



## Donald A. Andrus

August 15, 1929 - April 25, 2022

Donald A. Andrus, age 92, of Willowick, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2022, at the Burton Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 15, 1929. Don was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 70 years, Carole (nee Kozman); parents, George and Alice Andrus; brothers George, Jr., and Theodore Andrus; and sister, Caroline Johnson.

Don was a devoted father and is survived by his three children, Cynthia (Dan) Deighton of Willowick, Karen (Mark) Tollafield of Kent, and Don (Kathleen) Andrus of Willowick.

He was the loving grandfather of Andrea Deighton, Kevin Deighton, Amy Tollafield (Luke Carpenter), Jeff (Nicole) Tollafield, Don, Matthew, and Maggie Andrus; and great-grandfather to Bennett and Henry Tollafield.

Don was proud of his service in the U.S. Navy from 1948-1953. During that time, he served on two submarines: the USS Cobia, and was part of the commissioning crew on the USS Trout (SS 566). Upon returning home from the service, Don worked at TAPCO, which later became TRW, retiring in 1994. He was a 65-year resident of Willowick and was an active member in both the Willowick

Jay-Cees and the Indian Guides. Don is especially remembered for his patience, positive attitude, and kind and caring nature, always being there for anyone needing help.

He enjoyed traveling with his family, especially to Maine and North Carolina.

He became interested in woodcarving in the 1990s and enjoyed making Christmas ornaments, decorative plaques, and garden gnomes for family and friends.

A short graveside service will be held on Monday, May 2, at 11:00 am at Knollwood Cemetery in Mayfield Heights. All are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in his honor to Ohio Living Hospice <https://www.ohioliving.org/foundation/donate>

Or to the Veterans' organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Knollwood Cemetery

1678 Som Center Road  
Mayfield Hts, OH 44124

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Kip and I met him on the USS Trout. In the Navy we made nicknames from our last names. We were known as Andy and Johnny and became best friends. I've had many friends, but none like Andy. He brought me home to Cleveland on leave to meet his family. I can't say it was love at first sight when I met his sister Carolyn. She was mad, I took her room...she soon got over it. We enjoyed almost 56 years of marriage, 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. I can honestly say he changed my life forever! God bless you Andy!

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**Les "Johnny" Johnson** - April 28, 2022 at 05:38 PM

CI

*Thank you, Uncle Les, for your memory of my dad. It made me smile. Take care!*

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**Cindy** - April 28, 2022 at 09:16 PM

BM

“ My neighbor, my friend. I will miss you. The kindness you showed me and especially the thoughtfulness to my Zoey over the years will never be forgotten.

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**Bob Morrison** - April 27, 2022 at 10:35 PM

CI

“ Just the best dad ever. Simple as that.

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**Cindy** - April 27, 2022 at 01:08 PM

KM

“ *What a sweet, gentleman! His adoration of his family, especially his wife was plain to everyone who met him. He will be missed, but how glad I am that he has found peace.*

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**Kristin Miller** - April 27, 2022 at 12:41 PM

MH

“ *Dear Family - Sending you sympathy in the loss of your dear Father Donald A Andrus. I worked with his beloved Wife Carole at W/E Bd. Of Ed. I remember Don as a friendly, smiling, good-natured, gentleman. In his memory I have made a gift to Ohio Living Hospice. God bless you all as you mourn the loss of Don.*  
*Marge Hoffman*

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**Marge Hoffman** - April 27, 2022 at 12:23 PM