



## Andrew Robert Serocki

May 12, 1953 - September 14, 2020

SEROCKI, Andrew. September 14, 2020. Age 67. Beloved husband of Kathy for 38 incredible years. Cherished son of the late Andrew (Pauline). Dearest brother of Debra (the late Steve) Halliday, the late Dennis (the late Sheila) Haamen, and the late Kenneth. Beloved nephew of Eunice (the late George) Rusniak, and Robert (Theresa). Proud and loving uncle and great-uncle to many nieces and nephews and cherished by many loving cousins. Andrew attended Northern Michigan University where he graduated in 1978 with a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts, and Photography. He cherished all of his family and friends where everyone would agree he was the life of the party. He also enjoyed spending his time outdoors where he loved to go hunting and fishing. A Memorial Mass at St. Blase Catholic Church, 12151 15 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, will be held Friday October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. with the family receiving friends at 9:00 a.m. Inurnment to immediately follow Mass at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family would prefer any donations be sent to Henry Ford Transplant Institute. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

In 1980 Andy met the love of his life Kathy while waiting in line at a Denny's restaurant. True love moved quickly and within 8 months they were engaged and married shortly after. They were blessed to share 38 wonderful years together.

While at Northern Michigan University Andy excelled in their art program. His abstract artwork was done using acrylic paints in very precise air brush techniques. Many of his paintings also included neon lights and tubing which added another dimension to his work. Several of Andy's pieces were on display at galleries including the De Vos Art Institute at Northern Michigan University and special exhibits held at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Andy will forever be remembered for his witty jokes, wonderful sense of humor, and his embellished grandiose story telling. No one quite knew what to expect from Andy. He dreamed up pranks to play on family and friends. From the traumatic stories of the Eye of Maduba, the hand of Midas and transforming himself into a seaweed camouflaged deck dwelling monster to scare his unsuspecting mother-in-law while fishing on the dock at Harsens Island; his imagination was limitless.

Andy was an avid member of the Lapeer County Sportsman's Club where he enjoyed cowboy action shooting with friends where he shot at targets under the alias "Tocco de Cockroach" while wearing a sombrero and brightly colored poncho.

He greatly enjoyed hunting in Harbor Beach. He never tried too hard to shoot a deer and often sat gun unloaded, enjoying the camaraderie of time spent with hunting buddies while cracking jokes, laughing and enjoying nature. Over 20 plus years of the sport he managed to bag 3 deer....maybe?

Andy was passionate about his fishing. He frequented Florida and Canada and could be seen casting a line off of charter boats. In Florida on his favorite party boat, The Dolphin, he would catch many varieties of fish, and an occasional unsuspecting sea turtle, octopus and once a bait thieving tiny alligator.

Once while visiting Florida, Andy spotted an injured pelican who was entangled in some fishing wire. Taking pity upon it, he captured it and freed it from its entanglement. This began his life-long obsession with pelicans and his search for knick-knacks of anything pertaining to pelicans so much so that it became his signature animal.

While recuperating at home after a lengthy 55 day hospital stay, Andy noticed a neighbor being attacked by two pit bulls. Not considering his own safety he rushed to save his elderly neighbor from being mauled to death. While she sustained serious injuries, she was spared from far worse due to the swift actions of Andy who fought off the pit bulls with his cane. His heroic act got the attention of local news.

There are many facets to Andy's wonderful personality. He was loving, generous, caring, humorous and even courageous. His personality was larger than life and will never be forgotten by all those who knew and loved him.

In 2011 Andy was diagnosed with heart disease. From that time on he endured a prolonged and courageous battle with multi-system organ disease that included heart, kidney and liver. In 2019 Andy was placed on a dual organ transplant waiting list to replace his heart and kidneys. Unfortunately, due to the progression of his illness he was removed from the list. The family would like to encourage everyone to consider organ donation to share the gift of life with others.

The family would like to thank you for all your support, prayers and kind words. Your kindness means the world to us. God bless.

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Mass**

OCT 2. 9:30 AM.

St. Blase Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ We are so very sorry for you loss. My husband Tom and I went to Northern with Andy and Andy was my supervisor in the dorm cafeteria. We used to have so much fun and Andy would always tease us and give us a hard time about work. Always joking. I always said he was one of the best supervisors I have ever had in my working years. We were so sad to hear of his passing. May all your memories of him give you peace and comfort during this difficult time

*With heartfelt condolences,  
Kittie and Tom Roach*

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**Kittie Kelley-Roach** - October 08, 2020 at 09:07 PM

CP

“ Rest in Peace my friend, you will be forever missed and loved. Your funny stories were the absolute best. My love and prayers to your family.

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**Christine Park** - October 02, 2020 at 12:43 PM

JC

“ I met Andy and Debbie Serocki in 9th grade and we became good friends.

We always had fun together and Andy took great pleasure in pulling pranks and trying to scare me. I remember one summer a few of us participated in a scavenger hunt/road rally. We took turns driving (the family station wagon). One person drive while the others looked at maps that were laid out in the back. It was nighttime and my turn to drive. I was unaware but Andy crawled out the back window and climbed over the roof of the car. It was pitch black, we were in the middle of the boonies and it was creepy. At the same time Andy leaned over into my front windshield with his face while reaching around with his arm and strangling my neck thru the side window.... needless to say it scared the hell out of me as I screamed and almost drove off of the road. We have laughed about that prank then and. continue to laugh about it now over 40 years later..... that was Andy!!

Andy was a great guy and he will be missed!

