



## Raymond Michael Andrasko

August 11, 2016

### Raymond Michael Andrasko

Ray M. Andrasko of Tulsa, Oklahoma, died at his Tulsa home on July 27, 2016. Ray's family will have a private gathering to celebrate Ray's life at a later date. Ray was born on July 16th, 1936 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of John M. Andrasko and Marie Kraykovic Andrasko. Ray came to Tulsa in 1959 to attend the University of Tulsa where he played varsity basketball. Ray married Iris on September 4th, 1995 and they made their home in Tulsa. Ray was a member of Holy Family Cathedral. Ray worked sixteen years as an art teacher with Tulsa Public Schools. He had extensive experience in construction and remodeling and even formed his own business, Crafters Custom Construction. Aside from his professional interests, Ray had many passions and hobbies. For more than twenty years he enjoyed playing softball with many of his closest friends through the Senior Softball Association. He loved the teams so much, he refused to miss a game until he was absolutely unable to attend due to health issues. He was also well known in hobby circles for the elaborate Christmas train set up he created over the years in their family home- an entire countryside and town taking up half a room and dwarfing his assistant, a huge Great Dane named Dutchess. Ray was a talented artist. His drawing and painting talents were evident in both his business and creative hobbies. Being from Pittsburgh, Ray was also a devoted Steelers fan, which became immediately obvious to those who entered his house or even just drove past it. Ray is survived by his beloved

wife Iris, his son Mike and wife Christine Andrasko of Collinsville, his daughter Debbie and husband Kirk Brassfield of Houston, Texas, his daughter Nancy Andrasko of Tulsa, stepson Randy Pifer of Tulsa, stepdaughter Tonya Jobe of Broken Arrow, his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and his devoted companion, Dutchess. Ray was preceded in death by his brother, Bernie Andrasko and sister Margie Galbraith. Highly sociable and very good with people, Ray had a great many friends for which he always felt blessed. Despite his many passions and interests, Ray most cared about people. Children and animals were naturally drawn to his gentle and playful personality. Ray was always quick to help a friend or join them for a fun time. This was repaid in his final days. Ray and Iris are grateful for the love and support of friends during Ray's extended illness. Donations may be made in Ray's memory to the Animal Rescue Foundation of Tulsa, [www.arftulsa.org](http://www.arftulsa.org) (918) 622-5962. Ray Andrasko was a dedicated, loyal, and loving spirit. Iris notes that Ray was the love of her life and will always be. "Ray has left his earthly home to be with the Lord, and I will see him again one day. Ray told everyone don't say 'goodbye' because it's too final. Instead he always said 'See ya!!' "

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Ray was technically my step-dad...however, he was like a second dad to my brother and I. I remember discussing art with him all of the time and him teaching me new skills to accomplish my piece. He absolutely adored his grandkids and they adored and loved him so very much! They were able to spend time with him shortly before he passed and he just lit up and laughed so much. He cracked sarcastic jokes just like he always did and had us all rolling. I love all of the fond memories that I was able to share with him. Most of all, I'll remember and always be thankful for how happy he made my mom. They were truly soul mates. They were perfect together and had the kind of love that most people can only wish wish, but never find. They both always expressed that they were the love of each others life. They did everything together and truly enjoyed life together. You may have left, but you're not gone. Your love and your family will meet you again one day. Until then, know we love you and you will be truly missed. See ya!

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**Tonya Jobe** - August 06, 2016 at 02:36 PM

RJ

“ I can't call him my step dad because he was more like a second father I was blessed enough to have in my life. Mom and Dad had the kind of love and relationship with eachother that most people search their whole lives to find but rarely ever do. It was like seeing newlyweds together but for 20 years. Love you forever and always Dad and last but not least.....I'LL SEE YA! ;)

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**Randy Joe** - July 31, 2016 at 07:47 PM

BQ

“ Iris, we are so sorry for your loss. We will not forget how he looked at your Christmas Party. He looked so happy and healthy. We will remember him like that. Can we do anything?

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**Beth and Ruth Quisenberry** - July 31, 2016 at 06:20 PM

DC

“ Ray was a great painter and animal lover. He painted my folk's kitchen floor. Our cat Mittens lays on the two spots Ray painted. We have two dogs, Molly and Mocha, they loved their "Ray Ray". Still today, they have a toy that has his scent on it that they play with. Ray used to come over and kneel down to play with Molly and Mocha. He gave me a beautiful picture of his dog Dutchess. Tonight, while at mass I lighted a candle in memory of Ray.. see you again one day.

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**Dee Dee Compton** - July 30, 2016 at 08:21 PM

DD

“ Ray was a dear friend of mine for 25 yrs.. Godfather to my oldest daughter.. A fellow black & gold-bleeding Steeler Fanatic who, with Iris, help start the Tulsa Steeler Fanatics club with me.. Tho we weren't related by blood, he will forever be known by my family as "Uncle Ray"..

*Heaven holds a place for the faithful departed..*

*David Diebold*

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**Dave Diebold** - July 29, 2016 at 01:45 PM

DB

“ Ray, you were the best brother-in-law a person could ask for. I enjoyed being around you and I loved you as a brother. I will always remember your kindness and your sweet and gentle personality. One day I know I will see you again and, what a time we will have. I am truly blessed to have known you. Iris, if there is anything I can do to help you, Call me or Barbara and we'll get it done .

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**Danny L. Brazeal** - July 28, 2016 at 08:04 PM

PD

“ He fought with courage & determination - may he now rest in peace & may his family & friends find joy in special memories of a life well-lived.

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**Paula Dill** - July 28, 2016 at 05:43 PM

BB

“ Celebration of Ray's life will be held at Tiamos 61st and Sheridan August 6th at 2:00 pm. I will truly miss you my Brother and watch over my Valarie until I can be with her again. See Ya Barbie

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**Barbara Brazeal** - July 28, 2016 at 05:21 PM

RP

“ Sorry for your loss Aunt Iris, let me know if you need anything.  
Love:  
Randy Allen

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**Randy Proctor** - July 28, 2016 at 04:50 PM