



## Walter H. "Andy" Anderson, Sr.

November 17, 2017

Andy was born in Madison, Florida, April 30, 1942, a son of Henry and Rosalee (Thomas) Anderson and resided in the Ayer And Fitchburg area for over 45 years.

For eleven years Andy served his country in the United States Army including two tours in Vietnam. For the past 10 years he has worked as a delivery person for Advanced Auto Parts in Leominster and Gardner. Previously, he worked in the shoe department at JC Penney in Leominster as well as operating his own taxi service in Ayer. For several years he worked as an assistant at Nu-Car Sales in Ayer.

He was a member of New Patriot Christian Congregation in Fitchburg and participated in the choir there. He was also a member of the Thunderbolt Social Club and the International Veterans Chorus in Leominster.

Andy leaves his wife of 36 years, Judith M. (Thomas) Anderson; three sons, Jarrod Maclean of Chicopee, Matthew Anderson of Leominster, Walter H. Anderson Jr. of Norfolk, VA; a daughter, Alnita Evans of Petersburg, VA; two brothers, Glennie Anderson of Palatka, FL, Michael Adams of Kissimmee, FL; a sister, Melanie Love of Belglade, FL and seven grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall

LE

“ Oh no...I am so sorry.....he was a wonderful man who never forgot your name and was always open for a hug! An absolute sweetheart, who many times would bring people home if they'd had a bit too much to drink for the simple reason that he just wanted to make sure they made it home safely. He was one in a million.....he will be missed!

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**Leigh** - May 07, 2024 at 01:15 AM

TF

“ *Judy, Matt and Family*

*Our sympathy goes out to you and your entire family during this difficult time. We will never forget what a special, kind, fun-loving, happy-go-lucky, and huggable man he was. Andy, was there through our families losses, and just seeing his presents may you feel better, and at peace. We'll truly miss seeing him around town. We'll keep you all in our thoughts and prayers..God Bless*

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**The Rollins Family** - November 28, 2017 at 10:43 AM

DW

“ *Godspeed Andy. You were a good friend. Always a smile.....R.I.P.*

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**Donal Wallace** - November 24, 2017 at 07:04 PM

SH

“ My deepest condolences to your family for your loss. Andy was/will forever be remembered as THE 'Taxi Driver' of the town. Such the most beautiful, kindest loving of souls ~ he just loved and always wanted to give a part of himself to EVERYONE who crossed his path, even in the simplest of ways. He was a gentle giant. May he forever rest in peace with EVERY Angel... ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Sue Harsh Hebert - November 24, 2017 at 09:04 AM

DS

“ Andy was one of the first persons I met upon my arrival to Ayer, Ma My ten husband and I relocated to Ft. Devens military base. My husband was stationed at Devens shortly after we we were married in my home town of New York. Andy at that time was operating a cab service from Ayer of which I had the need to use on occasion. That's how I met the gregarious and always positive Andy.

Deborah Shields-Long - November 24, 2017 at 08:43 AM

WB

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Andy's family and friends. I was saddened to hear of this huge loss. Andy never addressed me by name, but by "Hi, TEACH!" I would, in turn, respond, "Hi, Andy. How are you?" It seemed like he would always see me before I saw him. If I had to sum up his character, I would have to say that Andy was the friendliest fellow in town. That would include any town, wherever he happened to be-- at JCPenney's, Sears, Ayer, church--wherever. Andy was just what this world needs, and he will be sorely missed.

Winnie Beasley - November 23, 2017 at 09:55 AM

RD

“ To the family so sorry for your lost.praying for the family strength in this difficult time. ..

Renay Delrosario - November 23, 2017 at 02:52 AM

PS

“ My heart goes out to the family and friends. Andy was such a kind sweet man that touched many. He will truly be missed.

Phillip Strout - November 22, 2017 at 04:12 PM

HH

“ So sad, such a great man. I will always remember working with him at JC Penney and hearing his laugh throughout the store. No matter how bad of a day you were having , he always made you smile. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. We are thankful we will see our brother again someday in heaven.

Heidi and Robert Harris - November 22, 2017 at 03:48 PM

PA

“ To the Family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Andy was such a nice caring man. He will be missed.

