



Andre Paul Scotka

May 3, 1963 - July 26, 2017

Andre Paul Scotka was born May 3, 1963 in Houston, Texas. Two years later his family moved to California, settling eventually in Walnut where he had his education. This is where he built most of his friendships, memories, and had the best of times.

Andre played hard, he had energy that needed to be spent. In his youth he played flag football and rode a dirt bike, the later he continued even into his young adult years. Thankfully for mom's sake, the thrill eventually changed to mountain bike riding. He suffered many injuries and road rash from these sports, but not much kept him from the thrill of it all.

He enjoyed everything about the outdoors; a Sunday drive to the desert or the mountains, hanging out by the pool or at the lake, or fishing while visiting with friends. He enjoyed today and hardly planned ahead. Work hard, play harder and live for today; that was Andre. Many of you had the pleasure of being a part of it. In his youth, there were many camping trips with the Reynolds family and many family trips to the High Sierras , Northern California. As family schedules got busier it was weekends in Big Bear or day trips anywhere within reach.

His smile was enduring, his laugh a chuckle, and his heart always warm. He had no enemies and could make a friend in an instant. He had a nick name or

a slang name for you as a greeting, he would start with "what's up" and then fill in the blank with bucket head, loser, or some other slang description that need not be repeated here. He had a constant energy about him.

What was that Beach Boys song about a car "She's real fine my 409, my 4-0-9". Well for Andre it was because he was Mr. Clean. It was what kept him busy.

He loved his children Justin and Leanne. Even though they are 20 odd years apart he managed to have the same energy with them both. Chuckle E. Cheese or Knott's Berry Farm, he was just a big kid himself.

Since his young adult life Andre loved a party. It was evident in the photos the family looked through this past week. Wow what a fun life he had. He functioned for many years with his party. But as life's years and experiences bring hardship he began to party alone. He didn't grip that he wasn't alone.

Now he is in peace with Mom and Dad on a big lake in the mountains where the views are amazing. He is looking down watching us. So talk to him now and again in your thoughts and prayers.

As he would often say, "No sniffing!"

He is preceded in death by his parents, Melanie Babette Graf and Raymond Louis Scotka. He is survived by his children Justin and Leanne Scotka and his sisters Carmen (Dean) Toneck and Michele (Andrew) Tate.

Michele Tate

Tribute Wall

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“ *Andre was a person that made every situation or environment better. He made us laugh and we were always guaranteed a great time. So many great memories will be remembered. We miss and love you dearly.*

Christina and Braden Cooper - August 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My Buddy Andre I am so sad today to find out that your gone!Me you,Kenny,And Don Wagner we had fun we had some great great times.I wish I would have contacted later in life with you.And Michelle beautiful what you wrote I'm so sad for you and Carmen!Just know Dave Walker will always love and miss all of you.*

David Walker - August 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Although it's been many years since I've seen Andre, I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. I've such fond memories of laughter and fun times ... gone far too soon. My love to all of you at this very difficult time.*

Susie Phillips - August 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Andre's passing. I haven't seen him in many years but worked with him for many years at both Continental Safety and B-Safe. He could always make be laugh no matter how hard my day was going. Rest in peace Andre. My prayers are with your family at this time.*

Lori Powell - August 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Andre was a true Mans Man and thrill seeker! He was also an absolutely totally dedicated, honest, very hard working employee. I owned part of the company that hired him in the late 80s and found out immediately Andre worked with people not for them, and I say that in a 100 percent positive manner. He acted as though he was an owner and did an amazing job at everything he did, which was about 5 different full time jobs all at once. He was also a dear friend who I consider as family and he would do anything to help any body!!! He also talked with high enthusiasm about how much he loved his two children!! I believe what the pastor said at the funeral, that Andre found our Gracious Lord and accepted him as his Lord and Savior. Hallelujah!!! We all are going to miss you deeply and look forward to seeing you in the future my brother and friend!

Bob Dudleston - August 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I had not seen Andre in many years and was saddened to hear of his passing. We worked together for a number of years at Continental Safety in the 90's....he was a great co-worker, had a great personality and definitely lived life to the fullest. May you rest in peace Andre...Prayers for the family

Debbie Sanchez - August 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I loved Andre like he was a second dad. My dad, Ken, grew up with Andre as a child, living next door to each other. When we would go dirt biking with our family, Andre would teach me some some things on my dirt bike. That eventually lead to me bugging the heck out of him wanting to drive his little white Ford Ranger...anywhere and everywhere! We had a vacation house in Lake Arrowhead where Andre then bought a place as well. He taught me how to drive on those crazy mountain roads and never once did he tell me "okay time to drive back home" he let me drive and dive and drive till my heart was content! We would fly that little Ford Ranger off some jumps in Ocotillo wells too! (that was our secret, sorry mom and dad. I get my " Leadfoot" from Andre). When my fiancé proposed to me, Andre was the very first to "approve" the ring. Andre has helped our family in so many ways...he was one of the best and loyal friends you could ever have. Thank you for being there for my dad and I in the tough times we have endoured in the recent years. I will miss our drives together, your humor, the way you greeted people with nick names, your smile, your laugh and much more. The one thing most I remember is that you never had a mean bone in ur body....in all the years I've known you, never once did I see you mad or angry in front of me. You lived life the the fullest and loved your family and friends. You were the best second dad around and I will cherish the times we spent getting to know each other especially when I was a kid. I will always love you and miss you! I know you will be smiling down on all of us.

