



Andrew David Hoffman

June 8, 1976 - September 23, 2012

Andrew “Andy” David Hoffman, 36, of Traverse City, died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 23, 2012.

Andrew was born on June 8, 1976, in Denver, CO to David Phillip and Gayle Janis (Dawson) Hoffman.

Andy was a 1994 graduate from Traverse City Central High School and earned an associate’s degree from Northwestern Michigan College.

As an adult, he lived at various times in East Lansing, Minneapolis, and Chicago where he pursued his life’s dream of making it in improvisational comedy. Andy saw the world in a particular way and comedy was his way of connecting with people.

In 2009 he returned to Traverse City where he worked for Hagerty Insurance as a claims adjuster. He recently resumed performing in improv comedy with Guttersnipe Theatre.

Andy was a fan of the Detroit Tigers and a long-suffering and loyal fan of the Detroit Lions.

He attended the Immanuel Baptist Church as a child and later as an adult made a confession of Faith in Christ.

Andy was happiest when surrounded by his close friends. His offbeat wit will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving Andy are his parents, David (Judy) Hoffman, Gayle Dawson, brothers, Bryce (Sheila) Hoffman, Charles (Kai Hsiang “Jean”) Hoffman, nephew Connor, grandparents, Thompson and Margaret Dawson and many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Andy is preceded in death by grandparents David and Charlotte “Lottie” Hoffman.

Visitation for Andrew will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012, from 4-8 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2012, also at the funeral home with a visitation held one hour prior. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of one's choice. Please sign Andrew's online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

SEP **Funeral Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Aaron Heuser lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Aaron Heuser - May 19, 2015 at 07:37 PM



“ Ashley lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Ashley - October 24, 2014 at 07:46 PM



“ Missing you today more than ever Andy.

Jessica Miller - September 03, 2014 at 09:52 PM



“ Part of what made it okay for me to move across the country was knowing Andy would take on my role as the awkwardly random, slightly inappropriate improvisation actor in TC. I went out of my way to get Andy back on stage, to the point I let him take me frisbee golfing for the first time... yes, Andy took my frofing cherry. Then he lost it in the tall grass on 16.

We go back a ways, but it was this new adventure in performing that now defines our friendship. He was the next big thing on stage in TC and few knew it. Those who saw a Guttersnipe show merely skimmed the surface of this man's talent. A thousand projects rattling in our brains and spilling out, discussing the in's and out's, stopping to laugh every ten seconds because we couldn't have a normal conversation without making absurdist remarks and commentary. It was, well, talking with Andy.

Tonight I raise a glass to honor a fallen soldier of the stage, a wonderful friend who punctuated so many great memories, and for future audiences who will never again witness genius the like of Andy's.

To our old friends gathering in Traverse City today to honor him, I'm so sorry to have missed you. I yearn for nothing more than to relive the memories and laugh and cry with you this weekend. I'm sending large waves of good vibes to you and his family from thousands of miles away. Don't let the sadness get the better of you. Do what Andy would do and make a joke out of it.

Turner Sato - September 28, 2012 at 11:15 AM



“ Andy, how I regret not seeing you perform standup. I always said I will catch you next time. Seeing you everyday at work was enough to see that you didnt need a stage. We already new you were a "stand up" guy. Will miss coming by your cubicle to give my daily briefing and to hear yours. I could always count on you for an off the wall observation. I always walked away scratching my head. That I will miss, so catch you next time.

Brian Sarlund

Brian Sarlund - September 27, 2012 at 08:36 PM



“ Andy's presence off-stage was just as smart and warm as his presence onstage. He could find common interests with anyone and make an instant connection. I looked forward to checking what he would write every day on Twitter (@CheeseHamlet) because his humor and perspective were constantly amazing.

David Avis - September 27, 2012 at 03:57 PM



“ I was friends with Andy right out of high school and roommates with him in Minneapolis. My greatest memories of Andy involve his amazing deadpan humor, his insistence that I go to a Twins/Tigers game (I finally caved) and his unfailing kindness. It isn't fair, and I am so sorry that the world lost him so soon.

Amy Wurdock - September 27, 2012 at 12:34 PM



“ Andy, I sat next to you at work and got to know your humor and love for Diet Coke. I will miss you making me laugh and it will not be the same around here with out you.

Kara Mead - September 27, 2012 at 10:54 AM



“ Thank you for making me laugh everyday. I will miss sitting next to you at work along with your wit and insights on pop culture. I will miss you.

Elissa Preseau - September 27, 2012 at 10:30 AM



“ My heart goes out to Andy's family and everyone who had the honor of knowing him... Andy could make me laugh so hard that I forgot about the whole world in that moment, thank you Andy, you will missed

Jill Thayer - September 27, 2012 at 07:46 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the family... It's been many years now, but I remember like yesterday being onstage at TCHS with a troupe of great friends and classmates -- including Andy (aka "Slothy") -- and what a presence he had. Anyone who's ever met him would know the impact he made, just being Andy.

Renee Wightman - September 27, 2012 at 07:28 AM



“ I knew Andy very briefly, but I am so glad I had the chance to step on stage with him. I learned a lot in a short time with this funny man about what "improvisational" comedy can be. He also gave me some laugh out loud moments that will stay with me for along time. He will be missed, but remembered by all of us that had the pleasure to perform with him.

Mike Libby - Guttersnipe Theatre - September 27, 2012 at 07:16 AM



“ Andy, you were quite a character..kept me guessing and laughing. I just remembered your obsession for the public school pizza (it had to be the square kind), it made me laugh out loud! I will never forget you!



Stacy Percy - September 26, 2012 at 07:21 PM



“ Andy always made me laugh. His wit is like no other. Miss you Andy.

Margaret Robinson - September 26, 2012 at 03:31 PM



“ Never say goodbye, because saying goodbye means going away and going away means forgetting -Peter Pan
TTFN Renegade! I will never forget you and the constant laughter you created! :)

Courtney Guy - September 26, 2012 at 03:09 PM



“ Having Andy as one of my scouts in Troop 35 was a great pleasure. He was always fun loving, worked hard and enjoyed camping. Even though he never made Eagle rank he was always a good scout and helpful with troop activities. I will never forget him.

Scoutmaster Jim Hanes

Jim Hanes - September 27, 2012 at 10:33 AM



“ Barb Jones lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Barb Jones - September 26, 2012 at 03:06 PM



“ Miss you Andy



Jennifer Gross - September 26, 2012 at 01:49 PM



“ Ray & Elaina Finger lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Ray & Elaina Finger - September 26, 2012 at 12:45 PM



“ Stacy Wiegert lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



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“ Andrea Gray lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



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“ Judy Daley lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Judy Daley - September 26, 2012 at 12:08 PM



“ Chris And Karen Kerkhof lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Chris and Karen Kerkhof - September 26, 2012 at 12:07 PM



“ Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Carolyn Walker - September 26, 2012 at 12:02 PM



“ Marge Yahrmatter lit a candle in memory of Andrew David Hoffman



Marge Yahrmatter - September 26, 2012 at 11:41 AM



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