Paulette and Jerry Aragonas - November 22, 2017 at 01:57 PM

LP

“ Such a sweet,loving,kind soul. Your heart will be so missed. RIP

Lisa Percoskie - November 22, 2017 at 01:07 PM

JL

“ Andy, you will be missed by so many. The world had much to learn from your friendliness. You greeted everyone as if they were your family.

*Matthew and Judy, I will hold you in my thoughts and prayers. Ciarra and I understand the difficult road ahead of you. I promise you, a day will come when you find more joy in remembering than sorrow. Sending loving thoughts your way.*

*Love,  
Miss Jonie & fammily*

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**Jonie Latimer-Brady** - November 22, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ Betty mahon. As one florian to another Andy and I always joked around about the sand in our shoes. Anyone who needed a hand. Andy was always there to help r l p Andy gods peace to his family

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November 22, 2017 at 01:04 PM

TT

“ Andy - You warm smile and friendly personality will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. It will never be the same without you.

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**Theresa Tomic** - November 22, 2017 at 12:55 PM

SW

“ Our condolences go out to the family. God Bless and keep you.

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**Sue & Tom Woodward** - November 22, 2017 at 12:23 PM

GC

“ We are sad to see him go, he was a good friend. My kids remember his as Andy the candy man because everytime her was at the cab stand he would always gave them candy. He wwill be missed greatly from our whole famile. So sorry for your loss prayers to the family.

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**Gail & Romeo Colard** - November 22, 2017 at 12:21 PM

KC

“ RIP Andy! Thoughts and Prayers to the family. Andy was a huge part of the Town of Ayer and will be missed greatly! I am honored to know him!

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**Kerry Cooper** - November 22, 2017 at 10:39 AM

PT

“ Andy was always kind. When my father left he would check in from time to time to make sure that I was on the straight and narrow. I may not have had a father growing up but I was lucky enough to have had a few great men to look up to and learn from. Unfortunately one of these great men has passed. but I am sure that my mother will happy to hang out with her friend again to talk about the good times.

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**Phillip Thibault** - November 22, 2017 at 09:36 AM

KH

“ My heart goes out to the family Known Andy all my life great man glad I had opportunity to get know him thru the years R.I.P my friend you will be missed never forgotten

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**KEVIN HUMPHREYS** - November 22, 2017 at 06:31 AM

DK

“ *Judy, my heart goes out to you & your family. May God comfort you and give you strength. You are in my prayers.* ”

deitra kearney - November 22, 2017 at 03:52 AM

AC

“ *I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Andy was an amazing man with a huge heart. I'll always cherish how kind he was to my children and I. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Ashley Caddigan - November 21, 2017 at 10:57 PM

MC

“ *Rest in peace my friend I will miss you yelling hay Red God give the family strenght to get through these tough days ahead* ”

Martha Carter - November 21, 2017 at 10:55 PM

JT

“ *Judy and family, we share in your loss. Andy always had a smile on his face and a kind word on his lips. We are so very sorry for your loss, but so grateful that we got to know him over the last few years. Rest in peace Dear Andy. We will all miss you!* ”

JoAnn & Art Tunnessen - November 21, 2017 at 08:21 PM

JG

“ *Andy was a great friend I knew him for a long time  
We used too go too bingo in Ayer he going too be miss  
A great deal Jean I no his family will miss him* ”

Jean. Galvin - November 21, 2017 at 08:00 PM

MR

“ Andy will be greatly missed he was such an amazing guy When I was a kid he would always buy me ice cream Then as I got older every time he would see me he always had time to catch up and tell me what a great young lady I was turning into. I can honestly say I loved this man to pieces and will miss him ❤️

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**Melissa Richard-Castro** - November 21, 2017 at 06:58 PM

SB

“ My deepest condolences. Andy was a wonderful person and always had a smile on his face. I met him many years ago when he worked at NuKar - he used to bring the AAFES Vehicles back and forth to be detailed. He was very busy but always had a moment or two to say hello and make everyone feel like they were 'special'. Lots of love Andy - rest in peace.

