



## Andrew Paul Bebow

February 16, 1975 - January 2, 2025

“The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.”

Andrew Paul Bebow, affectionately known as "Andy" or "Drew", 49, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2025, at his Bradenton, FL, home.

Ever the life of the party, Andy did not want a traditional memorial service and asked that instead, friends and family come together to share their favorite memories of him and raise a glass in his honor. The family plans to have a private celebration at a later time.

Andy is survived by his son, Graham; his father, Gary (Verona) Bebow; his sister, Ella (Wes) Shelton; and countless other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cheryl Bebow, and his nephew, Taylor Shelton.

In his too-short life, Andy created lasting memories filled with creativity, music, and joy. He forged incredible friendships, always bringing laughter and light to those around him. Despite life's challenges, Andy was a resilient soul. After losing his mother at the age of 21, he went on to graduate from the University of Florida with a degree in Advertising. He later moved closer to family and began his art and graphic design business. He found a unique way to express his grief through leather sculpting, showcasing his incredible talent and ability to transform any material into art.

At 28, Andy suffered a stroke, just as his son Graham was only 8 months old. Throughout his recovery, Andy showed remarkable strength and perseverance, inspiring fellow patients at the rehab facility. His determination to hold his son again was unwavering, and he ultimately learned to walk once more alongside his growing son.

A proud University of Florida graduate, Andy was a passionate Gator football fan. On game days, he could be found chanting "Go Gators, Come On, Gators, Get Up and Go!" and performing the Gator chomp, often in playful rivalry with Florida State fans.

Known for his great sense of humor and generous spirit, Andy had a knack for striking up conversations with anyone he met. He was always open with his feelings, ensuring those

he loved knew how much they meant to him. As expressed in one of his favorite James Taylor songs, "Shower the People," Andy believed in showering the people in his life with love and affection. He will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Taylor McKeen Shelton Foundation, 5204 W. Village Parkway, Suite 11 PMB113, Rogers, AR 72758.

# Tribute Wall

JQ

“ Fly to the angels my dear sweet friend  
Thanks for all the good memories .. You will be missed..Sending my thoughts & prayers to the family

Jan Burrow Qualls - January 08, 2025 at 07:41 AM

JP

“ He was one of my favorite people. I met him at Missionary Ridge Baptist Church.  
He will be so missed.

Judy Pearson - January 06, 2025 at 08:51 PM

KE

“ Andy’s house was one of the few places I’d let my son go spend the night. Graham is one of his best friends, and me and Andy would sit and laugh, cry, and vent over raising teenagers. I can’t count the times we would talk for hours, always laughing every time we got to talk. He was a good friend and comrade in trying to make it through raising teens. So happy he got to go back to Florida for awhile as that was one of his dreams he shared. Thank you Andy for your friendship and for being a great pal to Anthony through the years. You will be missed 🍷

kelly - January 06, 2025 at 07:52 PM

CK

I'm Connie Sue who babysat and (house sat) for Andrew and Ella when I lived in Florida. He was a character then even at a young age Loved him for that, even at a young age.  
He reached out to me awhile back when he found a letter I had written to his mom Cheryl. So happy to connect w him and now this terribly sad news! Many blessings to his family- especially you Ella! May peace come to your hearts over time.

Connie Sue Klendworth - March 20, 2025 at 10:09 PM

CK

Hope Ella and Gary remember me.

Connie Sue Klendworth - March 20, 2025 at 10:11 PM

CK

Hope you get this from me- Connie Sue Klendworth

Connie sue Klendworth - March 22, 2025 at 04:42 PM

DM

*Drew you always were a great friend to me .. we had a great friendship and you will be missed dearly!! Fly high my friend and know that your presence will forever be missed until we meet again pal!! Love your good friend Dustin M*

**DUSTIN MYERS** - October 15, 2025 at 09:09 PM

JM

“ *A life well lived.. Julia Mitchell*



**Julia Mitchell** - January 06, 2025 at 02:40 PM

SL

“ *I'll never know how you got me to hold that tarantula, but I'll never forget it and all the fun we had in middle school. They will be missed forever, my friend. I will cherish our last laughs in the last hug. I got it at reunion rest in peace. Bebow gone, but never forgotten.*

**Stephanie Lappin** - January 06, 2025 at 01:32 AM

DF

“ *Graham, Erika and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult journey. Debbie and Phil Hobbs*



**Debra Fox-Hobbs** - January 05, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BB

“ *Brooke Bebow lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Bebow*



**Brooke Bebow** - January 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM

BA

“ *Barbarella lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Bebow*



**Barbarella** - January 05, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BA

*See you on the other side Sweetheart! Save me a seat at the table because there will be a very BIG turnout* ❤️🎉🎉🎉

**Barbarella** - January 05, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BB

*Oh Andy, you departed Earth MUCH too soon. Thank you for being such a kind person and wonderful nephew. Your kindness, strength, and sense of humor made this world a better place! I loved our heartfelt chats and sharing advice with one another. I will miss you more than words can express. Love, Brooke* 🤍💜

**Brooke Bebow** - January 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM

BR

*ah Andrew,*

*It seems like a part of me is now gone, taken by you as you mirrored my life and all of its rewarding benefits. Of all of the students who crossed my path, it was you who became a part of it.*

*We had an extraordinary friendship filled with laughter, trust, and development. Though I never had a son, if I did, it most certainly would be you.*

*Your life was a tribute to my life, and in so going, that mirrored reflection was truly all Andrew in creativity and spirit.*

*God love you Andrew.  
I did...*

*Bernard R. Rosenberg*

**Bernard R Rosenberg** - January 06, 2025 at 11:37 AM