Judy Cronander

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Judy Cronander - October 02, 2020 at 09:35 AM

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Donna Hunter - September 23, 2020 at 06:24 AM

DH

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Donna Hunter - September 20, 2020 at 03:36 PM

AP

“ So many good memories of Andy but one of my favorites was our Texas Hold'Em poker games in our pajamas. We would meet at each other's houses frequently to play and since the evenings ran late we just started wearing our pajamas to start. One night we were meeting Kathy and Andy for dinner at a restaurant and Andy strolled in wearing his new Christmas P.J.'S! I think the restaurant staff enjoyed it as much as Kathy, Phil and myself. Always fun, generous, and such a good "buddy" to our daughter Christine. Andy was an Angel before he ever made it to heaven. Annie Park-Huber

Annie Park-Huber - September 18, 2020 at 09:32 PM

MH

“ Andy, You were an inspiration to me when going got tough or I had a bad day. Knowing you were waiting for a transplant and still going through each day with a smile made it alot easier. I told people you were my transplant buddy. Kathy you are a champion too! Working with Andy every day isn't an easy job. Your love and support kept him going. God bless you both. Sending prayers, love, and hugs to all the family.

Marge Howard - September 18, 2020 at 09:03 PM

DH

“ Andy

*I met you in our mother's womb and will meet you again in Heaven someday. I can't imagine my life without you in it. Your "favorite" sister. Deb*



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**Debra Halliday** - September 18, 2020 at 03:26 PM

KC

“ *One of my best memories with Uncle Andy and Aunt Kathy was when they took me to Niagra Falls on vacation with them for a week in 2015. We toured many different places, visited a wax museum and took a boat ride on the Maid of the Mist.*

*Thank you for your generosity, all your love you had for me and your time. My time spent with you and Aunt Kathy is so invaluable and I will forever have that special memory.*

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**Kristen Cowell** - September 17, 2020 at 07:51 PM

KC

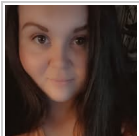
“ Uncle Andy had this creepy little hand puppet that was of this old bald guy. He was able to contort it's face into many facial expressions, that coupled with the voice he gave it just freaked me out. He told me that I better be being a good little girl because he (the puppet) knew when I was naughty. I swear when I was visiting our aunt and uncle Serocki I was on my best behavior. 🤞

Kristen Cowell - September 17, 2020 at 07:41 PM

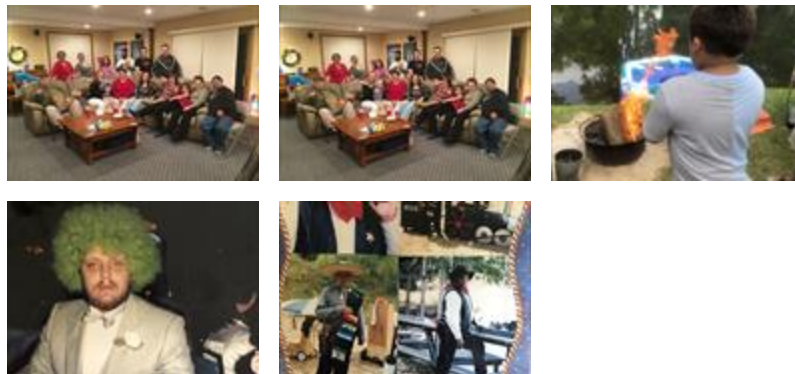
KC

“ I remember when I was maybe 8-9 yrs old Uncle Andy morphed into Santa one year. He was sitting downstairs on the sofa when all the sudden he acted like he had a bad case of indigestion. Then he acted all dramatic and told me to go get my mom (mom never came so she probably knew it was one of his pranks). When I returned he miraculously sprouted a beard. This process repeated a couple of times until he was in full Santa attire. Then I remember parading around the neighborhood with him.

Kristen Cowell - September 17, 2020 at 07:34 PM



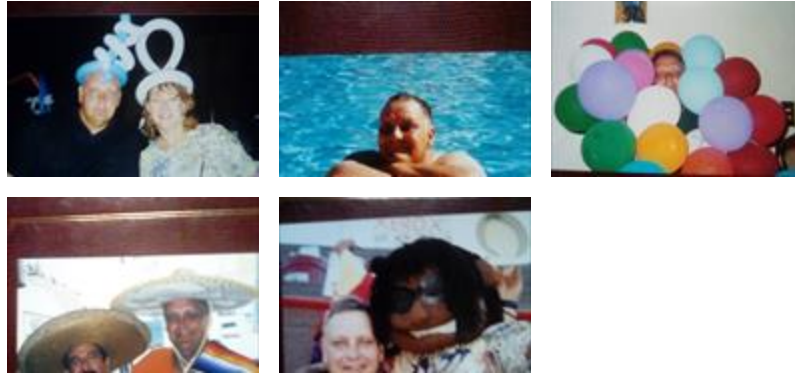
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Chelsea Cowell - September 17, 2020 at 02:13 PM

KS

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Kathleen Strobbe - September 17, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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Kathy - September 17, 2020 at 08:54 AM

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Kathy - September 17, 2020 at 08:48 AM



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Kristen Cowell - September 16, 2020 at 10:30 PM

RH

*I graduated from Northern Michigan University with a BFA in December the same year as Andy. It was in the Northern magazine that I saw his name and just as I was reading had realized that he was gone. Jesus is a good friend of mine and I know he has many friends in his new home. I realized he was a fine person when I saw him and his friend John busy in their paint studios. They were very kind to me at that time when I didn't have that many people around who I knew besides my then steady boyfriend Bob Hughes. They were always comical but busy with their future plans. Glad to see he found love in his life. Blessings to all of you!*

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**Renee Hardy** - November 27, 2020 at 10:56 AM



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**Kristen Cowell** - September 16, 2020 at 10:21 PM