



Andrew Joseph Brocato Jr.

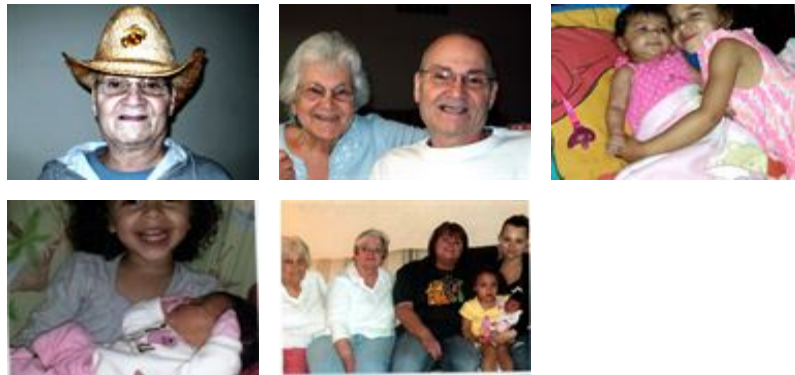
May 31, 1949 - July 6, 2015

Andrew Joseph Brocato Jr., 66 of Cherry Valley died on July 6, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 31, 1949 in Chicago, son of Andrew and Rosalie (Volpe) Brocato Sr. Graduate of Proviso West High School, Hillside. After graduation, Andrew enlisted in the United States Marines; while serving in Vietnam, he was the recipient of numerous medals including a Purple Heart. United in marriage to Melody Hayden on May 29, 1969 in New Bern, NC. Formerly employed as a police officer for Memorial Park District in Bellwood, and in Glendale Heights; retiring from the Department of Defense. Survived by his wife, Melody; daughter, Rose Brocato; granddaughter, Brittany Brocato; great-granddaughters, Aunnalea, and Samiyah; mother, Rosalie Volpe, all of Cherry Valley; father, Andrew Brocato of Florida; brother, Paul (Sherry) Brocato of Florida; sisters and brothers-in-law in Minnesota and Florida, and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his son, Nick Brocato on August 18, 2012. Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Visit www.graceFH.com. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall



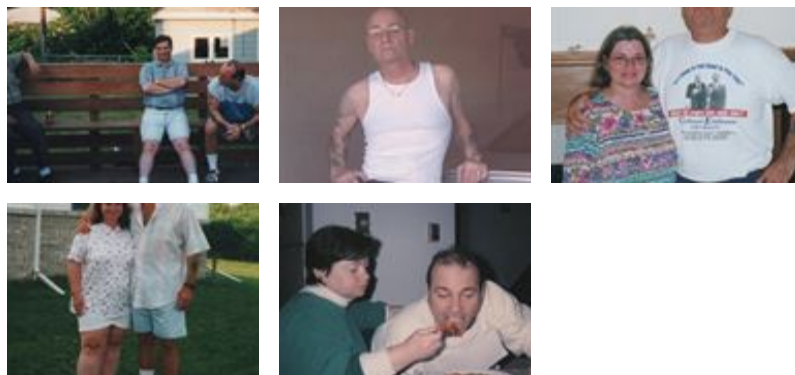
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Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - July 16, 2015 at 04:21 PM



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AH

“ To Melody and the entire Brocato Family - Andy was truly a great person and he will be missed. He is gone far too soon, and I enjoyed the time I was able to visit and spend with him. You could tell through visiting with him and Melody that she meant the world to him, and that he worried a great deal about taking care of her, and really everyone he trusted and cared about. Every time I would visit their house - he would offer us about 15 things before we walked in the door.

He appreciated the UPS family that Melody had - but you could tell he was very glad when she retired. You will be missed Andy and don't worry - you left everyone in very good hands - and you would not have had it any other way. Take care my friend, and we love you Mel. Anthony Haymond - UPS

Anthony Haymond - July 10, 2015 at 10:28 AM

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SB

“ With myself being one of the youngest nieces and living so far away I didn't get to spend much quality time with my uncle but if you knew Andy at all every experience with him usually ends in a story and some laughs. Uncle Andy is a crazy and loveable man but yet so humble and i am proud that his blood runs through me! You will always be missed and live on through all our memories until we meet again. LOVE YOU

Stacey Brocato - July 09, 2015 at 11:22 AM

DU

“ Duke lit a candle in memory of Andrew Joseph Brocato Jr.



