



Andrew "Andy" Barton Schaaf

April 5, 1982 - December 1, 2018

Andrew "Andy" Barton Schaaf, 36, of Billings, MT, formerly of St. Anne, took his own life on Saturday, December 1, 2018. He was born on April 5, 1982 in Kankakee, the son of Barton and Tari Hammond Schaaf.

Andy graduated from Kankakee High School in 2000. He then attended University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and graduated with a degree in Geology. He was a practicing Geologist at the time of his death.

Andy had a general love for music – jazz, blues, classic rock – and loved to perform and play his guitar. He also loved rock-climbing, kept active with martial arts and was a big jokester. He was a passionate man with a great sense of humor.

He is survived by his soulmate of many years Elizabeth Leweling of Billings, MT; his parents Barton and Tari Schaaf of St. Anne; a sister Kendra Schaaf of St. Anne; uncles and aunts Kent and Fran Schaaf and Larry and Barbara Hammond; great aunts Lois Lane and Marge (Jerry) Netherton; and cousins Michael Schaaf, Billy (Jody) Schaaf, Tracy Hammond, Carmen (Brian) Joffee, Kim Hammond and Jeff (Jamie) Hammond.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents and his uncle Gary Hammond.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 4-7pm at Schreffler Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tumbleweed Runaway Program for at-risk youths – 505 N. 24th St. Billings, MT 59101 or Oxford House Inc – 1010 Wayne Ave Suite 300 Silversprings, MD 20910.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew "Andy" Barton Schaaf*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Holy smokes, I am just learning about this now as Andy and I lost touch in around 2002.*

We were in a band together at U of I called In Your Face and Nasty. Andy was a super talented guitar player and friend. I was actually thinking about the band yesterday and how much fun we had.

If you want to hear some recordings of Andy singing and playing guitar, I'll share a few zip files.

<https://d.pr/f/cz1DRa> (Watermelon Slush Party 2001)

<https://d.pr/f/d52HV8> (Back 2 the Office 2001)

Rest in heaven brother!

Jason

Jason Schwartz - June 23, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *I don't know if this will be welcome or not. I met Andrew when 12 Step was driving me crazy. He never said that it was AA or 12 Step that had him over the edge, but still he told me stuff that suggested it was driving him crazy too.*

I'm an AntiAA and antiprohibition activist now. I'm sorry Andrew was destroyed by 12 Step--but a lot of people are, which is again why I become an AntiAA activist.

Silver Damsen - February 23, 2019 at 05:35 PM

KS

*Everything is welcomed..
Can you elaborate more on this?
Please contact me at Dwilla057@aol.com. Andy is my brother.*

Kendra Schaaf - June 09, 2021 at 11:47 AM

PB

“ *Bart,
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Paul Bukowski*

PAUL BUKOWSKI - December 14, 2018 at 12:06 PM

MB

“ *So sorry to hear of Andy's passing. I worked with Andy in
Champaign and as others have said, he was very funny, witty and
full of stories to tell. He was so happy to move out to Montana and
see a different part of the Country. I hope he had a chance to
explore new 'rocks' out west.*

Mike Buzicky - December 12, 2018 at 01:45 PM

TA

“ *Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory
of Andrew "Andy" Barton Schaaf*



Tom & Judy Andersen - December 12, 2018 at 01:15 PM

TA

Our deepest sympathy.

Tom & Judy Andersen - December 12, 2018 at 01:16 PM

KF

“ *Bart and Tari,
I'm so sorry for you loss.*

kevin flanigan

kevin flanigan - December 12, 2018 at 11:05 AM

CC

“ *Andy has this infectious way of making the people around him smile. I was blessed to be a classmate both in Kankakee and later, in Urbana. He kept us all laughing and on our toes with his wit. And, he never hesitated to offer perfect advice—whether it be music suggestions or a little inspiration for navigating life. He is already greatly missed and will remain fondly remembered.*

Carly Mullady Cowan - December 10, 2018 at 04:27 PM

 Mary
Enright

“ *This stings pretty badly. Andy, you were always such a bright spot and I enjoyed your company immensely. It was so amazing to share the common bond that we did--from wild college days to actively working to better ourselves as we grew toward the sunlight of the spirit. I'm so sorry that you were hurting near the end. You didn't deserve that pain. I hope that you are at peace now. And I hope to see you again, old friend. 🧡*

Mary Enright - December 09, 2018 at 09:56 PM

AC

“ *Our paths crossed briefly in Urbana while in search of a new way of living. I always enjoyed listening to Andy share, so smart and funny. My deepest condolences to Andy's friends and family. Much love and prayers.*

Amy Bohn Cannon - December 09, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *I new Andy from our A.A. community in Champaign-Urbana.....so very sorry to hear of this loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones.*

Bill and Bonni Beckett 😞

Bill Beckett - December 09, 2018 at 08:14 PM

RH

“ *Prayers for you and your family at this time.*

Randy & Lori Hoekstra - December 07, 2018 at 11:02 AM

JS

“ *I didn't know you, Andy, but after talking to your mother tonight, I am sure sorry I never got the chance to know you.*

John Suralski - December 06, 2018 at 09:18 PM