



## Andrew Lee ""Andy"" Dawson

November 6, 1953 - February 15, 2021

It is with heavy hearts to announce Andrew Lee ""Andy"" Dawson, age 67, of New Market, Virginia, died after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer on February 15, 2021 in his home surrounded by family. Andy is survived by his wife of 42 years, Catherine ""Kitty"" Dawson, his son Andrew and daughters Laura Beth (Sean) and Amy (Ray), 3 grandchildren Aidan, Henry and Jasper Harvey, and brother Robert ""Bob"" Dawson Jr. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Dawson and his mother, Margaret Ashe Dawson. Andy was born on November 6, 1953 in Wytheville, Virginia. As a child his family moved often, including residences in Japan and Saipan, until they eventually settled down in Williamsburg, Virginia. Andy graduated from James Blair High School in 1971 and attended Campbell College from 1971 to 1973 in Buies Creek, North Carolina. Andy arrived in the Shenandoah Valley in 1977. He was the General Manager of the Best Western Mt. Jackson and Shenandoah Truck Stop. Andy wasn't too fond of the Valley at first but soon met the love of his life, Kitty, and they married in 1978. After leaving Best Western in 1991, Andy served as the Executive Director of the Shenandoah Travel Association until 2000. From then on Andy was the General Manager at Office Products, Inc. in Harrisonburg, Virginia. His career and professional relationships were important to him. Devoted to the community, Andy was active in many local organizations. He served as President of the following: Mt. Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Jackson Lions Club, New Market/ Mt Jackson Little League, Virginia Travel Council and Shenvalee Men's Club.

Andy was also a member of the Board of Directors at the Virginia Hotel and Motel Association and Vice President of the Virginia Travel Council. Andy was elected and served as a Member of the Mt. Jackson Town Council from 1980 - 1988 and was elected and served on the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors from 1995 - 2001. In his spare time Andy enjoyed playing golf at Shenvalee. He was always ready to bet on a match. He also enjoyed visiting the Carolina Beaches, listening to Motown Music, and RVing. His family will always remember him as a determined man who made no excuses. Andy was a loving husband, amazing father, and doting "granddaddy". Artist Jesse Winchester wrote "I live on a big round ball, I never do dream I may fall, and even if one day I do, well, I'll jump up and smile back at you." Andy is smiling now and may he rest in peace. Arrangements are being handled by Dellinger Funeral Homes in New Market for a private graveside service. Memorial donations may be made to New Market Fire and Rescue Squad, 9771 S. Congress St., New Market, Va. 22844 or the New Market Library, PO Box 452, New Market, Va. 22844.

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Kitty my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Praying you all may feel God’s comfort and peace during this difficult time. Chris Jordan Guffee*

Chris Guffee - February 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My husband Brian worked with Andy for many years. He truly cared for him and all his employees. . When Brian was sick or anything was wrong, Andy always called checking on him even if he was busy. He will be greatly missed by OPI for being such a great leader and friend. Prayers to his family!*

Crystal Weaver - February 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *The Big Tuna. Always fun to have a match with...no matter the winner. Rest well. Jimmy Lee*

Jimmy Lee - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *So sorry to hear of Andy's passing, my mom (Shirley Hamman) & I worked with him at Best Western those were the good ole days he would be nagging her & she would be fussing right back at him but,man did she ever think alot of him & he was always so good to her.He was a kind man with a great big gentle heart & kind,gentle spirit.Sending my sympathy to all of his family,he will be missed, April Baker*

April Baker - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. Sending our heartfelt condolences, The Kindred Hospice team

The Kindred Hospice Team - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I will always remember Andy as a true friend and golfing buddy as well as our memorable political agreements. Rest in peace, my friend.

Troy E Fadeley - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am really sorry to hear about Andy. We worked many years together at the Best Western and truck stop. I always enjoy running into him at Holtzman's office. We loved to pick on each other. He is one person I will really miss. My sympathy goes out to the whole family. Your in my prayers Janice Barb

Janice Barb - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ As a vendor for OPI I always enjoyed coming to see Andy. I knew I would have to be on my toes as we would spend our time bantering back and forth. I will miss that wry smile / smirk he would give me at the end of our discussion. I could tell the love he had for his wife and family as they always entered our conversations. Praying for peace for his family and coworkers.

Randy Kendrick - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Andy Dawson, a.k.a. "The Kid", a.k.a. "Duke" Dawson, loved to tell everyone that Len Dawson, Q.B. for the Kansas City Chiefs, was "Uncle Lenny". Nothing but good memories of Andy! Shout-out to Keith Druitt should have been in the N.B.A. he never missed ....  
Mike Derringe

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**Mike Derringe** - February 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Andy was one of the kindest guys I went to school with at James Blair. He will surely be missed in this world. Prayers sent for family and friends.

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**Jackie Carpenter Brinkley** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Great high school classmate. We use to call him Dauntless D. Everyone loved Andy. JBHS'71 ❤️

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**Keith Druitt** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Kitty and family, We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We have no words to say how very sorry we are. May God's love embrace you all at this time and give you comfort. Love, Jane, Jr and Brandon McDaniel

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**Jane McDanile** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Prayers to Ms Kitty and family. So sorry for your loss. Andy was a person that truly cared for people especially for his employees. At times he became annoying because he always was micromanaging and on days you were sick or needed a day of he had 20 question about who what when and where but that was his way of showing his concern. I only wish he could have share his illness with us so we could have given him the support and prayer for healing. We will surely miss him going to Chick-fil-A for the summer peach shakes. Rest In Peace Andy May you be in God's glory.

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**Patricia Martinez** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I worked with Andy at Office Products his famous words to me were it has to be Premo, I will surely miss him. THanks Andy

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**Curtis cash** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ I am sorry to hear of Andy's passing. He was a great man who always had a pleasant smile. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God's love give you comfort during this most difficult time.

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**Valerie (Tusing) Fultz** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Andy was one of the good guys. We graduated together from JBHS. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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**Ann Kane Schmitt** - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM