



Andrew D. Williams

September 12, 1994 - June 30, 2018

Andrew D. Williams, 23, of Zanesville, died 1:30 AM, Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Genesis Hospital CCU. He was born Monday, September 12, 1994, in Zanesville, the son of Rickey D. Williams and Kay D. (Ripple) Williams.

Fitting to how Andrew lived his life, he gave the ultimate gift of life through organ and tissue donation. Andrew loved nature and being outdoors with all its beauty. He never met a stranger, always felt naturally comfortable with all types of people and was not just a survivor but lived life to its fullest. He was employed with the Tree House Deli and Weasel Boy Brewery. Andrew loved music, dancing, singing and local theater. He was talented and crafty enjoying painting, decorating, and all arts and crafts. He was at his happiest when he would bring joy to his family and friends; spending time with them meant the world to him.

In addition to his father, Andrew is survived by three sisters: Andrea (Rob) McNeish of Zanesville, Stephanie Williams of Crooksville and Kelly Williams of Zanesville; special friends: Darra (KieRon Santana) Durst, Robin (Tyrece) Kimbrough and family, Lindsay Anderson and Andie Ross all of Zanesville; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and extended family members including: Alexis (Jordan) Theisen, Destiny Hankinson, Taylor McNeish, Ella Zink, and Alana Theisen all of Zanesville.

Andrew was preceded in death by his mother; Kay D. Williams and one niece:
Ana Zink

Friends may call Thursday, July, 5, 2018, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, where a Celebration of Andrew's Life will be held at 6:00 PM. In honor of Andrew, all are encouraged to wear vivid and bright colors, tie dye and rainbows to the services. Following Andrew's wishes, a cremation with care will follow. In memory of Andrew anyone struggling with mental illness, please say something, or seek professional help. To sign the online guest book or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Gathering

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Hillis Combs Funeral Home - July 05, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Andrew D. Williams*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Andrews family and friends, No words can express my sadness for a loss a loved one.....*


Cathy Davis - July 06, 2018 at 02:21 PM



“ *Jenny L. Thompson lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Jenny L. Thompson - July 05, 2018 at 09:41 PM


Shannon
Tabler

“ *Andrew I remember when you were just a little boy. I remember how blonde your hair was. I remember you following Steph and I around your house. I remember when we put a dress on you. Lol. I remember the little boy with blonde hair smiling as he played outside on the sidewalk with his niece that lived next door. You two were close in age. I remember how happy and free you were.*



Shannon Tabler - July 05, 2018 at 02:22 PM

JS

“ *I never met Andrew but if he was anything like his Dad he was a lot of fun. So very sorry Rick. Keep those precious memories close at heart...*



Janie Savage - July 04, 2018 at 05:06 PM

AN

“ *He was an amazing person and a one of a kind soul. I hope his wings are as bright and bold as he was. God knew how special he was.*



Anonymous - July 04, 2018 at 03:06 AM


Sue
Sines

I never met him but he sounds a lot like his dad. So sorry, Rick. Prayers for the family.

Sue Sines - July 04, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew D. Williams.*



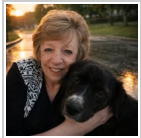
July 03, 2018 at 08:46 PM



“ *Liz Darby lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



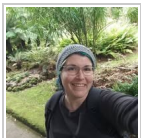
Liz Darby - July 03, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *Julie Conkle lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Julie Conkle - July 03, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Andrew was an amazing person. He always made me feel comfortable and at ease. I Needed that most the times i saw him. He would always let me doodle on him and never minded if it looked terrible. I Will miss him greatly. My thoughts and vibes of healing go out to his family and friends. Huge huge hugs to you all..he is now at peace.*



Natasha Oliver - July 03, 2018 at 05:28 PM

AD

“ We Attend college together for awhile when I saw him he was always laughing and smiles. We hang out a few a times during his time at Zane State College. I wish knew were sooner about his depression and anxiety I could have said something to help him out. May God bless his soul



Ash Dingey - July 03, 2018 at 04:47 PM

SW

“ Susan Graves Watterson lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams



susan graves watterson - July 03, 2018 at 04:30 PM

SW

Andrew your smile was contagious and hugs incredible. You were such a sweetheart in my kindergarten class. You will be greatly missed. I pray that you can now spread your wings and fly into heaven 🙏

susan graves watterson - July 03, 2018 at 04:33 PM

ME

“ Megan lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams



Megan - July 03, 2018 at 02:03 PM

EM

“ My name is Emily and I've heard this news all the way in Vietnam. I cannot come to the showing so I just wanted to share a few words here. I met Andrew when we were in high school. He was in Zanesville's band and I was in Tri Valley's. He was dating one of my friends at the time. He had long hair and was wearing a beanie! Right then he was super friendly and hilarious. A few years later we met again as he was working at The Treehouse and that was my favorite coffee shop in Ohio. He was always so funny and real to talk to whenever I'd get coffee. We started randomly seeing each other out sometimes and those times were my favorite because he danced so funny when he was drunk! Hahaha

When he got the job at Weasel Boy, I occasionally would see him there as well. He was a favorite server, even though sometimes he was so flighty! One time, at Weasel, Andrew and I along with my sister and a friend, stepped outside to try some old cigarettes that I had found in my new-to-me van. The brewery wasn't packed that night so Andrew only had us as his table for the moment. We all disliked the cigarettes but finished a few as we talked about life. Andrew mentioned his sisters and that one was a Virgo like him. All of a sudden he got nervous and said, "Omg I need to check on my table!" Then he laughed and said, "Oh wait, I'm smokin with them!" It was the best. He was the best. I guess he didn't know what he meant to all of us...even the random ones like me. Or maybe he felt how we all sometimes do, the world is heavy and dark and sucky. But the thing is, now it's even more heavy and dark and sucky without him. So, I and so many others will cherish the memories we have with Andrew and will miss him often. I hope his family knows how much he is already missed. I also hope that people will be inspired to keep their lives. Each one of us is a light in a fallen world and it gets darker every time one of us leaves. To Andrew's family: I loved your son. I'm proud to have been a friend to him and have been blessed by his personality. Thank you for raising him. God bless you ♡

To friends: I love you guys. I'm available to chat if you need anything.

