



Andrew "Ace" Nowacki

March 29, 1980 - February 26, 2005

He joined the Marine Corps in 1998 and served with the Second Battalion 24th Marines Truck Company in Erie, Pa. He went thru the Cleveland Hts. Police Academy and became a patrolman for Grand River in 2001. He was a member of the Ready Response Team, the Honor Guard and the Bike Patrol. He had a great sense of humor and he was a colorful character. He is loved by many and missed by all. The world is a far lesser place without him. Please send contributions to Andrew Nowacki Memorial Scholarship Fund, 8396 Mentor Ave., Mentor, 44060.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts are with you in your loss.* ”

Louis J Schneider - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

“ Mr. & Mrs. Nowacki,
I just returned from the day's services for 'Ace' and I have been truly and deeply inspired by his life that still lives on. His name 'Andrew' is the same as my oldest son's name, who is a St. Mary's-Mentor former student, Mentor High Grad and currently a freshman at the University of Michigan. My only other son, Grant, is currently a junior at Painesville Riverside and lives half the time with his mom and step-dad on Meadowlark just down the street from the Grand River PD. Just a short time ago, my son, Grant, announced he wanted to enter the Air Force ROTC program, hopefully at Duke or possibly Miami of Ohio to become a doctor in sports medicine. I, of course, had my reservations for his safety. His mom's brother was a Lt. Col. in the Air Force and his mom's father also served 20 years in the Air Force. My father served in the Army and two Uncles in the Air Force. I work at Geauga County Sheriff's Office and participate annually as a shuttle driver for the Cleveland Police Memorial. I also work with many fine men and women, some of which are 'former' US Marines.

Until today, my first military funeral, I have never been so moved by a 24 year old man as I was during the course of the day! He gave me the strength to fully encourage my son to pursue his dreams. Why? Because, I, too, believe my son is a fine young man. I believe he would proudly and bravely represent our country's armed forces. More importantly, Ace gave himself for freedom and he loved children. My sons have kept me going through divorce and many other hard times.

I hope God always keeps them safe whether it be on our great turf in the USA or abroad. I also know my son is a fine young man that already has touched many during his short 16 1/2 years here and no matter what, he will always be a positive force on all Americans in the future.

Thank you for being strong and brave through your son, now making the ultimate sacrifice a parent can make-a sacrifice "Andrew" made. The name Andrew both Ace's name and my oldest son Drew's name means 'strong and manly'. Ace WAS/IS that definition. He

also touched many people's hearts and lives. He especially touched the the lives of the now free Children of Iraq. He will always live on here on earth and I know he is looking down on all of us right now. He is not a loss at all, he will ALWAYS be here in our hearts on earth and more importantly, alive with God in heaven for eternity.

Thank You and My Prayers Are With You,

*Sgt. Terry J. Grabowski
Geauga County Sheriff's Office*

and fellow Lake County Resident that makes me proud to live in this town and this country and gives us a true blessing each and every day! As father said quoting a FINE MAN named 'Ace', "What is there to unhappy about?"

Sgt. Terry J. Grabowski - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“*Dear Friends,
My daughter, Robin Bregitzer is a friend of your son Nate. Our hearts are filled with love and sympathy for all of you. This sad day has brought out to the public the fact that your son was a great American. And from all of the wonderful stories I have read about Andrew he was a great person. His life and how he lived it is a reflection of your family.
May our dear Lord give you his peace.
With love, Cherie Lane*

Cherie Lane - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“*My heart goes out to you for your loss. What greater a man than a soldier and a policeman. God Bless You during this difficult time.*

Theresa Longo - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Semper Fi*

JH Brown - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Dear Nowaki family,*

I don't know if you'll remember me, but I went to St Margaret Mary with Andy. My deepest sympathy goes out to your family. You will remain in my prayers. I know that there is nothing that can take away your pain, but take comfort in knowing how much Andy was loved and how his life and spirit has touched so many people. He died a hero and he will always be remembered that way.

Kelly Rogaliner Breen - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Dennis,
your family and Andrew are in our prayers. From a friend in AA Men online group.*

Allan Kugler - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *To the Family of LCpl Nowacki:
Andy and my nephew, LCpl Eric Brown, were good friends and comrades in the 2/24 Truck Plt from Erie. Andy was going to be Eric's Best Man at his wedding in July. I would have had the honor of meeting Andy for the first time. Eric was in the vehicle just behind Andy's when the attack occurred and was with him as the platoon waited for the Med-evac. My family thanks your beloved Andy for his courage and selfless service to his country and the Corps. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time of loss and grief.*

Captain Rebecca Strauch, US Army retired - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Denis and Sheila
Words are difficult to find at a time like this. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May God bless you all.*

