



Andrew John Rose Jr.

March 17, 1938 - January 21, 2022

Andrew (Andy) John Rose Jr., age 83, of Ocala, Florida, left this Earth to be in Heaven on January 21st, 2022 in Ocala, Florida.

Andy or Jack as his childhood friends and family called him) was born March 17, 1938 in Akron, Ohio, son of Andrew and Mary Rose (Williamson). The family, including younger sister Pat (Biggs) moved to Alabama where Andy spent 1st and 2nd grades then the family, now including sister Kathy (Short), moved to Hialeah, Florida. He graduated from Hialeah High School in 1957 while working at the Hialeah Veterinary Clinic, Miami Herald, and taking shop where he learned his love of woodworking. Many happy days were spent fishing, working on cars, and helping his father in his orchid greenhouse. He left Hialeah in 1957 to attend the University of Florida where he met his future wife Jeanie in a Dairy Science class. He served in the Army 1961-67 stationed out of Ft. Riley Kansas where his daughter Debra was born.

After returning to the University after service he completed graduate school in what was the Department of Fruit Crops (Horticulture) with his specialization in Citrus Research. He then began a lifelong journey that introduced him to so many wonderful friends, colleagues, and countries. He took a job as an extension agent in Lake County then began working for Libby McNeal and Libby (Libby's) where he did research on citrus in their Florida groves and then pineapples in South Florida and Belize. He retired from Libby's in 1984 and returned to his extension roots as Director of Extension in Citrus county until 2000 when he went to Sumter County, retiring in 2004. He remained

active in the Rotary during most of his career. In retirement he enjoyed growing and tending to his pineapples and many orchids, woodworking in his shop, traveling with his sweetheart Helen, judging school science projects, and especially serving with his church family wherever he lived. Those who knew Andy knew of his loyalty and dedication to "find the answers" and never turn down an opportunity to meet and befriend new people.

Andy is survived by his daughter Debra Rose of Spencer, Indiana and his sweetheart Helen Grimes of Ocala. He is preceded in death by his wife Jeanie A. Rose (Patrick), his mother Mary W. Rose (Williamson), his father Andrew (Andy) J. Rose Sr., his sister Pat Biggs (Rose), and his sister Kathryn Short (Rose)

Memorial donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or online, and the University of Florida Horticultural Sciences Department (payable to UF Foundation, Memo: Rose Memorial), P.O. Box 110170, Gainesville, FL 32611 or online at: ufgive.to/ajrose

Andy's kindness, knowledge, friendship, and love of life will be missed by all who knew him but we take comfort that he well knew the love of God, his wonderful sweetheart, the many friends and family, and his daughter Debra.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd AVE
Ocala , FL 34471

Funeral Service

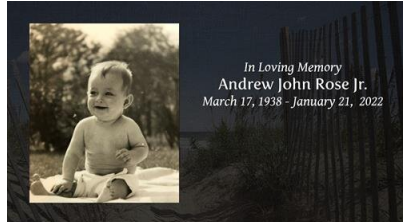
FEB 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Christ the King Anglican Church
4440 SE 3rd Avenue
Ocala, FL 34480

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew John Rose Jr.*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - February 01, 2022 at 01:25 PM

JW

“ *Dear Andy,
You were my rock in adapting to my lifestyle in Florida, these past 9 years. Our adventures in Belgium, Holland and France are unforgettable, and much more. You were so loving and generous, and we were more than family...also best friends. I will miss you, and can never forget the secure feeling of having you near. Your faith was strong and your spirit is lifted by all who knew and loved you.
Love always,
Jeanie Williamson*

Jeanie Williamson - January 30, 2022 at 02:05 PM

DT

Hello Jeanie, I am the sister of Brian Short. I spoke with him today after the service and he had wonderful things to say about you. We all miss Andy so much. Ox Diane

Diane Thorne - February 02, 2022 at 11:18 PM

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“ Much to my dismay, I never had the opportunity to actually meet Andy in person. I do remember, however, that he would call my mother on occasion to see how she was doing after the death of my father, Robert Wiseman Williamson . When my sister, Joni Durinsky moved to Sarasota, Florida I heard a lot about him! He was described as an energetic, funny and kind soul. I began corresponding via email with him soon after. He sent me goofy jokes and unusual prose along with wonderful writing. I am placing this obit into my copy of : *The Ancestors and Descendants of David Williamson and Mary Wiseman Williamson of Lanarkshire, Scotland* written by Uncle Dave's very accomplished son, David Williamson. My heartfelt condolences to all of you who new him well.



Warmly,
Pamela J. Pelle (Williamson)

Pamela J Pelle (Williamson) - January 28, 2022 at 03:46 PM

JD

“ My heart is heavy to mourn the loss of an incredibly kind, considerate and loving man. Andy was so full of life and knowledge that he that he lit up a room with his presence and talking with him was like cozying up with a new book that was quick to become a favorite.

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to meet my cousin Andy after all these years and my heart and condolences go out to Debra, Helen and Jeanie and all those who knew and loved this beautiful person.

*You will forever be in my heart Andy!
Love Joni Durinsky*

Joni Durinsky - January 27, 2022 at 05:25 PM