



Andrew Braccidiferro

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Andrew Braccidiferro, 89, a man who personified the adage that family always comes first, died Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Windham Hospital. A city kid from the close-knit Italian Wooster Square neighborhood of New Haven, Andy grew into an adult who found his true home was in the country. He reveled in outdoor sports such as fishing and hunting and found great satisfaction in meticulously caring for the family home in Willington, a house he built himself and lived in for some 60 years. Always devoted to his family, his unfailing love was Doris, his wife of 66 years, who survives him. He was consistently cheerful and uncomplaining, loved joking and teasing and was a great role model and inspiration for his children and grandchildren.

Born in New Haven November 1, 1926, Andy loved to joke about his birthday falling on All Saints Day. His mother Olimpia emigrated from Amalfi, Italy and settled in New Haven along with many of her fellow countrymen. She raised her family primarily as a single mother and while Andy knew material deprivation as a child, he also experienced the warmth and support of a loving family and community. He was always proud of his Italian heritage and never stopped preferring home-cooked Italian meals because of his mother's prowess in the kitchen.

He also was especially proud of his brother Ralph's military service during World War II, a time when Andy remained stateside to help support his mother and siblings.

Andy was a talented duckpin bowler in his younger days and he met and fell in love with Doris Zemina in a New Haven bowling alley, where he was working as a pin boy. The two married June 18, 1949 and remained devoted to each other from that time forward.

When the couple moved to Stafford Springs after marrying, Andy began working for the Connecticut Department of Transportation. He began the job at a time when



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much road maintenance work was done manually and he recalled times when he and co-workers rode in the open beds of trucks and hand-shoveled sand and salt on the roads in winter. When he retired from state employment more than 30 years later, he was a payloader operator working primarily from the DOT facility on Route 32, Willington.

In later years, Andy and Doris enjoyed traveling as a couple and with children and grandchildren, including trips to numerous U.S. national parks, Florida's Disney World and Amalfi, Italy, where they went for their 50th wedding anniversary. They also enjoyed trying their luck at Foxwoods Resort Casino.

Besides his wife, Andy is survived by three daughters and sons in law: Diane and David Evans of Peacham, Vermont; Victoria and Richard Littell of Canterbury and Gail and Bruce MacDonald of Pawcatuck. He also is survived by his sister Ann Braccidiferro of Hamden, six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother and brother Ralph.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Andy's life at calling hours from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, which will be followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 P.M. at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford. Burial will follow in Willington Hill Cemetery, Willington.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to St. Philip the Apostle Church, 64 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford, CT 06278 or the American Cancer Society for the Southern New England Region, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. For online condolences or directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



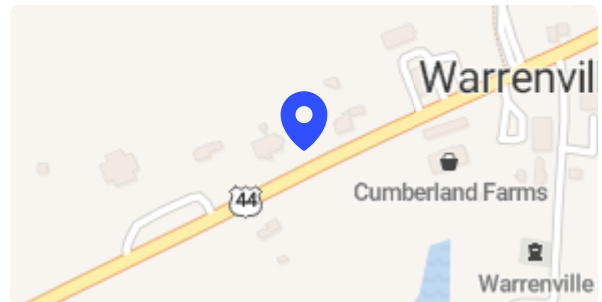
Visitation

- Wednesday**, February 17, 2016
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
- Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc.**
51 East Main St., Stafford Springs CT 06076



Service

- Wednesday**, February 17, 2016
- 12:00 PM ET
- St. Philip the Apostle Church**
64 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford CT 06278



Cemetery Details

- Willington Hill Cemetery**
Tolland Turnpike, Willington CT 06279





Tribute Wall

Andrew Braccidiferro

AB

Andrea Bronson lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

Dear Doris & Family, Bob & I send our heartfelt condolences to all of you. We, too, were heartbroken to learn of Andy's passing. He led by example, with great humor, sincerity & genuine consideration, the true meaning of a wonderful neighbor and friend. I can honestly say, that 15 years ago, The Braccidiferro's made our transition to this wonderful neighborhood above & beyond welcoming. You made us feel at home. Our lives have been blessed by God for placing us right across the street and for that we will be forever grateful! As our other neighbors have expressed, Andy's cheerfulness, helpfulness & laughter brought much joy into our lives and he will be missed! We shall cogitate with fond, fun & very happy thoughts as we remember such a special person. We wish you all peace of heart, Andrea & Bob Bronson



February 19 at 9:33 PM

JM

John Martello posted:

Have lost touch with Andy over the years but have never forgotten what a good friend and co-worker he was for upwards of fifteen years at West Willington at the D.O.T. garage. Great sense of humor and always praying for snow so he could pay the oil bill. Judd Hunter and myself were his designated chauffeur so he could get to meals from his cozy little pay loader shack. Many great memory's. Rest in peace Andy. Deepest condolences to all the family John Martello

February 17 at 5:29 AM

AZ

Annette Zelanski posted:

Andy has been a good friend to all of us in the neighborhood, and he will be missed by everyone. In 40 years I cannot think of a time that Andy wasn't cheerful and helpful, and his laughter made us all happy! Our memories of him will always be good ones! We send you all our deepest condolences, The Zelanski family (Annette, John, Noemi, and Ruth)

February 16 at 4:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Braccidiferro family.



February 16 at 7:16 AM



Tribute Wall

Andrew Braccidiferno



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Braccidiferno family.

February 15 at 10:46 AM



Hayes lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

February 14 at 5:19 AM



Teresa Fawn Semerzakis posted:

Dear Doris and family, We want you to know how terribly sorry we are for your great loss. We were all so heartbroken to learn of Andy's passing as we had become great neighborhood friends over the years. He was always pleasant to talk with and had a great sense of humour. Andy will surely be missed by all of us. May he be at rest, with love and peace, John & Teresa and Nicholas and Peter Semerzakis

February 13 at 2:54 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Braccidiferno family.

February 13 at 5:48 AM



The Cruz Family (Sheryl, Jeff And Ben) lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

February 13 at 4:50 AM



J & P Rossi lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

February 12 at 2:03 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Andrew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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