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Sherry Enzenbacher Brocato - July 09, 2015 at 10:35 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Andrew Joseph Brocato Jr..



July 09, 2015 at 08:52 AM

JH

“ We moved in next door to Andy about 9 years ago and one day the door bell rang and there they were at the front door with a complete meal, steaks from the grill , baked potatoes, salads, veggies, and dessert. What a treat!

Joe & Trudy Hunt - July 08, 2015 at 09:49 PM

AK

“ I have many memories of Andy being a big brother to not only Paul, but to myself and our other friend Paul. Although I have not seen him in many years, I have all these fond memories of how he always looked out for us and tried to keep us out of harm's way. So sorry for your sudden loss. Our prayers are with you.



Lisa & Tony Klepek

Anthony Klepek - July 08, 2015 at 08:13 PM

RB

“ I miss you terribly Dad

Rose Brocato - July 08, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ Uncle Andy you will be missed. I love to reminisce about going to Chicago as a kid and you and Aunt Melody and Nick would come pick me up and take me on the weekends, especially when we went to Great America and we went on the scary ship that spun upside down and everyone was laughing at me because I was terrified. I also remember you giving me and Nick piggy back rides and running around the house with us on your back! My favorite thing to do was come visit with you guys when I came to Chicago, thank you for all the good times, I Love You, untill we meet again, rest in peace.

Heather Schroeder - July 08, 2015 at 06:54 PM

PB

“ I have so many memories of Andy and myself and so much fun we had every time we were together that I would be writing for days. So, I am just going to say what he meant to me. My big Brother was the most unselfish person I ever knew. Money was never a concern, what was his and I liked and couldn't get on my own, he would give to me. I'm talking Motorcycles, cars, money and anything else that he had when we were younger and I was still a punk. My big Brother saved me from getting my butt kicked (literally) more times than I could remember. I would start some trouble because I thought I was a tough guy and Andy would bail me out. He truly was a tough, tough son of a gun who never let his little brother down. My big Brother also was a war hero, Vietnam A Go Go as he called the war when writing letters home to his family. He had two Purple Hearts along with other medals defending our country. He was a Marine!!. Out of 70 guys in Boot Camp 6 made rank, my brother was one of those 6 tough marines to do so. My big Brother was so brutally honest, most people would not associate with him, they missed out on some fun and truthful facts about themselves. My family and myself bring him up in many conversations when speaking of family, and we always come away laughing. I know GOD has a special place for heros and I feel great comfort knowing that he will take care of my big Brother. Love you Bro!!!

Paul Brocato - July 08, 2015 at 06:08 PM

SB

“ Andy was a germaphobe so when we would come over he would tell me don't touch me I always grabbed him and gave him a big kiss on the face he would act all disgusted but I new he loved me and didn't care, I loved him very much I will miss him.

Sherry Brocato - July 08, 2015 at 05:03 PM

DH

“ I have so many fun memories of Andy & Paul at Aunt Rosalie's. But one I'll never forget The 4th of July always brings a memory of when Andy had an M80 and was going to scare Paulie and I with it. He lit it, and threw it right between us. We screamed but the debris flew and hit Andy instead. It wasn't funny but it's one of those things we did as kids that kept cousins close. He also had Paul & me baptize Baby Rosalie. We were very young and I felt very honored by that decision.

There was lot of other crazy stuff that we did together growing up. I looked up to him, he was a good man.

I'm so sorry for the loss all of you must be feeling right now.

Deborah Hepler - July 08, 2015 at 05:02 AM

SB

Andy was my brother in law he was so good to me from the time we first met he tried to be a tough guy but really had a soft heart for his family Paul and I would go to his and Mels apt when we were young and hang out with them we had so much fun being together I missed not being around all the family and Paul was looking forward to seeing him when he retired it is such a loss in our hearts we loved him so much till we meet again Andy we love you

Sherry Brocato - July 08, 2015 at 01:52 PM