



Andrew S. Kroungold

July 26, 1953 - November 27, 2019

A resident of Youngsville, Louisiana for most of his life, Andy was a loving father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. During high school he competed on the swim team and later obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Florida International University in Business. He was an avid Miami Dolphins fan. He was a man of integrity and this helped establish life long relationships with customers. Andy was an icon in the jewelry industry over forty years, employed by Stuller, Inc., and also known as Andy "The Tool Guy" Kroungold.

Memorial Services will be held at 1:00 PM, on Monday, December 2, 2019, in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille in Lafayette, for Mr. Andrew S. Kroungold, 66, who passed away at Acadiana Rehabilitation Hospital in Youngsville on Wednesday, November 27, 2019. The family requests visitation to be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 1:00 PM.

Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation B'nai Israel in Baton Rouge, Rabbi of Temple Sinai of Lake Charles, Barry L. Weinstein will conduct the funeral services.

Survivors include his son Robert J. Kroungold and his wife Hannah L. Kroungold of Dallas, TX; his sister, Amy Mittelberg and her husband, Rickey Mittelberg; his nieces Rachel Cohen and Alissa Mittelberg; his nephew, Brian Mittelberg; his grand-pups, Auggie and Dash.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Leon Kroungold and Mrs. Marion Silver Kroungold.

The pallbearer will be his son, Robert J. Kroungold.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to his Doctors and the staff at Acadiana Rehabilitation Hospital.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille Funeral Home - DOWNTOWN, 330 St. Landry St. Lafayette, LA. 70506 3
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Events

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

DEC **Memorial Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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La Chapelle de Martin & Castille
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - December 01, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ Andy or Drew as I knew him was a fine man. Drew thought me how to play baseball. Took me to my first practices and helped me at home. By the end of the season I was a starter. Drew used to empty his change jar to take me and my brother to video arcades. Drew didn't have a child at the time. But he treated me and my family as his. Drew walked in a local jewelry shop and told the owner he was going to hire me, even told them how much to pay me. Andy was respected by many. Drew was an amazing person, with an abundant personality. He loved everyone and everyone loved him. I will miss you drew thank you for everything!

david calvert - December 01, 2019 at 11:23 PM



“ Words cannot describe Andy, the industry will be lost without him. His shoes were too large to ever be filled. The kind words that came out of his mouth was just the truth. Knowing him for over 30 years through the good times and the bad times he was always by my side supporting me. I thought I would say the last word but knowing Andy he would still get the last word in. I will miss you Andy and no one will ever replace you in my heart rest in peace my favorite tool man Andy Caporale family.

Anthony caporale - January 10, 2020 at 02:54 AM



“ Andy was a special man that created a lot of good memories for a large number of people. From our days together at Swest through the 30 years since that I've been in business myself Andy was always there. Stuller has lost a gem and the world has lost a bright light. Rest In Peace Andy.

Newt Starnes - December 07, 2019 at 08:14 AM



“ Andy was someone I trusted to always give me the right advice when looking to buy jewelry tools. He was always at the booth and ready to share. Sympathies to his family. Susan Eisen Jewelry, El Paso, Texas

Susan Eisen - December 02, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ Andy was a very good man I remember when I was 21 years old I started a window cleaning company when he worked at's Swest in 1986 he let me clean the windows there every month even when they really weren't that dirty he was a very kind and gracious man he will be missed! Andy Gibson

Andy Gibson - December 21, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ RIP, we lost a great guy, so helpful to so many in the Industry and always with a smiling face.

Anish and Stargems Family



anish - December 02, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ What an amazing man. He was so helpful with any questions I had about jewelry equipment. He was knowledgeable and caring. Once you were in his orbit you were a friend for life. This Jewelry store owner will miss him greatly! And an industry will have a hard time filling his shoes. His family should be so proud of him. Thank YOU for sharing him with us! Take care and Bless you all!

Kim Purdy - December 02, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ Andy had a heart of gold. I did not personally get to know him, however one year for Christmas I worked on an order for Andy. When all was said and done, Andy sent everyone that worked on his "project" a very nice key chain as a thank you. This has stayed with me ever since.....may you Rest In Eternal Peace.....

Michelle DesJacques - December 02, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ If I could sum Andy up in one word, it would be passionate. He was incredibly knowledgeable, thoughtful and helpful. He had a deep and insightful appreciation for the jewelry industry, our customers and most importantly his Stuller family. In the 20 years I knew Andy, he has always been so genuine and resourceful. He wasn't always easy to deal with but at the end of the day you just couldn't help but to love him. I had the privilege of knowing the sensitive side of him. He may have looked tough on the outside but on the inside he truly was just a big teddy bear at heart. He will ALWAYS have a special place in my heart. Andy was definitely one of a kind!!! I love you Andy!

Trissy Boutin - December 02, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Michael Turner lit a candle in memory of Andrew S. Kroungold



Michael Turner - December 02, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Thanks for your help. You were always great to me.

Michael Turner - December 02, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Robbie, Andy was one of my best friends, he would yell JOJO no matter where he was. One time when we were in Costco I heard from far away, JOJO I knew right away who it was, my friend coming up behind me with Hannah... Loved him so much like a father. He will forever be in my heart.

Joanne Landry - December 02, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Andy was such a great guy. He ALWAYS greeted you by name and made sure each customer was taken care of. A very special guy that will be greatly missed!

