

# Hurst Robins Anderson, 84, former Centenary president

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CLEARWATER, Fla. — Hurst Robins Anderson, a former president of Centenary College in New Jersey and retired head of American University in Washington, D.C., died of cancer at 84.

Anderson remained an honorary chancellor of American University until his death Wednesday at Edward White Hospital in St. Petersburg.

In a document detailing his academic career, Anderson described the establishment of the university's School of International Service as the greatest achievement of his 16-year tenure.

The school is widely regarded as a leading training ground for diplomats.

"President Anderson conceived the school because he saw the importance of training people in

Washington for international service," said Louis Goodman, dean of the school. "He was way ahead of his time in recognizing the need for a global perspective."

Anderson, who was born in Cincinnati, held his first teaching post at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., where he remained from 1928 to 1943 and advanced to dean of the college's summer program.

From 1943 to 1948, Anderson was president of Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J. A dormitory at the college was named after him in 1965.

He served until 1952 as president of Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.

When Anderson arrived at American, the institution had been plagued by financial troubles and low enrollments, said its president, Richard Berendzen. American's net worth increased under Anderson from \$4 million to \$26 million and the number of faculty members doubled.

Anderson moved to St. Petersburg from Sarasota in 1984. He is survived by a son, Powell Robins Anderson of Rochester, N.Y.; a daughter, Kathleen Ruth Anderson of Tacoma Park, Md.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the American Council on Education, the Association of American Colleges, the Cosmos Club and is listed in Who's Who in the East.

A memorial service will be scheduled at Kay Chapel at American University.

## Hurst R. Anderson

A memorial service for Hurst Robins Anderson, 84, was held at American University, Washington, D.C. Anderson, a former president of Centenary College, died April 19 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Anderson, born in Cincinnati, headed the Hackettstown college from 1943 to 1948. He also headed Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., and later the American University, where he was an honorary chancellor until his death.

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