



Andrew Joseph Farina

October 10, 1960 - May 25, 2022

Andy Joseph Farina (October 10, 1960-May 25, 2022), dearly beloved son, brother, cousin, and friend, passed away peacefully in the home of his favorite cousin Jean Twohill Sanders, with whom he shared a very close relationship since childhood. Andy is preceded in death by his brother Chris, and he is survived by his parents Charles “Buzz” and Sylvia, his brother Jimmy (Tari, Nicole, Wendy) and Richie Farina. Andy was first and foremost a valued friend and confidante to those who knew him best. His interests were diverse and included culinary arts, theater, and travel. Always the gourmand, Andy was a magician in the kitchen, and beyond his cooking skills, Andy was an opera enthusiast and appeared as supernumerary in many productions of the Lyric Opera of Chicago. Above all, Andy was a fascinating storyteller, loyal companion, and stalwart drinking buddy, always offering an insightful, acerbic witticism or a wildly funny and oh-so-inappropriate comment with expert timing. He occupied a large part of many lives and will be missed, but it was often said of him, “What’s the first thing Andy does in the morning? He goes home.” So, now that Andy has left us, it is perhaps best to assume he has gone home. Cremation rites have been accorded with no services planed at this time. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family suggests that you make a donation to your local animal shelter or rescue organization. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, IL.

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Joseph Farina*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Andrew Joseph Farina*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Knew Andy in my teenage years from the neighborhood. He was a very kind, happy and fun friend. I will forever hold found memories.*

cindy santos - June 12, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I had known Andy for many years. I was lucky to have worked on tv shows with him, and to have shared the stage in more than a few operas with him. He was a big man with a big heart, and big personality. I will miss him, but I will always have the memories of the times we shared. Fare the well, good friend.*



Christopher Vaughn - June 01, 2022 at 10:20 PM

CJ

“ Andy was a larger than life character. I enjoyed doing his makeup for the opera, where he was often a supernumerary actor. He was so full of life, laughter, crazy jokes and humor and of course he had his love for the culinary arts. I loved seeing the photos of his daily creations from work or home. I will miss his banter online. He is deeply missed.

Chantelle Johnson - May 28, 2022 at 01:39 AM

RK

“ My deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Dear Andy. I do know that Andy and Roger Kamys are up there looking down at us and catching up. He will be missed dearly, Rena Kamys widow of Roger

Rena kamys - May 27, 2022 at 10:29 PM

TP

“ I have so many great memories of Andy from culinary school to becoming roommates and lifelong friends. We always had great dinners and gut busting laughs together. You will be missed dearly brother! Love ya, man.

Teddy Panos - May 27, 2022 at 01:20 PM

TP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Teddy Panos - May 27, 2022 at 01:09 PM

SP

“ So many memories of good times with the larger than life Andy Pandy. These include times spent together in America and him visiting us in the UK. RIP big lad xxxx

Sharon Kearney Phelan - May 27, 2022 at 01:26 AM

CH

“ 3 files added to the album LYRIC OPERA



CHARLIE - May 26, 2022 at 09:39 PM

MJ

“ Andy was a close and dear friend who I spent lots of time with in our early years. I have so many good memories of him. He was such a good person and good to hang out with! I am so sorry for the family, he will certainly be missed.

Mark Jones - May 26, 2022 at 07:46 PM

JS

“ Andy was a bigger than life, frequent part of my college experience as his cousin Jean's roommate. Always funny, always kind. It was a gift to have gotten to spend some time with him at Easter this year, although I didn't realize how precious that day. He will be one of those people that I hadn't seen for years til recently, but who will be deeply missed always. When I think of him, I will smile, I will blush, I will cry a bit, and I will laugh with my whole heart. ❤️

juli Stefanczyk - May 26, 2022 at 03:54 PM