



## Andrew J. "ANDY" Brokish

March 17, 1968 - May 5, 2020

Dodgeville – Andrew J. “ANDY” Brokish, age 52, passed away on May 5, 2020. He was born at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Dodgeville on March 17, 1968, the very special son of John and Anna (Ernzen) Brokish. He was fortunate to live at home under the loving care of his devoted parents until he was almost 43 years old. He loved them as much as they loved him!

Since as early as age 2, music was one of the biggest and most important parts of Andy’s life. He loved to sing, and remembered the words to practically every song he ever heard, even if he didn’t hear it again for years. His Mama always said he could have been a champ at “Name That Tune”! Countless hours were spent sitting listening to music, singing along, enjoying every minute. Music made him happy!

His second favorite thing was kittens. Every live cat, picture of a kitten, or seeing one on TV would make him smile, saying “There’s Andy’s kitty!” Growing up on the farm gave him many opportunities to sit on the front step petting his kitties. Andy taught himself to ride a bike at a young age. He liked to swing. He also enjoyed shooting baskets, hearing sister Jane cheer “2 points for Andy!” when he made a basket. Like anyone else, Andy responded positively to praise and encouragement. Hearing “Good job Andy” made him feel proud. Andy liked to watch television, especially the shows he grew up with, like Gilligan’s Island, Happy Days, Laverne & Shirley, Andy Griffith,

Brady Bunch, MASH, Dukes of Hazzard, Little House on the Prairie, Waltons, to name a few.

Andy attended the Hodan Community Services for years, where he had so many friends. Weekends and winter break away from Hodan were long for Andy, because every morning of the year he just wanted to “go to Hodan”. He enjoyed the outings, and simply being with his friends. They were among the happiest years of his life, and he thrived with the love and wonderful support he received.

From childhood, Andy had a very special connection with his big sister Jane who helped him learn to sit and walk. The music Andy loved became “their thing”, singing together almost every time they were with each other. Following the death of his beloved Mama in 2011, Jane had the privilege and honor of becoming Andy’s legal guardian, and that connection and love grew infinitely deeper with their weekly visits. She was totally devoted to his care and wellbeing, fulfilling her role with complete and endless love and selfless devotion to Andy and their parents. And Andy loved her “so much”, as he put it.

Andy missed “Mama and Daddy” and often asked to see them, not understanding when Jane would tell him they are in Heaven. Now they are reunited, and how happy he, and they, must be!

Andy loved life. He was a friendly and lovable guy, ready to greet people with a smile and a big hug or handshake. He was loved “so much” by so many, and will forever be missed!

Andy was preceded in death by his Mama on July 11, 2011, his Daddy on April 17, 2017, his sister Rita in April 1966, and infant brother in July 1971. He is survived by nine siblings: Ann (John) Davis of Joliet, IL; Jane Brokish of

Madison; John (Brenda) Brokish of Cuba City; RoseMarie (Tim) Dunbar of Monona; Tony Brokish of Dodgeville; Chuck (Kara) Brokish of Poynette; Dick (Michelle) Brokish of Hollandale; Theresa (Carl) Caylor of Iron Mountain, MI; and Tim (Beth) Brokish of Waupaca.

In light of the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic and associated restrictions, private services will be held. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Memorials to Hodan Community Services, Inc. would be welcome. Please send any memorials to Gorgen McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home, 400 East Grace Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

When you gaze in the eyes of a special child,  
You see God's face within;  
Reflection of the innocent,  
Of a heart that has no sin.  
So deal gently with a special child,  
God's spirit's in his soul.  
He's headed straight for Heaven,  
And that should be our goal.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew J. "ANDY" Brokish*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I have been a nurse for over 40 yrs and have had the privilege of taking care of some very special people. Andy was one of my patients I will remember. He had such a very sweet, kind soul. I feel privileged to have met him. Andy, I will miss you. Rest In Peace buddy* ❤️

**Donna** - May 18, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *Dear Chuck. Kara, and other loved ones of Andy - please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Andy is being remembered in my Masses and other prayers. In prayerful sympathy, Fr. Ray Dischler*

**Raymond Dischler** - May 13, 2020 at 08:12 AM



*Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, Fr Ray.*

**Chuck Brokish** - May 13, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Chuck Brokish** - May 13, 2020 at 01:09 AM

MT

“ Jane,  
Not sure if you remember me, Marilyn Thompson from Alliant Energy Print Center. I'm so very sorry for the loss of your brother. Thinking of you & your family. May your memories of him remain in your heart forever❤️  
Marilyn

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**Marilyn Thompson** - May 12, 2020 at 11:43 PM

JB

*Yes I remember you Marilyn. Thank you so much for your kind words!*

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**Jane Brokish** - May 13, 2020 at 12:03 AM

RF

“ Jane and family, I am so sorry for your loss! I have always thought about him, and wondered how he was doing! I enjoyed spending time with him, and missed that sweet guy when he left! When I hear the beginning of Gilligan's Island, or hear American Pie on the radio, I will always think of him!

