



Andrew M. Russo

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Andrew (Andy) Michael Russo passed away on March 6, 2017. He was born on November 9, 1938 in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late Thomas Dominic Russo and Anna (Helmeci) Russo Vargo.

Andy was a proud US Army Veteran. He made a career in the Steel industry, working as a Master Welder/Boilermaker for many years. He enjoyed traveling, was an avid reader, and a loyal Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins fan. More than anything, however, he cherished time spent with his family. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Andrew is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Janet "Elaine" (Valiska) Russo of Pittsburgh, PA, Denver, CO, and Lewes, DE; his daughters: Tiffany L. Russo and her husband Jim, of Bethesda MD, and Tara R. Russo of Wilmington, DE; his grandchildren: Abigail Russo Audas, and Andrew James Audas, his namesake, both of Bethesda, MD. In addition, he was the second of ten siblings, and is survived by siblings Claire (Bill) Roy, Thomas - his identical twin - (Catherine) Russo, the late Charlotte (Bob) Klasnick, James (Marilyn) Russo, Joseph "Jerry" (Lisa) Russo, the late Edward Vargo, Donna (John) Vargo Petrolla, and Garry (Connie) Vargo.

Andy loved Elaine and his family with fierce conviction, and personified the meaning of Live Well, Laugh Often, and Love Much. Andy leaves an exemplary legacy of love and integrity through his family and those who knew him. He has left behind wonderful memories of a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. He was spiritually strong, compassionate, intelligent, and had a clever sense of humor. Above all... he is loved and cherished by his family. "Love is how you stay alive even after you die" - Morrie Schwartz

We are grateful for each and everyday we got to see his glowing smile, and for the lessons learned and all the jokes we shared. We will miss him more than words can express. Our world is better and brighter because of him.



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A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00AM on Monday March 13, 2017, at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior 20276 Bay Vista Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggestions contributions in Andy's memory to: one of the following: Brain Support Network, at www.brainsupportnetwork.org, Delaware Hospice, at www.DelawareHospice.org, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, at www.LCOSRehoboth.org, or Cape Center for Movement Disabilities, at www.midwayfitness.com.

Please sign the online guestbook.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.





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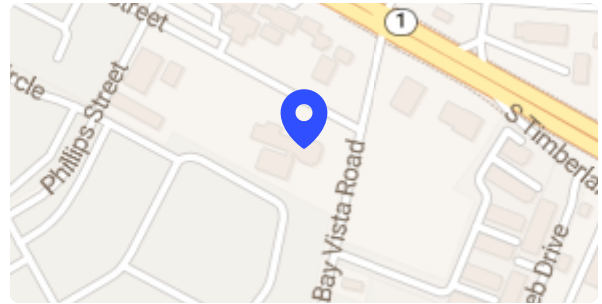
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Visitation

 **Monday**, March 13, 2017


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Lutheran Church of Our Savior**
20276 Bay Vista Road, Rehoboth Beach DE

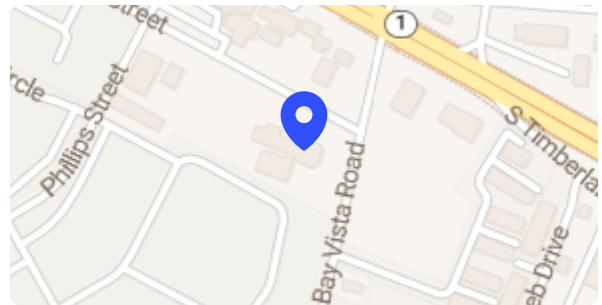


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NI

Nichole posted:

Sending warm thoughts and prayers to your family. He will be missed by many from LCOS.

March 14 at 2:42 PM

CC

Carol Cavallero lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Elaine and your family. We loved Andy very much and we will sincerely miss him. He was such a great person and had a wonderful personality! Bob will miss his buddy tremendously. May God comfort you at this time. Love, Bob & Carol Cavallero



March 11 at 8:12 AM



Rebecca Oreto posted:

It is always sorrowing to hear of the death of a wonderful person, and particularly when you know how much that person was loved and cherished by his family. Please accept my deepest sympathies in this difficult time. Rebecca Oreto (Tiffany's sister in law)

March 10 at 1:25 PM

BM

Brenda Matunas lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

My thoughts and prayers are with Tara & family during this difficult time. Brenda Matunas JP Morgan Chase



March 10 at 8:30 AM

KR

Karen Russo posted:

My thoughts and Prayers go out to all the Russo family and friends. May you always remember the happy times, and keep cherished memories close to your heart. Love to all. Karen (Joseph Russo & Lois daughter) & cousin to Andy

March 10 at 6:46 AM



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BL

Beth Russo Loomis posted:

I grew up across the street from my cousins. I remember stories my mom would tell me of how tiny Andy and Tommy were when they were born. Then they grew to be so tall and handsome. I haven't seen my cousins for many years, but the memories will forever remain. My deepest condolences to the family, the loss of one so loved is deeply felt. May you all find comfort in your memories. Beth (Russo) Loomis (Uncle Adolph & Aunt Betty's youngest daughter)

March 10 at 6:15 AM

JJ

Joannerusso Daughter Lois&Joerusso posted:

Big hug to all the family. ❤️ Love to all, Joanne Russo (Roiland)

March 9 at 2:59 PM

JF

Janis Rooker And Family sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Russo family.



March 9 at 2:25 PM

BK

Bob Klasnick posted:

I will deeply miss my Brother-in-Law AndyBob K

March 9 at 10:39 AM

LC

Lisa Camp lit a candle in honor of Andrew.



March 8 at 6:33 AM

TR

Tiffany Russo March 9 at 3:25 AM

Lisa - thank you so very much it means the world to me



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Pat Bohn lit a candle in honor of Andrew.



March 8 at 5:22 AM



Bill And Anne Lyons March 11 at 12:19 PM

Our thoughts and prayers remain with you Elaine and family during this sad and difficult time. Andy made the world a better place with the love he shared each day with his family and all man kind. His gentle nature and kind heart were very special attributes to him that he shared so freely.. We will miss you friend and neighbor. Hugs to all, Bill and Anne Lyons



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Andrew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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