



Andrew D. Wright

June 27, 1976 - April 21, 2025

Andrew D. Wright, 48, of Fond du Lac, died on Monday, April 21, 2025, at his home.

He was born on June 27, 1976, in Janesville, the son of David and Carol (Shafer) Wright. Andy graduated from Goodrich High School, Class of 1994 and from U.W. Oshkosh. Andy worked in home improvement sales.

Andy was always adventurous and “the strong-willed child.” He loved music, hunting, and fishing with his friends and his son Leaf. Affectionately known as “Randy” to his friends, he was always the life of the party.

Andy will be dearly missed by his mother Carol, his brothers: Mike and Matt (Holly), his son Leaf and his mother Gretchen, his nieces: Olive and Hattie, many friends, and relatives.

He is preceded in death by his father David, maternal grandparents Bill and Barb Shafer, paternal grandparents Ed and June Wright, Aunt Sony, Uncle Tom, and cousin Lisa.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial services will be held at 12:30 PM on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be used to further the education of his son Leaf.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

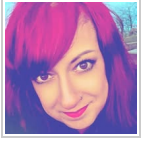
Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *My heart is so very heavy. I'm stunned. Shocked. So saddened. I have had some amazing times with Andy and he will forever remain in my heart. A great loss indeed. You're big heart and amazing laughter was a blessing to all who knew you. Love and light to the family* ☐

Amanda Tocco - May 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM

RB

“ *Sending our condolences to the family you're in our thoughts and prayers. Russell and Dan Hershberger Beier.*

Russell Beier - April 27, 2025 at 09:57 PM

EG

“ *I was saddened to hear of Randy's passing. Though we haven't seen each other in years, I smile thinking of him and the laughs we shared. His infectious smile and genuine good nature brightened every room he entered. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time. Rest in peace, old friend.*

Eric Gaffney - April 26, 2025 at 09:04 PM

PR

“ Dear Big Ran,
We shared women and weed
We shared violet times and values
We shared secrets and sorrows
We shared brothers and 1 big brother
We shared jolly times and jokes
We shred recipes and regrets
I can't think of anything we did not share with each other. I'm sorry
for anything I ever did that pissed you off, and I suddenly forgot
about the times you got me. I'll miss sharing with you. My deepest
condolences Carol, Mike, and Mat

Peter Ringhand - April 26, 2025 at 07:32 PM

AN

“ It is with heavy hearts and more than a few tear filled laughs that we say good bye to our dear friend Andy Wright (Randy), who departed this world April 21st, same day as Pope Francis. Coincidence? Absolutely not. Heaven clearly needed balance, and Andy was just the man to do it.

Randy was many things: a friend, a philosopher, a willing participant in anything you were up to and he made every situation more interesting. He lived life the way many dream of - unapologetically and on his terms. He leaves behind countless stories that will surely be told forever.

*You may remember Randy for his iconic tale of Pete the Cat, who he swore came back from the dead after being "cremated". And Randy believed it, because of course he did...he saw it with his own eyes and told the story in incredible hilarious detail. This is the same man who got a pizza delivery car stuck during a blizzard, then rationed out the delivery order for 10's of *minutes* of survival. When his backup came to grab the pizza to complete the delivery he didn't have the heart to tell him he ate half the pizza, they soon found out.*

Randy had a particular fashion sense. He'd impulsively buy the craziest chotchkes but had a strong penchant for things he could wear. One time (surely one of many) he bought a trucker hat with an actual analog clock built into it for reasons only Andy knew, we were all pretty sure he bought it simply because it was near the cash register...crazy hats and shirts were the norm for Andy, he sought them out and we loved him for it.

He attended one of his dear friends father's funeral wearing shorts where he took one look at the receiving line and proceeded to cut in and deliver his condolences and a card. He gave his friend the most genuine hug and "Love you buddy" and he left. This wasn't looked down upon one bit by his grieving friend...people that knew him simply wouldn't have it any other way, since any other way wouldn't

have been Randy.

But Randy was more than his hijinks. He was the kind of guy who made you feel like you belonged, even when the world didn't, and he was incredibly kind. He talked to everyone like they were old friends, and somehow, they became just that. He didn't judge. He didn't pretend. He was just kind, raw, ridiculous, and real. Which made loving him both incredibly easy and incredibly hard, especially for those who wished he'd take a more traditional path. But that wasn't Randy.

Randy leaves behind countless friends and a cat that may or may not be immortal. He now shares the afterlife with the Pope, who is definitely wondering who just walked in with a trucker hat and no pants.

He leaves behind his beloved young son, Leaf, who was a great joy in his life. Their bond was deep and filled with countless adventures - they especially loved fishing, hunting and exploring the world together, one outdoor escape at a time. He found peace and purpose in those moments with Leaf, sharing laughter, curiosity, and quiet awe beneath open skies. The memories they created together will live on, and his absence will be felt in every trail not taken, every quiet moment.

Through all of life's challenges, he fought and did his best...but always met them in his own way

So in Randy's memory raise a glass, be kind to a stranger, listen without judging, buy that stupid hat by the cash register, do something weird, and tell someone you love them in the most inappropriate way possible.

Rest in peace, Andy Wright. The world is less interesting without you in it

Anonymous - April 24, 2025 at 03:29 PM

EB

To whomever wrote this, thank you! Well said. A great encapsulation of the man/boy that he was.

Erik Blau - April 26, 2025 at 04:34 PM

PW

Such a nice tribute to such a beautiful soul.

patti wright - April 27, 2025 at 10:31 AM

RS

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to Carol..Matt and family...we pray for God's peace and comfort as only God can give... my heart breaks for you ..*

Richard and Diane Seymour

Richard and Diane Seymour - April 23, 2025 at 08:41 PM

KD

“ *No one can replace Andy and his silly personality and willingness to make any one laugh. He was a great friend and father. I will miss him dearly. Katie*



Katie Donovan - April 23, 2025 at 01:49 PM