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**Stephanie Barrows** - November 21, 2017 at 06:42 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your families loss, you have our deepest sympathies. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Sue

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**Sue Machado** - November 21, 2017 at 06:15 PM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Andy's family just a really terrific and friendly guy. We really have missed seeing him around town these last few years. Always very nice too Me my wife and boys. So sorry for yours loss and ours as well. Rest In Peace my friend ❤️

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**Brian Boomgaarden and family** - November 21, 2017 at 06:06 PM

KK

“ So sorry to hear about Andy's passing. One of the friendliest guys ever. Always a big smile and always asked about family members. A real fixture around Ayer. May he R.I.P.

Kevin and Margaret Kidde - November 21, 2017 at 05:23 PM

JS

“ I knew Andy for many years. We were friends when he was 1st stationed at Ft. Devens. Always eager to help you. Greatly appreciated by many. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to family.

Juanda Sloan - November 21, 2017 at 04:36 PM

BC

“ RIP Andy. The world lost a wonderful caring man.

brenda creighton - November 21, 2017 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ My heart goes out to all of you!! Andy was a wonderful guy! Always smiling always laughing and would always make you smile no matter what your mood was!! He will be missed by many!!!

Debbie Humphreys - November 21, 2017 at 04:06 PM

AP

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Andy will be missed by so many. He life coached me to be a better person and without him I may have taken a very different path. Forever grateful for such a wonderful adult figure he was to me growing up. May he rest easy.

Anneliese Place - November 21, 2017 at 03:18 PM

CS

“ We were sad to hear of Andy's passing. We will be away during This Thanksgiving week but we will have him and his family in our hearts and prayers. He has always been a smiling happy go lucky person greeting everyone like a long lost friend. From his taxi days until his last days... he will be remembered fondly.

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**Carolyn and Brian Sargent** - November 21, 2017 at 03:00 PM

AB

“ I send prayers of strength to his family. Sorry for your loss.

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**Amanda Bourque** - November 21, 2017 at 02:50 PM

SW

“ Anita and family...you all have my deepest and dearest sympathy during this difficult time. I was blessed to meet your father once a while ago and I could tell he was a good man. Cherish the memories you've made and shared, he'll live on thru you guys. I'm here if you need anything. Again my prayers and condolences to you.

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**Sharron Washington** - November 21, 2017 at 02:40 PM

NC

“ You will be greatly missed I knew for 41 years you were a great man

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**Nereida J Colvin** - November 21, 2017 at 02:37 PM

JW

“ God Bless you Andy you were a great friend and a wonderful person it was a pleasure knowing you. You always had a smile and made me laugh when I was down. My prayers go out to your family.  
RIP

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**Joyce Wood** - November 21, 2017 at 02:35 PM

BM

“ I knew Andy my whole life. He was a dear friend to my dad, Lyndsey. I can remember him at all of his jobs. He always went out of his way to say hello and make people smile. He will be greatly missed. See you on the other side. Bonnie

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**Bonnie Mullan** - November 21, 2017 at 02:25 PM

JJ

“ Rest In Peace Uncle Andy. You were an amazing man. I used to see you everywhere I went. The mall, downtown Ayer, and just the most random places. You'd always be smiling and joking with someone. You were always there for me and my family and took us in as your own even though we aren't blood you'll be my great uncle. You are a very loved man and have a beautiful soul.

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**Jazlynn Jones** - November 21, 2017 at 02:16 PM

RW

“ My deepest condolences to the families U knew Andy for many years and he will be missed truly by many Andy was a friend to all Rip my friend

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**Roxann White** - November 21, 2017 at 02:05 PM

JH

“ RIP Unc, I will always remember your laugh. Though we weren't blood you always treated me as family. You were forever loving and I will always remember those warm hugs every time you seen me. Love and peace to the Anderson Family ❤️

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**Jennifer Haynes** - November 21, 2017 at 01:58 PM

PP

“ rest in peace Andy you are going to be always in our hearts great friend great family man great father have a nice Paradise sent my sympathy do your wife and kids goodbye friend

Parthenon. Pizza - November 21, 2017 at 01:54 PM

KC

“ Judy, Matt, and family --  
I was so saddened and sorry when I heard of the passing of your beloved husband/father. I knew Andy for many years, though not as long as many, but I was still fortunate enough to be able to call him a friend. He went above and beyond in ways I never even asked of him. He always had something to say to put a smile on my face and bring forth a chuckle. He was a kind, thoughtful person, and I will surely miss seeing and talking with him. I know he is resting peacefully in heaven now.

