



Andrew Salvatore Bonaventura

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"Andy was a true ray of sunshine to all that knew him, he had the ability to really light up a room, and would strike up a conversation with anyone he encountered." Andrew Salvatore Bonaventura of Vancouver, WA, passed away May 23, 2014. Andy was born in Sicily Italy, to Joseph and Antonina Bonaventura. In 1948, the Bonaventura's immigrated to Boston, MA. Andy attended Medford High and went on to pursue his passion for education at Suffolk University, where he earned his MS and BA in Mathematics. Andy was a math teacher at and an assistant principal at Don Bosco Tech in Boston, MA. He then went on to teach math at Gloucester High. His students always called him "Mr. B.". Upon moving to the NW, Andy was a substitute teacher at, Evergreen, Vancouver, and Battle Ground school districts. In his spare time, Andy was the President of his HOA and Vice President of the Sons of Italy. Andy leaves behind his wife, Vicki; step-son, Chad and Jeremy Nelson; step-daughters, Kimberley Ybarro, Ali Della Russo and Remy Nuzzo; his sister, Joanne Ursino; and brother, Vinnie Bonaventura, who still reside in Massachusetts. He was preceded in death by wife, Patricia Bonaventua, mother of Kimberley, Ali and Remy. Celebration of his life will take place Thurs., June 5, 2014 at 4:30 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal, located at 426 E. 4th Plain Blvd. and "F" Street. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the educational institute of your choice. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My brother Andy was a wonderful person who was full of life. His laughter filled a room. His smile warmed our hearts. His passing has come as a great shock to us. He will be dearly missed by all of us.*

Joanne Ursino - May 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Andy was a wonderful person and friend. We met him through the Sons of Italy lodge. He always made us feel welcome. He was really good at Bocci and shared his tips and tricks. Andy taught Melissa how to do a great bank shot. He will be missed and thought of fondly. Our condolences to his family and our hearts go out to Vicki.*

Stephen & Melissa Meli - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM