



Andrew Gradon Wilson

December 8, 1976 - September 12, 2024

Andrew Gradon Wilson, 47, of Traverse City, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Born on December 8, 1976, in Gary, Indiana, with a brief stay in Kenosha, Wisconsin where he attended Frank and Forest Park Elementary School. Andrew's journey began in a close-knit family that later moved to Scottville, Michigan, where he spent his formative years. Affectionately known as Andrew, Drew, or Drew Nasty, he was always the life of the party, known for his playful spirit and penchant for fun. Growing up alongside his cousins, he embraced every opportunity for adventure. Proud of his Native American heritage, Andrew was a proud member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. As a grass dancer, he joyfully stomped down the grass, paving the way for others to celebrate in the circle—a true embodiment of his love for community and togetherness.

Andrew had a passion for the Chicago Bears, and one can imagine him now, tossing a football around with the legendary Walter Payton. In recent years, he dedicated himself to sharing his journey of sobriety, helping others find their own paths to healing. Through this journey, he discovered a deep faith in God, spreading love and positivity to everyone he encountered. An embrace from Andrew was like no other—warm, genuine, and unforgettable.

A gifted cook, Andrew had an extraordinary ability to create delicious meals from simple ingredients, even though he loved cold hot dogs and a good ol' fashioned bologna sammich. He spent his final years delighting others with his culinary skills at Lucky Jack's, where he brought joy and laughter to all who

knew him.

Above all else, Andrew's greatest accomplishment is his children. He loved being a dad and seized every opportunity to boast about them to anyone in earshot. Andrew is survived by his beloved children, Londyn, Gradyn, and Raelyn Wilson; his father, Ricky Salter of Kenosha, Wisconsin; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Patricia (Fish) Wilson, and his cherished grandparents, Geraldine and Robert Rodriguez, who played a pivotal role in his upbringing.

Andrew will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His spirit, kindness, and love will continue to resonate in the hearts of those he touched.

A viewing will be held at Wyman's Funeral Home in Scottville, Michigan, on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 11am with a graveside prayer at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

800 South Custer Road
Custer, MI 49405

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
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(231) 757-3333
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Tribute Wall

AC

“ Drew I miss you so much. Your smile, your positivity, your continuous effort to, no matter how difficult the challenge, to always be not just the "glass half full" guy, but the "Thanks to God my glass is always overflowing" guy. Everyone you encountered you looked for and lifted up the best in them. You were always willing to stop, take a moment and share a prayer with anyone struggling. You and your smile were so contagious you brightened everyone's day and heart.
Godspeed my dear friend. You are a true angel to everyone.

Ann Clous - September 24, 2024 at 03:31 PM

MI

“ Drew - I will miss your hugs, smile, humor and light. Until we meet again, my friend.
Drew's family - we were all fortunate to know and be lifted up by Drew throughout TC. We are wrapping you all in big hugs, and will miss Drew, and the light he shared with us all, alongside you.

Michelle - September 21, 2024 at 08:18 AM

KK

“ Drew, you were one of our favorite customers at Save A Lot in Traverse City. We saw you daily going to and from work. No weather stopped you from cruising into the parking lot on your vroom vroom! We were always happy to see you, your bright smile and never ending words of encouragement. You were one of the good ones. It was a pleasure knowing you Drew! God Speed friend!!!

Kat kurtzweil - September 20, 2024 at 10:09 AM

RA

“ I loved the way you always made sure everyone around you had just what they needed to be comfortable. Even the introverts in the corner of the room. Say hi to my kids for me and I'll see you when I get there.

Racheal - September 20, 2024 at 09:29 AM

HP

“ Lucky Jacks is not the same without you. I will miss trying to find you bears stuff. I imagine you're up there in heaven wearing your bears robe. I will miss your uplifting texts and quotes of the day and that joyful smile.

Hillerie Pintarich-Rettelle - September 20, 2024 at 07:35 AM

SM

“ Shawn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gradon Wilson.

Shawn M. - September 19, 2024 at 10:59 PM

SM

“ Shawn M. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Andrew Gradon Wilson.



Shawn M. - September 19, 2024 at 10:59 PM

KR

“ You will truly be missed by all Drew.

Krystal - September 19, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JF

*Drew I love and will miss you! You were such a wonderful human.
Much much love friend ❤️🙏*

Jenna Fifield - September 19, 2024 at 11:59 PM

LY

Drew thanks for being the wonderful man you were. My daughter spoke highly of you and how you always made her day working with you. No matter what she was going through you were there to make her smile and laugh. She even told me of the time you even came in on your day off to pray with her. I thank you for being there for her when I couldn't. Your kind heart and wonderful personality will be missed sorely. May you rest in peace our friend!

Linda Yuncker - September 20, 2024 at 05:21 PM