To Andrew: I love you and thank you for sharing your personality

*with me. It meant a lot.
Ill be praying for you all ♡*

Love,

Em

Emily - July 03, 2018 at 01:30 PM

SM

“ *I got to meet Andrew a handful of times and he was always such a sweet, kind soul. want to thank him for his gift of organ donation. My husband is a 2-time organ recipient. It's a priceless gift and you can't imagine how many people he helped. Very sorry to hear of him passing.*



Shellie M - July 03, 2018 at 01:04 PM

BM

“ *Betty Madinger lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



betty madinger - July 03, 2018 at 12:40 PM

BM

sorry for your loss praying for you

betty madinger - July 03, 2018 at 12:41 PM

ER

“ *Erin & Rain Rossi lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



erin & rain rossi - July 03, 2018 at 09:27 AM

ER

we will miss you andrew, we loved it when you stayed with us for awhile and we are so saddened by this. rain and i pray you are at peace

erin & rain rossi - July 03, 2018 at 09:37 AM

EG

“ *Andrea and family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers in this very difficult time.

*God bless,
Eric and Mandy Greiner*

Eric M Greiner - July 03, 2018 at 08:16 AM

KR

“ *Kelly Rambo lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Kelly Rambo - July 03, 2018 at 03:18 AM

LA

“ Condolences to the family...



Lance - July 02, 2018 at 10:53 PM

JU

“ Andrew was such a bright soul, one of my favorite memories was the night he introduced me to my now best friend, we all hung out after the fair and went to a really lame party and than stayed at her house, Andrew had a smile like no other and his soul was the kindness i have ever got the chance to meet, im so thankful i got to meet him and was able to call him a friend even if we didnt see or hang out a lot, when ever we would bump into one another it was like no time has passed, i will miss you dearly and i will cherish every single memory i have of him.



my thoughts are with his friends and family,
andrew was a one of a kind person, he touched many hearts and he will never be forgotten.

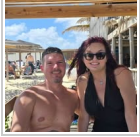
Julie - July 02, 2018 at 09:55 PM

CH

“ Andrew or as I knew him by cheese was such a sweet kind loving person may his soul be at peace sensing ton's of prayer's for all his family and friends



Chrisy - July 02, 2018 at 09:29 PM



“ Andrew had a smile that could light the room. Even as I talked to him by his hospital bedside following a van crash, he smiled and tried to make everyone else feel better. He had a big heart and I will miss him.

Amy White - July 02, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ Andrew.... wow I can't believe you are gone. I miss all the laughs and great times at Cass Camp. I will miss dancing 🕺 and singing 🎤 with u. You were definitely 1 of a kind. ❤️ you

Kendra Moore Patterson - July 02, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Tonia Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams



Tonia Atkinson - July 02, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ Although I only met Andrew once, his pure goodness left a mark on me. He was a sweet man, who could light up a room just by walking in it. He made the world a better place, and now we all must carry on Andrew's shining light. He was a delightful person and I wish I could have gotten to know him better. I will be performing an random act of kindness in Andrew's memory and I hope others will do the same. 💙 Rest well Andrew.



Niki Gill - July 02, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ I did not know Andrew. I never met him, but he was friends of many of my friends and family, and as his loss is deeply felt by them, so too does it affect me. I am sorry I did not have the opportunity to know such a bright and amazing person. But I am thankful for those who did, and got to share and be a part of Andrew's life. Those who loved him and call him friend are all the better for the experience. They will carry his love all the rest of his days. Through them, and through the people Andrew helped with his gift of life, he will live, and love on.

Justin Alva - July 02, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ I remember Darra calling me one day and saying she was broken down in Yellow Springs. I was in Columbus and her dad was in Dayton so we both drove. Of course Andrew was there. We walked around the little town and had dinner together...He made even crappy times fun! I will always be your Mama Lyn.

Lyn Dusr - July 02, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Prayers to the family.



Kim Reilly - July 02, 2018 at 05:47 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



linda - July 02, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ *Brittany Anderson lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Brittany Anderson - July 02, 2018 at 05:30 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Stillion lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Theresa stillion - July 02, 2018 at 05:17 PM

TS

I worked with Andrew at Genesis, to the family I am so sorry for your loss, Prayers to all. Rest in Peace Andrew!

Theresa stillion - July 02, 2018 at 05:19 PM

MH

My daughter Melissa Hartman Danko went to church camp with Andrew

Maryann Hartman - July 02, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ *Deborah House lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Deborah House - July 02, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ *Joe And Kristi Somers lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Joe and Kristi Somers - July 02, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ *Megan Franklin lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



megan franklin - July 02, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ *I walked backstage at Secrest, to find my little girls who were at rehearsal for The Nutcracker. There was this smiling teenager, surrounded by little girls. He was laughing and playing with them, and I knew I met a kindred soul. Andrew wasn't someone I saw or spoke to all the time, but every time I did, I was greeted with warm hugs, and silly theatre stories were shared. Someone special who I wish I had taken more time to talk to. 💖*

sarah - July 02, 2018 at 03:40 PM

SH

“ *Shanda lit a candle in memory of Andrew D. Williams*



Shanda - July 02, 2018 at 03:22 PM