Mike's memorial article](#)). Our condolences to families of both these men.

Bruce Anderson - Photos



Bruce Anderson (on left) with brother Mike, sister Kathi and father James



Bruce and Donna at Christmastime, 2020



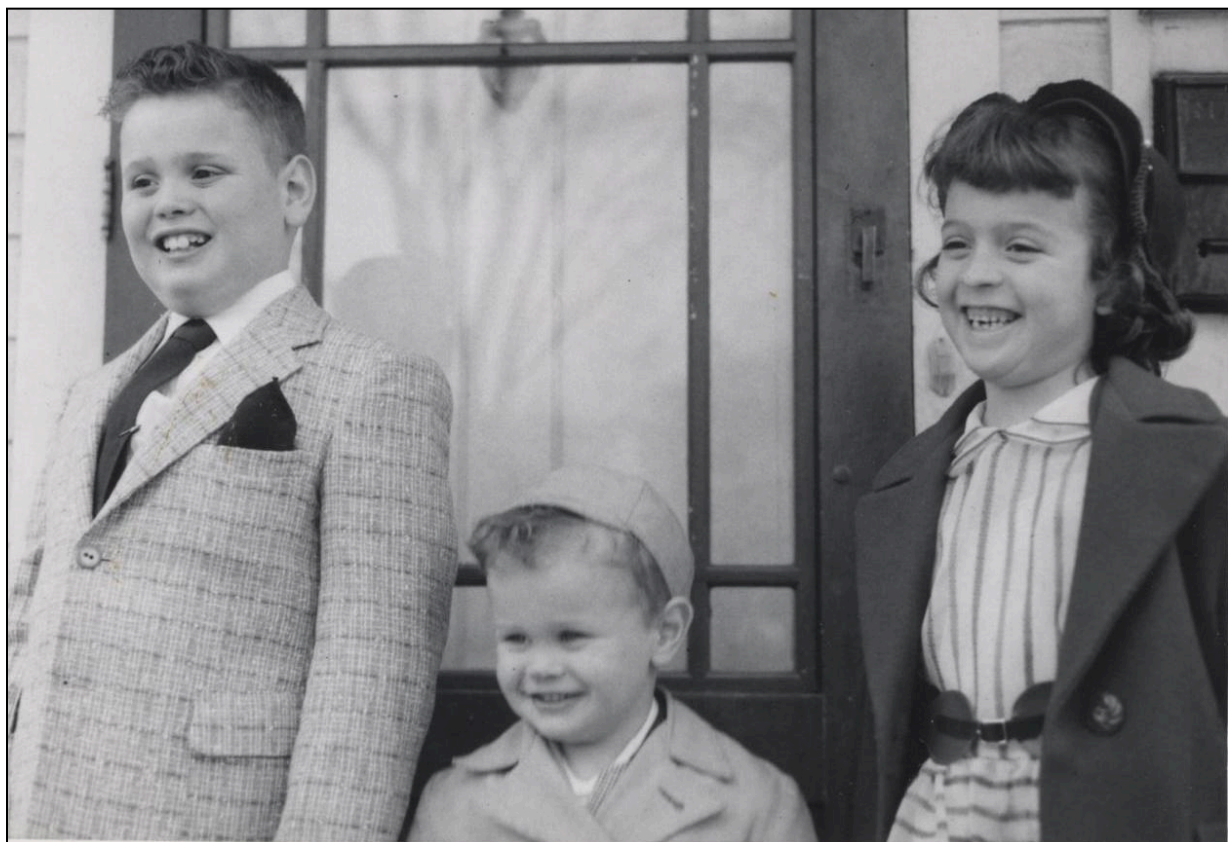
Bruce Anderson (on right) with his brother Mike Anderson



Bruce and Donna Anderson



Bruce Anderson fly-fishing in a Colorado stream



Family portrait with Bruce Anderson (L), brother Mike, and sister Kathi



Early photo of Mike Anderson (L) with sister Kathi and brother Bruce



Later photo of Mike Anderson (L) with sister Kathi and brother Bruce