Kathy Chester - November 21, 2017 at 01:53 PM

CN

“ RIP to a dear friend and family who was always there when u needed him a Gud man with A heart of Gold he is man that was there for every one Rest In Peace in a better place now you'll be see your friends and family Always in our heart ❤️ RIP keep dancing and in my prayers always singing

Carmen R Nieves - November 21, 2017 at 01:43 PM

TF

“ Such a great man and a great soul there's so much that he has taught me as a person that I will always remember.he will be missed by everyone he came in contact with he touch so many life's. RIP Uncle Andy you will be miss and never forgotten.

The stothart family - November 21, 2017 at 01:24 PM

LC

“ A true testament to a man is how he loves his children. Mr. Anderson was a father like no other. I would often marvel at the love he expressed to Matt while I was his teacher. Unabashed and unconditional. May God give him eternal rest.

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**Lolly Capasso** - November 21, 2017 at 01:10 PM

BG

“ Dear Judy and family, I first met Andy when he started working at my Uncle's car lot in Ayer in the 1970's. Andy, with his ubiquitous smile and his engaging sense of humor, fast became a fixture in downtown Ayer, and an adopted member of our family. He truly was a citizen of Ayer, the most popular man in town, beloved by all. He was a real life George Bailey like the star of the movie It's a Wonderful Life. Andy would do anything to help a person in need. A true gentle man who will be missed by all who had the good fortune to have known Andy. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Bobby Gardner** - November 20, 2017 at 10:39 PM

JS

“ My sincere sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. Andy was a pleasure to know, and always had a kind word and big smile. May you take comfort in knowing he was loved by many.

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**Julie Sullivan Sallet** - November 20, 2017 at 09:15 PM

DR

“ My condolences to the family of Andy my brother in Christ, He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Be strong in the Lord.

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**David Reaves** - November 20, 2017 at 07:11 PM

GE

“ *Great Guy, Always Smiling ,,RIP..*

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**Gail English** - November 20, 2017 at 05:21 PM

PM

“ *To the Anderson Family our deepest sympathy goes out to you. Andy was like Imani and KK's "Adopted grandfather" and they both loved him very much. (As well as myself) He was a fantastic gentle man who would do anything for the people he cared about. He will be forever missed at NPCC. Gone but never forgotten. Judy blessings and prayers are going up for you and the family to stay strong. We love you. ~Phaedra, Imani and Kayanna.*

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**Phaedra Imani Kayanna McLaurin** - November 20, 2017 at 04:29 PM

LJ

“ *Judy and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We will forever remember his stories, that smile, and that huge laugh he had. We wish you peace in your time of sorrow.  
He will certainly be missed.  
Lisa and John Joyce*

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**Lisa and John Joyce** - November 20, 2017 at 02:54 PM

BA

“ *Jarrold and family-  
I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing. I can always remember as a kid his friendly smile when he lived by the school and his authoritative voice always got my attention :-). He will be missed.*

*Bill Adamson*

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**Bill Adamson** - November 20, 2017 at 02:48 PM

SM

“ Thinking of you, at this time of loss,  
We will greatly miss him.

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**Steven & Pamela Myllykangas** - November 20, 2017 at 12:16 PM

DS

“ I knew Andy when he was working in Ayer. Everybody knew Andy  
or should I say Andy knew everybody. He always greeted me with a  
BIG Smile & hug. Always Happy & upbeat. I am sending my  
condolences to all of Andy's family.

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**Denise Stepleton** - November 20, 2017 at 12:06 PM

TC

“ Andy, may you have a peaceful rest. Thank you for serving our  
Country. My condolences to the Anderson family. Andy was the  
"unofficial" greeter to Ayer. Always a smile on his face and imparted  
words of wisdom to many. Godspeed

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**Tobe MacLeod Conway** - November 20, 2017 at 11:53 AM