



Andrew B. Rote

October 4, 2015

Andrew B. "Andy" Rote, 87, of Lancaster, passed away on Saturday, October 3 at Lancaster General Hospital after a brave struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was the loving husband of Nancy McCormick Rote, with whom he would have celebrated 59 years of marriage this December. Born in Lancaster, Andy was the son of the late Andrew Herbert and Mildred Bendler Rote.

Andy was a devoted father to his children John Andrew Rote (Kelley) of Lancaster, Lisa Lewis (Dave) of Lancaster, and Michael Bendler Rote of Silver Spring, Maryland, and to his grandchildren John Andrew Rote, Jr. and Ashley Lane Rote. Several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, and a large extended family also survive him. Two sisters, Phyllis Anita McGlincy and Francis Elizabeth Gaul, predeceased him.

Andy was the president and treasurer of A. B. Rote & Company, a structural steel and ornamental iron fabricating plant on N. Plum Street, working there from 1946 until closing the plant in 1996. The company was started in 1892 by his grandfather, Andrew Baker Rote.

A 1945 graduate of McCaskey High School, Andy attended Lehigh University for three and a half years until suffering a profound hearing loss from medication given for pneumonia. At that point he began working full time in

the family business, taking over at age 29 when his father died suddenly.

A. B. Rote and Company provided the steel work for many well-known buildings in the Lancaster area, including the W. W. Griest Building, the Long Park Amphitheater, and numerous structures at Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster General Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, J. P. McCaskey High School, E. I. DuPont, etc.

At Lehigh, Andy was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and sang in the Glee Club. As a young man, he sang baritone and was a president of the Red Rose Chapter of the Barbershop Quartet. He served as a corporal in the U. S. Army from 1952 to 1954, putting his wonderful people skills to good use by teaching weaponry and military science and tactics to basic and ROTC trainees.

A long-time member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Andy was also a member of the Lancaster Rotary Club for 57 years, having perfect attendance for 37 years. Other memberships include the Lancaster Country Club, the Tucquan Club (a past president), the Hamilton Club, and the Lancaster Pirates. He was a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.

Volunteerism was an integral part of Andy's life as well. He served on the Boards of Lancaster Junior Achievement, the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, the Lancaster Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Crippled Children and Adult Society, now Schreiber Pediatric (treasurer).

Andy was an avid "perfect parallel" snow skier in the winter and "captain" of his little red boat during the summers along the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River. He loved hard-shell crabs, especially picking them at Gabler's, his favorite crab shack along the Bush River. He loved to sing, read

poetry and work in his yard. Andy loved people and treasured his friendships; he was the definition of a true friend to so many. His wonderful sense of humor filled many a room with laughter over the years.

A celebration mass of Andy's life will take place on Friday, October 9 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church at 558 W. Walnut Street. The family will greet friends and family from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family at St. Mary's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Andy's name may be sent to Boys & Girls Clubs of Lancaster at 116 S. Water St., PO Box 104, Lancaster, PA 17608 or Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center at 625 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603, or to an organization that is close to your heart.

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew B. Rote*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Mike and family - I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have been praying for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Cindy (Bateman) Stark - October 09, 2015 at 08:53 AM



“ *We offer our most sincere condolences on the passing of Andy Rote. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

*Donald, John, Mary and Susan
Children of Nelson and Betty Myers*

John Myers - October 08, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *I was saddened to read of Mr. Rote's passing. Most of my memories are from childhood growing up in School Lane and at LCC. In recent years we'd seldom cross paths however, when we did it was always a pleasure. My thoughts are with you all during this time.*

*Peace
Mike Rudisill*

Michael Rudisill - October 08, 2015 at 03:45 PM

JR

“ Nancy - my sincerest sympathies to you and your lovely family. I only met Andy a few times when he was checking up on you in physical therapy but he always made me laugh. Much love to you during this difficult time.

Jennifer Rice - October 05, 2015 at 06:13 PM

GP

“ Our condolences to the Rote family. We are the owners of the home on Buchanan that Andy and his sisters grew up on. We love and cherish this home and often think about the wonderful family that called it home for so many years before us.

Glenn and Elaine Pottberg - October 05, 2015 at 02:14 PM

DA

“ It is with profound sadness that I read of Andy's passing. I first met Andy through work over 25 years ago but got to know him even better through Rotary. He was truly one of a kind. He always added that little "spark" to every Rotary ski trip. He will be missed! My sincere condolences on your loss. DLA

David L. Ashworth - October 05, 2015 at 10:50 AM

RC

“ We were so sorry to here the passing of Andy. We just want to let you know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May the Lord put his loving arms around you all and give you peace.

Rick and Sue Creveling - October 04, 2015 at 04:46 PM