Phil Juris - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Dear Sheila, Dennis, Nate, and Pete, What hope it is to know of a family such as yours. My nephew Mike Pollack, and his grandmother spoke very highly of "Ace" as well as your family. I had the honor and privilege of meeting Andy on a few occasions and your remarkable job molding him to be the person he was is evident. Through Mike's enlistment in the Marines it taught me a lot about pride, loyalty, and commitment I didn't know. The camaraderie held with all the group of friends, police/fire depts. and Marine Corp. is tremendous. In the difficult days to come know that: Although you may not get over this easily, you will get through this eventually. May Andy's COURAGE of the unknown that lie ahead guide you through life. God Bless all of you!!*

Michelle Holbury - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ *Andy, Served his community and his country with pride. He was loved by many and respected by more. His service to God and Country will never be forgotten, nor will the memories of the good times be forgotten. May God give his family strength and endurance to survive His passing and remember all the good moments shared with Andy. With our sincerest sympathy : Gary & Darlene Houlehan*

Gary K. Houlehan, Inspector - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Nowacki Family,
Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. We homeschool our three sons and have been studying World War I. We will begin studying World War II soon. We are trying to instill in our sons a great respect for the brave heroes who serve our country in the armed forces. We appreciate that your son was one of those heroes. The Bible says, "There's no greater love, than to lay down your life for your brother." That's exactly what Ace did for all of us in this country. May the Lord comfort and bless you.

Ken, Cathy, David, Kenny, Jonathan Gorski

The Gorski Family - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ To Andy's family
I think your son died a hero. We all thank him for being so brave. I hope with the thought that everyone loves him without even knowing him would help you get during the rough tims. May god bless you and your family

kelly torrieri - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Denis. You and your family are in my thoughts, prayers and desire that you feel support at this sad time.

I am sure that although you are deeply saddened at your son's all-too-soon leave taking, that you are also proud of his willingness and courage to put himself at risk for what he believed would benefit others!

Love,

Terry

Terry Crowley - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Our very deepest sympathy for the loss of your young son. We thank him for our freedom. He will live in the hearts he left behind. Our prayers are with the family. Gracie & John Nero

Gracie & John Nero - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ We offer our deepest sympathies on your loss and will hold Andy and his family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Lisa and Bobby Dowdell - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ To Andy's Family:
At this time there are no words that can express the amount of pain; I know you are feeling. Please know that my entire family is praying for you and Andy. May he walk in the house of the Lord and always be watching over you.
God Bless.

Angela Trizza - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My deepest condolences on this tragic loss.*

Howie Fromkin - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *My heart mourns for you. I remember meeting Andrew at Caswell Massey what a nice young man.your family will be in my prayers.*

Robin Patterson - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I did not know you.. and I only know your Dad a little via internet... but my heart aches for your family... you sound like a h..ll of a kid !! Please guide us from above.. and comfort your family... We are sad...*

JD - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *What a beautiful soul. Thank you for being such a great friend. You'll always be our Ace, and always #1. May God bless you and your family. Your friend, Andrew*

Andrew Moore - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our hearts mourn with you at this time and always. What a wonderful human being your son, Andrew, was. I know words cannot ease the pain in your hearts, but know there are so many people who pray for you and your family.

May God hold you in the palm of His hands to comfort all of you now and always.

Judy Katz & family

Judy Katz - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *My condolences to the family.*

George J. Pryor - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *Sorry for your loss. May Ace find eternal happiness. May you and your family find peace and serenity. God bless all of you.*

Edward Arrich - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Our deepest sympathies - you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God watch over you and bless you.
We'll miss you Ace.*

Bob and Monica Martello - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ *Live & Let Live*

Nicholas - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Denny & Sheila,
So very sorry to hear about Andrew. Our prayers and sympathy are with you and your family at this time. Rick is currently in Germany and is very sorry he cannot be at the services for your son.
Debbie

Richard & Debora Schmitt - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am sorry for your loss, but I want you to know I sincerely appreciate the sacrifice you have made for all free people and nations.

Mike Cooper - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Please stay close to those who support you. It's an honor to have our country represented by such brave young men.

Allen A. Maxwell - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Andy and I had served time together in Erie,PA and I'm sad that he is gone now but I will always have the memory's we all shared with Andy on duty and off. He was a good Marine and had alot of promise in the future of the Marine Corps.
My deepest sympathies to the family of Lcpl. Andy Nowacki
Semper Fi Andy!!

*With All my deepest sympathies,
Sgt. Arne Pasanen and Family*

Sgt. Arne A. Pasanen III - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ On behalf of the FOP Lodge 16, we extend our heartfelt condolences. Andy was a great officer and a great friend to many of us.

Marilyn Satterfield - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM