



Andrew "Andy" Roberts

November 5, 1942 - July 4, 2021

The Mass of Christian Burial for Andrew Roberts of Wadena will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

With family at his side, Andrew, age 78, passed away on July 4, 2021, at the University of MN hospital, in Minneapolis, MN.

Andy was born in Minneapolis, MN on November 5, 1942 to Glenn and Barbara (Schackman) Roberts. He was the youngest of five children and they moved to Park Rapids when he was two years old. He was quite a handful and had many stories to tell about his Catholic School days, in particular getting in trouble with the nuns, falling through the ice on the river and many other shenanigans with his siblings.

In January 1960, Andy joined the United States Navy. He was very proud to be of service to his country and talked about the adventures to other countries and his time spent on the USS Lawrence. Andy was honorably discharged from the Navy in December of 1963.

In October of 1964, Andy married Pamela Pritchett and together they had seven daughters. In 1974, Andy purchased Andy's Electric Motor Service, which he owned for approximately 20 years. Andy then went on to work as a boiler operator for Potlatch until his retirement.

In those early days, Andy and Pam loved to fish and hunt. They enjoyed many years of hunting in the Smokey Hills. Andy hunted until 2020 with his children,

grandchildren, family and lifelong friends. He looked forward to deer camp every year and in fact wore the same red hat for more than 50 years. He made sure every new young hunter received an orange hat with their first year emblazoned on the front. He really loved narrating a good hunting story to all who would listen but especially to his grandchildren.

While raising their seven daughters, affectionately called "The Lucky 7," Andy and Pam enjoyed going for long car rides every evening after supper.

Andy really enjoyed spending holidays and special occasions with his family and loved handing out Christmas gifts to all the daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He always tried to make his gifts meaningful and fun.

Andy enjoyed cooking and he loved sweets. He was especially known for his bean soup and some of his daughters have spent years trying to duplicate it.

In 2003, Andy met and married Cathy Fah and they have lived together in Wadena for 18 years. They enjoyed spending time with both families and traveling in the U.S. and abroad, specifically going to annual Navy reunions held around the nation and reconnecting with those he served with.

Andy had a very strong faith and often made people feel closer to God. He and Cathy enjoyed mass and praying the rosary when in the car together.

Anytime there was an event at church, they would call Andy to volunteer and you could usually find him in the kitchen pouring coffee or washing dishes.

In his retirement, Andy enjoyed volunteering with the Wadena Lions Club where he earned the Helen Keller Sight Award. He held the offices of Director and Tail Twister and received the Lions perfect attendance award every year.

Andy volunteered with Wadena County driving veterans to medical appointments. He also enjoyed driving to Park Rapids 2-3 days a week to work at The Secret Garden. While in Park Rapids, he would visit friends & family, staying connected to the community where he grew up and raised his family.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Pam; sister, Anne Marie Jahn; brothers, Richard Roberts, William Roberts; sister-in-law Mary Roberts; step son-in-law Kevin Schwantz.

Andy is survived by his wife, Cathy of Wadena; daughters and their families: Connie (Russ) Carmichael of Park Rapids and their children and grandchildren, Logan (Kristina) Carmichael; Asarae (Matthew) Bartzatt – Jayce and Matayah; Andrew (Melissa) Carmichael – Cadin, Cole and Connor. Debbie (Tim) Lamb of Detroit Lakes and their children and grandchildren, Jenna (Andy) Lamb – Oliver; Summer (Floyd) Marshall – Kayden, Kiana, Kwinnlynn, Karielle; Nicki (Kasey) Hendrickson.

Kari (Eric) Smith of Park Rapids and their children and grandchildren, Rylee (Brenna) Smith – Gavin and Ryder; Talya Smith

Nikki (Dale) Rogers of Akeley and their children and grandchildren, Bethany (Casey) Rogers – Brantley; Lexi Feldt; Rodney Rogers

Andrea (Joe) Morgan of Park Rapids and their children, Hannah, Brandi and Tysen Morgan.

Shanna (Bryan) Amundson of Detroit Lakes and their children, Gage, Chase and Blake Amundson.

Chris (Dan) Moe of Menahga and their children, Bradly Rousu, Brandon (Taylor and unborn baby Colt) Rousu, and Emily Moe.

step children and their families:

Steve Fah of Wadena; Scott (Darlene) Fah of Hewitt and their children and grandchildren, Ken Fah; Kayla Kaeter – Kaydin and Troy; Brandon (Shannon) Fah of Hewitt; Laura Schwantz of Holdingford and her children and grandchildren, Brittany (Adam) Paasch – Trenton, Kaylee, Riley, and Elijah; Jessica (John) Sweep – Jay and Milo; Cassandra Schwantz.

sister, Barbara Jean (Doug) Goth of St. Michael, sister-in-law, Mary (Bob) Safratowich of Park Rapids; and many other nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Military Honors provided by MNAGHG.

Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. in Greenwood Cemetery, Park Rapids, MN.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery - Park Rapids

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 09, 2021 at 04:40 PM

CR

Sympathy to all the families of Andy Roberts'. May he RIP. Carol and Tom Risdal.

Carol Risdal - July 09, 2021 at 06:40 PM

DT

This was beautiful we will miss you Andy. Thank you for your service. You served our country with pride.

Duane Tingum - July 09, 2021 at 09:54 PM

DW

“ I met Robbie in January 1962 aboard USS Lawrence DDG 4. We were both "plankowners" (first crew on the ship) and were on board for her commissioning. We were both "boilermen" and worked together for 2 years. Robbie was discharged in Dec. 1963 and I was discharged in Jan. 1964. We had many good times together. He was a good friend & shipmate. He looked forward to our ship's reunions and we laughed and reminisced about our Naval experiences. We will all miss him, but he trusted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour and I know I'll see him again in Our Father's Kingdom. Dave Williamson BT3

Dave Williamson - July 14, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.*



July 12, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.*



July 12, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts*



Ben Tellers - July 11, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Rest in peace Andy. You will be missed in the neighborhood.*



Irene & Jerry Baron - July 09, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.*



July 09, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 09, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.*



July 08, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.*



July 07, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *Andy was always so willing to help in St. Ann's kitchen with the dishwasher. We would put him in charge of it because he knew how it worked. We will miss him., My sympathy to Cathy and family.*

Rose Johnson - July 07, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Carol A Osborn lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts*



Carol A Osborn - July 07, 2021 at 06:42 AM



“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts*



Rita Anderson - July 07, 2021 at 05:28 AM

FS

“ For Debbie and family, From Laurie & Sid purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.




For Debbie and family, From Laurie & Sid - July 06, 2021 at 11:24 PM

KR

“ Kim Ridley lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Kim Ridley - July 06, 2021 at 10:10 PM

 Lois Stelfug

“ Lois Stelfug lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Lois Stelfug - July 06, 2021 at 10:09 PM

MW

“ Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Myron and Karen Winkelman - July 06, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.



July 06, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ Andy was a good Wadena Lions member. He was there to help when ever he could.

Harry and Marge Harrison - July 06, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ Harry And Marge Harrison lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Harry and Marge Harrison - July 06, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Mike & Veronica Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Mike & Veronica Bondzin - July 06, 2021 at 11:24 AM

NC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. May Andy rest in peace!* ”



Nancy Cusey - July 06, 2021 at 11:22 AM

MP

“ *Morris And Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts* ”



Morris and Karen Priebe - July 06, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PL

“ *Rest in Peace sweet Andy.* ”



Paul and Elaine Lorentz - July 06, 2021 at 09:44 AM

 Ben Tellers

“ *Ben Tellers lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts* ”



Ben Tellers - July 06, 2021 at 09:37 AM

GK

“ *Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - July 06, 2021 at 07:46 AM

MV

“ *Mark J VonBank lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts*



Mark J VonBank - July 06, 2021 at 03:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Roberts.*



July 05, 2021 at 10:23 PM

AZ

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Andy's passing. I have many happy memories of him.
May your memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.*

Amber Zona - July 05, 2021 at 10:21 PM

AZ

“ Amber Zona lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Amber Zona - July 05, 2021 at 10:14 PM

JJ

“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Jon Johnson - July 05, 2021 at 10:13 PM

LW

“ Louie And Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts



Louie and Tina Wegscheid - July 05, 2021 at 09:25 PM

MF

“ My sympathies to Andy's wife Cathy and their families. Andy was such a wonderful man who was always ready to help anyone and was always ready to help with the St Ann's workers in the kitchen. He will definitely be missed by many. ~~~Marie



Marie Fraune - July 05, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JR

“ *Jack And Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Andy" Roberts*



Jack and Judy Richter - July 05, 2021 at 07:25 PM