Kayla Reynolds - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Andre was the nicest man I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. He would have done anything for anyone he could. His presence was warm and welcoming, although his spirit was wounded ,it was fierce and not broken. Beloved Andre, you know my thoughts , you've heard my prayers... Rest in peace my brother

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AC

“Michelle and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that we are thinking about you.

Arline and Dennis Cutler - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SK

“Always remember his smile. He was always so cool. So very sorry for this loss. May he RIP. My thoughts are with his children and his sister michelle.

Shiela Summerton kempka - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BM

“Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Andre, your summary above makes me wish I had. He sounded like an individual who was so full of life's energy. I am so sorry for all of his family's and friend's loss. Praying for you, Tate Family, and hoping peace will find you during this very difficult time. We Love You!!

Beth McFarland - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DT

“Very nice words from Michelle that described the essence of Andre. I am a co-worker of Andre's that lives in Northern California. I would talk with Andre many times a day. He was a hard worker that always went the extra mile to get the job done. He was also one that would discuss how important his family was to him. I was fortunate to spend some time with him on the Colorado river and Lake Mohave. Will never forget the good times. Love you Andre . Peace be with you.

Daniel Timmons - August 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Missing your laugh, your smile, and the light in your eyes.*

August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Andre and I grew up next-door to each other's he was a brother to me we had many great times together playing in the Orange Grove's orange fights 4 wheeling motorcycle riding we did pretty much everything together we lost track for a few years but still kept in contact he worked for my company for a few years later on and we really had a great time working with each other I would say for the last 10 years we've been very very close like we were in our childhood he spent many days and nights over my house hanging out with my kids teaching my daughter how to drive when we had a house up in the mountains he ended up buying a house up in the mountains as well so we could spend more time together his daughter would come over and play with my granddaughter and they became very close his dad and my dad used to take me and Andre shooting we were kids and me and Andre carry that on with our kids teaching them to shoot we just had a blast together all the time he was always there for me I could make a phone call and Andre would be There we talked on phone just about every day I think that's the hardest part for me right now can't talk to my bust buddy but I know he's in a better place do you want some fishing hanging out with his mom and dad You will be missed my brother*

Ken Reynolds - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ ? Beautiful words, Michele. With a heavy heart, tears fill my eyes as I read the obituary. Yet, I smile remembering the all fun times we had growing up next door. I am so sorry for your loss and for the entire family. You all are in my heart today and always. I pray comfort is found by knowing Andre is at peace now, watching over you along side your parents. Life really is short.... Sincerely

Renee Reynolds Kerby - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My deepest sympathy. I grew up next door to the Scotka family in Walnut. Andre and I were life long friends. Andre was able to visit me one year in Kentucky we went to lake Cumberland with my dad and uncle. After many years I was able to meet up with him on a business trip to California he was excited about the newest addition to his family. I will miss him dearly.

Marty Alsip - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sad that I cannot be there tomorrow to share stories of my childhood with Andre next door. Andre was always there. To play with, to fight with, to be my other brother. Our years of physical distance sadly created distance in our friendship as well and that I will always regret, but my memories of so many adventures together have not been forgotten. Sisters, Carmen and Michele, I love you. Always have, always will. I hope you know how much.

Suzanne (Suzie) Nelson (Reynolds) - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ I'm so sad I cannot be there with all of you tomorrow to share the stories of my childhood growing up next door to Andre. He was always there...to play with, to fight with, to be my other brother. Our families were so intertwined, it was hard to tell which kids lived where. He went to the prom with me when I didn't have a date. I loved this guy. I regret that I allowed the physical distance and directions our lives took, also distance our relationship, but the memories of all of our adventures will never be forgotten. To my sisters, Michele and Carmen. I love you. Always did, always will. My heart is with you.

Suzanne Nelson - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ The Reynolds and Scotka's were like one family for many years. Camping, holidays, birthdays, game nights and so many other things we shared. I always knew Andre would pop into the house and say Mom are you making tacos or burritos tonight? So many funny memories. My heart is saddened for Carmen, Michelle and his children as well as all of us who called him son or brother. You were loved Andre and we all will always remember only the good times. You are at peace and once again in the arms of your mother and father. Love you

Pinkie Reynolds - August 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM