



## Andrew Thomas Wood D.D.S.

October 5, 1943 - September 18, 2022

Voorheesville, NY-Andrew Thomas Wood died September 18, 2022, at his beloved home on Swift Road in Voorheesville, NY. He was born to Stella Miskiewicz and Richard Wood on October 5, 1943, in Albany, NY. He graduated from Albany High School in 1961, where he served on student council and captained the varsity swim club, among other activities. He earned a degree in biology from Siena College, and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from West Virginia University. His first years as a dentist were spent in Denver, CO, where he served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force at Lowry Air Force Base. In 1971, he returned to Albany to open a private practice, which he ran without interruption until 2020. An active member of the Third District Dental Society in Albany and a national delegate to the American Dental Association, he was inducted into the Academy of General Dentistry in 1998. On September 17, 1966, Andrew married Mary Gabrielle Norris at the Church of St. Vincent De Paul. She was the love of his life; together they have four children, Julie, James, Lori, and Michael, who grew up in their country home where family and friends near and far were always welcomed. Andrew was a devoted member of St. Matthew's Church serving as a lay minister and parish council member. He was also an active member of the Albany Country Club.

Above all, Andrew was a loving person who cared for his family, friends, and patients with warmth and good cheer. For those who knew him well, he was a

constant source of positivity and generosity. He enjoyed music, movies, books, cars, sports, Old Albany stories, and lackluster rounds of golf with joy and appreciation for their unique contributions to his character.

Compassionate, happy, and supportive, he was a great friend to all. He was especially interested to teach you what he knew and eager to rejoice in the wisdom and accomplishments of others. You always left his presence with spirits lifted.

Andrew is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Gay; his daughter Julie Harris, her husband John and children Ally, Stephen, Andrew, and Matthew of Louisville, KY; James Wood, his wife Patricia and children JD, Christina, and Samantha of Milwaukee, WI; his daughter Lori Cashman, her husband Gillis and children Tyler, AJ, Brooke, Colin, and Tucker of Hingham, MA; Michael Wood, his wife Katharine McJimsey and children Georgia and Naomi of Chicago, IL; his younger sister Beverly Squadere and her husband James of Albany, younger brother John Wood and his wife Suzan of Greenville, SC, and former sister-in-law Patricia Wood; his brothers- and sisters-in-law and their spouses Ben Norris (Mary), Judy Polley (David), John Norris (Jane), and Lisa Gaglioti (Joseph); and numerous cousins, along with 16 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and older brother Richard Wood.

We will miss and cherish him and keep him in our hearts forever.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Andrew's family Thursday, September 22, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Friday, September 23, 2022 at 10:00 am at Christ the King Church, Westmere, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately

following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a special message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation ([www.givetospeters.org](http://www.givetospeters.org)) or to Siena College ([www.siena.edu/alumni-and-friends/giving](http://www.siena.edu/alumni-and-friends/giving)).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church  
20 Sumter Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew Thomas Wood D.D.S.*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 21, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Andrew Thomas Wood D.D.S.*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I was so sorry to learn of Andy's passing, and even more sorry that I could not make it to the services. My thoughts and prayers are with the Norris and Wood families at this difficult time. With love, Leanne Murray Shofi (and Family)*

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**Leanne Murary Shofi** - September 26, 2022 at 03:51 PM

JP

“ I was so sad to read of Andy’s passing. He was the consummate gentlemen who had time and a kind word for everyone. He was always a pleasure to run into at Albany CC or around town. Andy and Mary Gay were so kind to my wife Barbara and I when we were first married. My heartfelt condolences to Mary Gay and the entire Wood family

*John Puig*

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**john puig** - September 25, 2022 at 11:17 AM

MM

“ Mary Gay and family, I am so very sorry to hear about Dr. Wood. passing. I only worked for him for a couple of years, but he was my dentist for many years. I have always told people that he was by far the best dentist, professional, caring and expertise made his patients feel like family. My heart also goes out the Norris family who I had the pleasure of growing up with. I loved the video and it shows how much he loved his family and what wonderful memories you have. Again, my deepest sympathies. Thoughts and prayers.

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**maria musto** - September 23, 2022 at 01:52 PM

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“ Mary Gay - we cannot be with you due to Covid, but please know that Andy, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. We have such great memories from ACC and of your kindness during Becky's struggle. You have our deepest sympathies.

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**Tom Tyrrell** - September 23, 2022 at 10:50 AM

WW

“ Mary Gay and Family, We wish you peace and comfort--such a great loss for everyone who knew him. Such a talented doctor--he took good care of our family and was a good friend. With love, Gay and Wally Wojtowicz

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**Wallace & Gayalyn Wojtowicz** - September 22, 2022 at 09:44 PM

JS

“ Woody, my most heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. I have fond memories of your Dad from our Albany Academy days. Wishing you all peace and comfort as you grieve.

Sincerely,

John Shepardson

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**John Shepardson** - September 22, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Thomas Wood D.D.S..



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September 21, 2022 at 11:54 PM

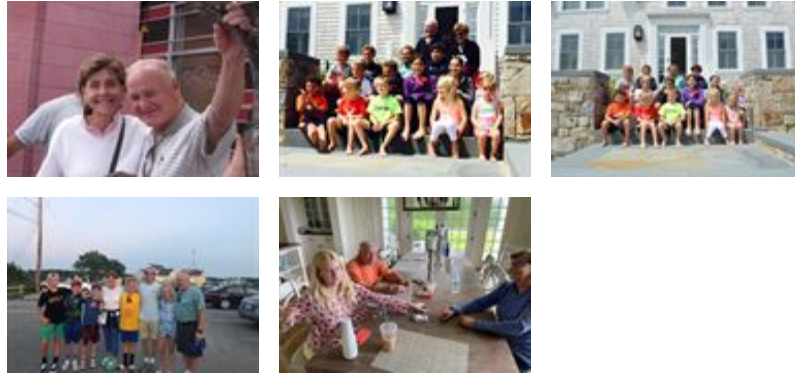
LH

“ Julie, your father sounded like an amazing man and I now see where you get that from. Holding you and your family close to my heart and in my prayers during this difficult time.

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**Lisa Hulsman** - September 21, 2022 at 07:32 PM

“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 21, 2022 at 02:39 PM

JC

“ Prior to becoming Dr. Wood's patient almost 20 years ago my husband Brian and I were good friends with his son Jim and Pat when we all lived in Pittsburgh.

Later as a patient of Dr. Wood's he always had a lot to say and our conversations interesting, albeit a bit one sided since usually there was a dental implement in my mouth. But I loved what a curious and expansive mind he had, peppered with self-deprecating jokes and good humor. He was as smart as they come and a truly unique and special person.

My condolences to the entire Wood family. Additionally, Brian and I send our love to Jim and Pat and family at this devastating loss of a wonderful human being.

With Love,  
Julie and Brian Cuneo

Julie Cuneo - September 21, 2022 at 01:19 PM

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“ To know Andy was to love him. He was always cool and calm, while I squirmed in his dentist chair. He made my anxiety just a little easier to deal with. I wish nothing but peace and comfort to his family. He will be sadly missed. RIP.

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**Pat Hicks (L&D)** - September 21, 2022 at 10:22 AM

KD

“ I was privileged to be a patient of Andy for close to 50 years. My daughters, who are in their mid-forties, knew Andy as their one and only dentist, and now my two grandsons are patients in that office. Not only was he good at dentistry, but also at being a friend. He came to my husband's viewing in the middle of a snowstorm after working a full day. My whole family is blessed to have been a small part of his well-lived life.  
Peace and comfort to his family,  
Kathy DeLaMater

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**Kathy DeLaMater** - September 21, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JE

“ Sorry to hear of Andy's passing. You should know that I spent a number of memorable rounds of golf with him ACC. He was my nemesis in member guest tournaments where we always played in the last flight. He was the happiest golfer I have ever met and I have benefitted from his wise advice on many occasions. He will be missed.

*Dr. Joseph Emrich*

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**Joseph Emrich** - September 21, 2022 at 09:46 AM

KY

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Though I never met Dr. wood, I know he must have been a terrific father because his son Woody is a great guy. Woody and my son have been close friends for years, and Woody was a great comfort to us when my husband died. I wish simply peace and good memories to the family.*

Karen Yoffe - September 20, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Thomas Wood D.D.S..*



September 20, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew Thomas Wood D.D.S..*



September 20, 2022 at 03:58 PM

AY

“ *Rest in Power, Dr. Andy. You gave me some sage advice after I lost my own father, and I will never forget that kindness. He didn't have to do anything for his son's friend in that moment, but he chose to.*

*My heart is breaking for Woody and Kat and Gigi and Nomers, and the entire Wood family.*

Adam Yoffe - September 20, 2022 at 03:25 PM

PP

*To Dr. Wood's wife and family and especially his son Jim: I first met Andy in 1981 when I joined Albany Country Club. He was a remarkable man that had an effervescent personality that was full of enthusiasm for life. He always had a smile and kind word for everyone. He was truly a gentleman. We will all miss him dearly. God bless you all in your loss.*  
*Peter Pastore*

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**Peter A Pastore** - September 21, 2022 at 07:50 AM