

ANDREW "ANDY" S. KISTY, JR.
DECEMBER 29, 1948 - OCTOBER 6, 2023



Andrew (Andy) S. Kisty Jr., age 74, passed away peacefully with his beloved wife, Suzanne, by his side. He battled aggressive cancer with amazing grace, bravery, and strength. He lived every day with positivity and determination, not letting the disease keep him from doing the things he loved. He was a true warrior. Andy was an eternal optimist, always believing he would beat this cancer. He was a remarkable,

courageous, and intelligent man. He cared deeply for the people around him, always extending a helping hand to others in need. Andy lived life to the fullest, loved fiercely, and always exhibited unshakeable courage and loyalty.

His journey began growing up in Hazelwood, Pennsylvania for most of his young life. His father fondly called him "Ace" and taught him how to play sports. Prior to graduating from High School, Andy utilized his artistic talents working in the Art Department of Westinghouse, East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Andy attended St. Casimir High School, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1966. After high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. He was a Staff Sergeant and received an honorable discharge in 1974.

Andy was an Assistant Business Agent and President of The Ironworkers Local 3 Pittsburgh. He was a pioneer in the development of the modern-day union trades for improved worker safety, comprehensive health care, benefits, and retirement plans.

He was a Hazelwood Little League player where he participated in a World Series Tournament in Williamsport, PA that represented region champs from the Pittsburgh area. Andy was also a former player, Coach and Captain for Ironworks Local 3 Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament teams and Pittsburgh Building Trades Tournament Champions, which was managed by Bill Caye Sr., a close friend and fellow Ironworker.

Andy excelled in many sports, including baseball, softball, basketball, boxing, and arm wrestling. He enjoyed American Indian culture, movies, dancing, the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Pittsburgh Penguins, movies from the 70s, 80s and 90s, and the Superman series. He loved fishing when he was a child, spending time outdoors, and as an adult, he designed his own house, loved landscaping his yard, and spending time in Florida. Andy enjoyed spending time with close friends, telling stories about his life experiences and was always enthusiastic about everything he did. He also donated to The American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Andrew S. Kiszty Sr., and mother, Margaret (Margie) Kiszty. Andy is survived by his wife, Suzanne (Hayworth); daughters, Kara Leigh Raymond, and Alyse Andrea Kisty; grandchildren, Sylvie Kouchouk, Lawson Raymond, Kai Kisty, Kopeland Raymond and Kapri Raymond; brother, Stephen Kisty and his family, and a host of loving relatives.

Non-family members who were dear to Andy's heart are Bill Caye Jr., Jules Caye, Joe and Debbie Delisio, Chuck Bonasorte, Alex Coghill, Anthony Coghill, Bill Kelly, James Trombetta, Judge Robert Horgos, Ed O'Ross, Darryl Petroski, Mark Mortland, Joe Martin, and many others.

In loving memory of an incredibly special husband, God made a special soulmate, especially for me. A perfect gentleman, who was compassionate and kind. He gave my darling husband a heart of gold. He was someone I could talk to and laugh with until tears ran down my face.

If I could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again. The next time we meet will be at Heaven's door. When I see you there, I won't cry anymore. I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face. Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place. I miss you so much. Love you, always and forever.

Funeral Arrangements by **BEINHAUER FUNERAL HOME**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, 724-941-3211. A Private Memorial will be held by his wife.

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