



Officer Deputy Robert Anderson

Multnomah County Sheriff's Department

End of Watch:

Cause: Continued Medical

Age:

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Deputy Robert R. "Bobby" Anderson was added to the Oregon Memorial Wall in May. Deputy Anderson was shot on March 5, 1969 while on duty. He and his partner, Deputy Darrel Kaufman, were transporting a mentally deranged person from a domestic disturbance call to a local psychiatric hospital. A third individual, a civilian accompanied the deputies. At the hospital the suspect lunged over the car seat and took control of Deputy Kaufman's revolver. The suspect then shot both deputies and the civilian. Both deputies were sent to the hospital in critical condition. Both survived the initial incident but Deputy Anderson was left a paraplegic.

Deputy Anderson spent the rest of his life in and out of hospitals due to the injuries. According to retired Sheriff Robert Skipper, Anderson suffered continuously through the rest of his life from the injuries. The agency continued to employ the deputy in a variety of ways until his medical retirement in 1982. Again according to Sheriff Skipper the wounds he suffered, while not causing immediate death, it did shorten his life.

This is a different type of situation than most of the deputies who are killed in the line of duty, as there was a significant amount of time between the shooting and death of Deputy Anderson. However, he did suffer greatly from this incident and it did contribute to an early death. He was an officer who contributed to making the world a better place by his service.