



Andrew R. DeLapp

May 28, 1968 - October 23, 2022

Andrew DeLapp, age 54, died Sunday, October 23, 2022 at his home in Rochester, after a long illness. Many friends will only know him as Andy Smash, the nickname he went by in online forums, social media, and the local music scene.

He is survived by his wife, Amie Alscheff; mother, Lois (Wolf) DeLapp; sister, Jennifer (Clay) Birkett and nephew, Nathan Birkett; several aunts and uncles; and a multitude of cousins. Predeceased by his father, Robert DeLapp.

Andy was a talented musician and songwriter with local bands including Burning Icons, The Brüd, and the Rust Belt Hotrods. Originally a drummer, he later learned to play guitar and built an analog recording studio to produce his own music. In the late 90s and early 2000s, he wrote and distributed the zine Looming Pylon.

Andy was a graduate of Churchville-Chili High School and SUNY Geneseo. He later earned a masters degree in divinity from a Protestant seminary in Philadelphia. He worked for many years at Lifetime Assistance, where he took pride in the service he provided to intellectually disabled adults.

Andy had a remarkable range of interests, including military and aerospace history, geography, and vintage cars. He was an avid bicyclist, hiker, and yoga practitioner. In recent years, much to his own surprise, he became a devoted fan of cats, especially his own four, Mr. Stubbs, Hilary, Caboose, and Tucker. He had a knack for creating rituals, traditions, and inside jokes that took on a life of their own (for example, the Birthday Lynx). His kindness, humor, and

insight will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 29th at 11 a.m. at Irondequoit Vineyard Church, 2150 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617.

Refreshments to follow at the church. No prior calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, friends might make a contribution in Andy's memory to one of Rochester's many cat rescue groups (Habitat for Cats, RockKats, Keller's Kats, etc.)

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

2461 Lake Avenue
Rochester, NY 14612

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Irondequoit Vineyard Church
2150 Portland Ave.
Rochester, NY 14617

Tribute Wall

NS

“ Nancy V Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Andrew R. DeLapp

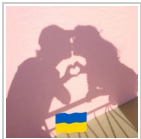


nancy v sanchez - December 13, 2022 at 10:22 AM

DW

“ So much I didn't know about Andy. I think it fair to say he would let it be known....."put a pop filter on that mic".....

Doug Watts - October 29, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ Dear Andy, Thank you for believing that the glockenspiel may have, in fact, belonged to Brian Jones. Until we meet again, I'll try to stay as open minded and as positive as you! Peace and Love to Amie, your family, and your friends. May the Prince of Peace be with you all.

Karen Palmer - October 29, 2022 at 01:21 PM

LS

“ Andy I never met you (I'm your cousin Erin's mom) except on Facebook. Was surprised to learn that you went to school with my sister Karen Holden and worked with Erin. Know that I prayed very hard every day for you. May you rest in the Loving Arms of our Lord.

Linda Lee Holden Sarat - October 29, 2022 at 11:42 AM

PR

“ Andy I remember some of the fun days when we worked together at Lifetime Assistance. You will be greatly missed. You are a very special person. I am glad I got to know you. Love you my friend.

Phyllis Roberts - October 28, 2022 at 06:42 PM

DM

“ Daria M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Andrew R. DeLapp.



Daria M. - October 27, 2022 at 02:58 PM

DM

“ Andy and Amie came to my yoga classes at Maplewood YMCA. I loved his stories about his hikes, cats, and working with the veterans. He had the best sense of humor especially when the yoga poses did not come natural to him.

Daria Markham - October 27, 2022 at 02:50 PM

BC

“ *My family moved next door to the Delapps in the summer of 1969. I was 6. Andy was 1. My earliest memories of him were as a toddler. Later, he would always tag along with us older kids. He always had a smile, and was never really afraid; he was always ready for an adventure with us. I remember his first day of kindergarten, and his first day of junior high; always with that smile. In his good natured way, he was fearless. He will be very missed, but I'm sure he'll be watching over us all.*



Bob Costanzo - October 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM

BR

“ I met you both at Eastern Seminary; though we didn't get much time to hang out together all as a group. Andy's perspectives on theology, music, cars and life made that time in seminary together a whole lot richer. I appreciated him then, and all the more when we could reconnect online.

Seem to be a lot of stories going around about how Andy took time to help connect people with musical gear. He did that for me in my last year of Seminary when I (a guitarist of extremely limited talent and finances to match) wanted to upgrade to my first electric guitar. We went around to some dodgy pawn shops and he guided me to a black Aria Pro, amp and overdrive pedal (for fun). That year, I spent a month doing chaplain work at a children's hospital, and being able to vent through that guitar did about as much for me as all the group processing time. I used that guitar in worship at my first church for close to 18 years, and still use it from time to time in my current church (not as often, though, since they have a lot better musicians than I). Still brings me joy.

I remember Andy's migrating drum set from seminary - which was in a big building, but always looking for space where he could practice and really cut loose.

But more important than any of that, I remember Andy as someone with both a wicked sense of humor and a deep compassion for others.

Amie, continuing to keep you and all his family and friends in prayer. God's grace and peace.

-Brian H



Brian - October 26, 2022 at 12:52 PM

HG

It was so good and i watched him play at the end of the hall on the 3rd floor it was better then just sitting around and it was fun at the seminary i loved that it didnt bug him that i was just a kid hanging around and helping when i could and that he was like another brother to me.
Heather Guldenschuh

Heather Guldenschuh - May 05, 2023 at 10:48 PM