



Andrew J. Laria

September 29, 1946 - November 16, 2014

Andrew Laria

Sunrise Beach, MO

Andrew Laria passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Sunrise Beach, MO at the age of 68. He was a supportive father and loving grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and fondly remembered by all as a kind, respectful and generous man.

Andy was born and raised in Utica, New York. Growing up, he worked with his grandfather, Joseph Gigliotti to support the family's washer and dryer repair business. Upon graduation from Proctor High School, he enlisted in the US Army where he completed paratrooper training and became a decorated marksman. He served his country for a total of six years and was a proud veteran.

After the Army, Andy began a successful business career at General Electric in Utica, NY and then later joined Thompson Consumer Electronics to run their telephone business working in their Syracuse, NY, Hong Kong and Carmel, IN offices. His work enabled him to travel the world and provide a wonderful life for his family. He retired in October 2003 after spending more than 36 years with the company. Andy pursued several small business ventures in his retirement years as an entrepreneur with his business partner

Jeff Scott. He enjoyed his retirement at his home on the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and spent much of his time fishing when he wasn't visiting his four children and seven grandchildren.

Andy was pre-deceased by his parents, Anthony and Frances Laria of Utica, NY, as well as his grandfather Joseph Gigliotti, who helped raise him. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Robert Giovinazzo of Utica, NY; his dear cousin, Joe Nuccio of Utica, NY; as well as his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren, including: Anne Marie, Ed and Francesca Romano of Hilton Head, SC; Marie Elana, Steve, Lexi and Vicky Casazza of Ballwin, MO; Andrea, David and Julia Stott of Carmel, IN; and Anthony, Marisol, Sofia and Natalia Laria of Miami, FL.

Family and friends wishing to celebrate Andy's life and pay their respects are welcome to attend his calling hours at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel in Indianapolis, IN on Saturday, November 22, from 1:00 - 3:00pm, which will be followed by a memorial service beginning at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Andrew J Laria to the Wounded Warrior Project (<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx?tsid=72>) or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
9900 N. Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ I would like to send my sympathy to Andy's family. I worked with Andy briefly when I was at Thomson Consumer Electronics. In 1992, I left work to stay home with my newborn son, who is now 22 years old! One of the reasons I felt confident leaving work is because of Andy's strong opinion and support of my decision. He felt that family was #1 and conveyed that to me. Staying home with my children was the best "business decision" I ever made. Thank you, Andy!

Debbie Grossman - December 06, 2014 at 06:01 PM

GS

“ Andy was one of a kind... a great father and husband and an incredible friend. He was proud, caring, and always upbeat with a smile. He didn't know what to do first for his friends. We'll always remember the incredible years we shared together in Syracuse and beyond. So many great memories. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Andy, you'll always be with us!
Gary & Meredith Savadove

Gary & Meredith Savadove - November 25, 2014 at 01:15 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Laria.



November 21, 2014 at 09:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Laria.*



November 20, 2014 at 08:07 PM



“ *A lot of great memoires in thee past 45 years. Your gift to our grandson was over the top and that was the kind of guy you were. My thoughts and prayers to you and your loving family. Peace be with you Andy.*

Jerry Zaborsky - November 20, 2014 at 02:03 PM



“ *The last time I saw Andy was almost 8 years ago as I began a brief second stint at Thomson. I was getting settled into my office in Indy and he popped in to say hi as he was conducting a quick visit. Though it had been twelve years since I saw him last in Syracuse we began talking like it was just yesterday. I felt like we were just continuing our business time together that started in 1985 in Syracuse when he and I discussed if it would be worth it for him to move from IT to the business side of what was then GE's Audio Electronics Department. I am glad he made the choice he did! I also distinctly remember him as a family man always talking about how proud he was of them. My condolences to all of his family. My prayers are with you.*

--Steve Stolakis--

Steve Stolakis - November 20, 2014 at 01:59 PM

SO

“ *Seong Ohm purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Andrew J. Laria.*



Seong Ohm - November 20, 2014 at 01:59 PM

KM

“ *Kim D'Elia, Anthony and Kennedy, Ronnie Melton purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Andrew J. Laria.*



Kim D'Elia, Anthony and Kennedy, Ronnie Melton -
November 20, 2014 at 01:49 PM

KK

“ *Andy will be missed greatly, he was such a wonderful man, we will miss seeing him each time we visit the lake, he made life at the lake something more to look forward too, it will not be the same without him. Such a good neighbor, cannot believe he has left us.*

Kim, Ronnie, Anthony and Kennedy - November 20, 2014 at 11:04 AM

JO

“ *Joanna Odom purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Andrew J. Laria.*



Joanna Odom - November 20, 2014 at 10:39 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Laria.*



November 19, 2014 at 09:13 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Laria.*



November 19, 2014 at 08:35 PM



“ *I'll never forget when I was interviewed by Andy. He laughed and said, "this will either be the biggest mistake I ever made or the best decision I am about to make hiring you." For me it was the the best decision. I truly looked forward to seeing him at the next reunion knowing there would be much laughter with our stories. My best to his family he spoke of so highly.*

Monica Sondej - November 19, 2014 at 05:56 PM

SO

“ Andy was my very first boss right out of school 28 years ago. He loved teaching me every day and groomed me for who I am today. I remember countless lessons on business and life. Andy treated me like I was one of his daughters, and gave me support and encouragement always. I think I worked harder because I didn't want to disappoint him in any way. Andy never had a bad day and always had a sense of humor. He was my mentor, friend and a 2nd father. I will miss Andy dearly...

--Seong--

Seong Ohm - November 19, 2014 at 05:19 PM

BU

“ I knew Andy when he was just starting out at GE. Even back then it was obvious he was a motivated, confident young guy who not only had goals but had the determination and work ethic to achieve them. One personal memory I have is going deer hunting with him one sunny October day. Not to be discouraged by getting shut out of venison that day, he came out of the woods beaming with his jacket slung over his back full of wild mushrooms to be taken home to his grandmother and enjoyed for days to come. One of the good guys. You'll be missed.

Bud - November 19, 2014 at 03:02 PM