Heath Rackley - December 02, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Your friends and colleagues in the commercial bank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



Your friends and colleagues in the commercial bank - December 02, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ Andy “The Tool Guy”, was an icon in the jewelry industry, or at least to those who worked in areas tied to the tools and equipment used to create and repair jewelry. I own and manage a retail jewelry business, and have for some 46 years, as well as sit at the bench on a daily basis. While my name is Rodney, for some reason, I was known as Barry, to Andy. I have no idea if he had different names for other clients, but I accepted it and came to love the “Barry” exchange. I took my mother to the Tuscan show with me, one year, and Barry welcomed her with open arms, as “mom”. This introduction was followed by a couple of decades of him asking how “mom” is doing. I will miss this gentle giant of a man, and will think of him often as I use the endless tools and equipment he helped me with, and I will especially miss the exchange we would have when I call in, in the future, to visit about some new tool or piece of equipment.

I know Andy will be greatly missed by his family and our industry community. It isn't often that a person becomes famous in their trade, simply by doing their job with passion, love, and personality, poured out to all he interacted with. Godspeed, Andy!
With love,
Rodney Allison aka, Barry

Rodney Allison - December 02, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



December 02, 2019 at 07:59 AM



“ I am so honored to be able to say Andy was one of my very best friends. I knew him for almost 40 years. I have so many great memories that date all the way back to the Swest days. From traveling together to do workshops, to him ALWAYS helping with anything I would need. He always put his customers first. There was no pretense in him. He was as genuine as they come. Thanks for making my life better my friend. You are leaving a hole that will never be filled.

Marty Collins - December 01, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ My sincerest condolences Robbie and family. Your Dad and “our crew” always had many fun times with lots of laughs! His friendship will always be cherished. His work and wealth of knowledge within the Jewelry Tool Industry is unsurpassed and will be sorely missed. More importantly, the way Andy “The Tool Guy” connected with people, customers, co-workers is what sets him apart. He will forever be remembered. Heartfelt prayers.

Suzanne Bacque - December 01, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ I was so blessed to know Andy and his family. They would babysit my sweet fur baby, Bella, anytime and welcomed me always into their home. We shared tons of laughs and tears. Robbie, my heart is so heavy for you sweetheart. I will treasure our memories always. God speed Andy. Rest in peace my friend

Kim Alleman Stewart - December 01, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ Even though I only knew Andy from afar, I could tell he was a stand-up, honorable man with a big heart. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Megan McKee - December 01, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - December 01, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ You have my sincere sympathies. Andy was a strong, interesting and passionate person. He will be greatly missed. Charles Lewton-Brain

charles Lewton-Brain - December 01, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ Blaine, Jill, Drew & Presley - New Approach School purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



Blaine, Jill, Drew & Presley - New Approach School - December 01, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ I am fortunate to be able to call Andy my friend. I have known Andy for 35 plus years. Needless to say he was a unique person with a heart that was bigger than life itself. I was constantly amazed how Andy could remember things. I often asked Andy if he remembered a product that we sold many years ago and he would answer my question with the part number. Andy was a life long friend. He stood by me in the good times and most importantly in the bad also
Andy was an icon in the industry and he will be missed by many. Andy was an encyclopedia of knowledge that can not be replaced
Andy my friend I will miss you. All my love to you and your family. You have no more pain.
Rest in piece my brother. God bless
Darrell

Darrell Warren - November 30, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 30, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 30, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 30, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 30, 2019 at 12:12 AM



“ Andy was one of the most genuine people I've met. He had a big heart. He'd always make me laugh. He'd pick on me and I'd pick on him right back. He was a gentle giant. I feel privileged to have worked with him. He was my buddy and he'll always hold a special place in my heart. My condolences to Robbie.

Argelia Skero - November 29, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ Andy will be missed by many. Rest in peace. Sending prayers to all in this time of need. God Bless.



Jennie Mendoza - November 29, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ I was very fortunate to know this kind hearted, amazing person. It was always so nice to start my day holding the door open for him when we were able to cross paths and be greeted with that warm smile. He will be missed by SO MANY here at Stuller. Love you Andy

Amy Trahan - November 29, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ Andy was one of a kind . I worked with him at many trade shows and my roommate several times during my times of travel.
He will be missed by many co-workers and customers.

Ron Myers - November 29, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ I was privileged to have known Andy as a co-worker and friend. I am so thankful that he was in my life. I will miss our talks and his knowledge.



Donna Lancon - November 29, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 29, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 29, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Kroungold.



November 29, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ I was lucky to have worked with and gotten to know Andy at Stuller, and just beneath the Tool Guy exterior was someone of uncommon thoughtfulness and generosity. Andy would take the time to ask questions about life and family and truly listen, which is a rare quality and one I'll take to heart.

As many have said, Andy was one of a kind, and he will be missed - but his memory is a blessing.

Jason Peterson - November 29, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ I worked with Andy at Swest and at Stuller for over 30 years. He was one of a kind , a good friend, and will be missed by a great number of folks out there. May he rest in peace

James Gilbert - November 28, 2019 at 04:17 PM



“ Andy was a very good friend to Joel & Deanna Guilbeau, we will miss Andy !

joel & deanna guilbeau - November 28, 2019 at 01:56 AM



“ I have known Andy since he was hired at SWEST and worked in Atlanta. He moved on to Stuller, and the tools department transformed him and he transformed it. He was always generous with his time and knowledge. I will really miss him! My condolences to his family, his many friends and his coworkers at Stuller.

Kathy Kinev - November 27, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to work and travel with Andy at Stuller. The trade shows we travelled to were some of my best times. He will be missed.

Shawn D Blanchard - November 27, 2019 at 01:22 PM