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**Roxann Fowler** - May 12, 2020 at 10:42 PM

JT

“ Jane  
I am so sorry for your loss. He was a such wonderful man. I have thought and prayed for you and Andy over the past couple of years. He will always be one of my favorites that I have had the pleasure of taking care of. I loved listening to music with him, singing songs and being just plain silly with him. I will continue to pray for you during this difficult time  
Joslynn Trumm

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**Joslynn Trumm** - May 12, 2020 at 09:55 PM

NN

“ Hello Jane, it was such an honor working with Andy, he was a special person. My prayers are with you and your family. Naomi

Naomi Neuberger - May 12, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ Jane and family. I am sending condolences. I enjoyed caring for Andy while he was with us on 4sw. I have thought about him and you Jane everyday since. I am sure momma was waiting for him with open arms. Love and prayers.



Melissa Brockman - May 11, 2020 at 05:36 PM

MT

Jane, Not sure if you remember me, Marilyn Thompson from Alliant Energy Print Center. I'm so very sorry for the loss of your brother Jane. May your memories of him remain in your ❤️ forever.

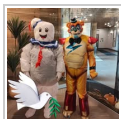
Marilyn Thompson - May 11, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ Kristine Dreger lit a candle in memory of Andrew J. "ANDY" Brokish



Kristine Dreger - May 08, 2020 at 10:53 PM



Kyle lease knew Andy well . Kyle use to go to hodan-center several years he talked about Andy alot . Kyle lease is doing good we live in verona wisc . Kyle goes to Marc center in.mounthoreb. wisc . loves it very much. You have our deepest sympathy to you Jane and family .. Love the dregers. Bob. Kristine. Amanda and kyle lease

Kristine Dreger - May 08, 2020 at 11:00 PM



*Prayers for you all*

**Kristine Dreger** - May 08, 2020 at 11:04 PM

**JB**

*Kristine, thank you for your note and prayers. Andy was a special guy in so many ways! Glad that Kyle is doing well.*

**Jane Brokish** - May 10, 2020 at 08:26 PM

**RS**

“*Jane, I know how much you loved Andy, and I have a pretty good idea Andy loved you back even more. You were the bestest big sister EVER. You gave everything you had, and then some, to care for Andy. I hope that as time goes on, your good memories of your times together with Andy will give you comfort and make you smile. He was lucky to have you.*

**Rena Schroeder** - May 08, 2020 at 06:06 PM

**JB**

*Rena, thank you for your kind words. I was blessed to have Andy to watch over and to receive his love! I am also blessed and grateful to have the love and support of wonderful friends like you. Thank you so much!*

*Jane*

**Jane Brokish** - May 10, 2020 at 08:38 PM

**TS**

“*Andy was a special friend for over 30 years. He came to Hodan Center for most if those years. He was loved by all of us. I remember taking him for rides in my car including to Dairy Queen for a cone. He always called me by my full name "Tom Schraeder". He will remain in my memory forever. Love and sympathy to Jane and the entire Brokish family. Tom and Trici Schraeder*

**Tom Schraeder** - May 08, 2020 at 01:13 PM

CB

*Tom, Thank you and your staff for so much that you gave to Andy. You made his life much brighter, and he continued to learn and grow through your efforts. Hodan Center was an integral part of Andy's life, and so critical to so many people. Thank you.*

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**Chuck Brokish** - May 09, 2020 at 08:38 AM

JB

*Thank you Tom. Andy certainly thought so much of you! Being part of the Hodan community made him so happy. He would gladly have been there 365 days a year if he could have! The love and support he received over the years is "priceless". Big hugs and thank you to all!*

*Jane Brokish*

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**Jane Brokish** - May 10, 2020 at 08:24 PM

SS

*“ So sorry to hear of Andy's death. Andy's smile and laugh brightened many days for a lot of people. I will always remember some of his sayings--"Oh Really?" "I hope not!" "Teenagers, better behave, listen to your mother!" some of his favorite shows-- Dukes of Hazard, Oprah, Gilligan's Island--"Oh, Gilligan, you did it again!" It was so much fun involving Andy in various activities at Hodan Community Services. He was so appreciative!*

*I will always remember Andy!*

*Sharon "Darrin"*

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**Sharon Steiner** - May 07, 2020 at 10:22 PM

JB

*Sharon, thank you so much. Andy truly loved you! Even the mention of your name brought a big smile to his face. Thank you for all you did for and with Andy, and for being such a bright spot in his life!*

*Jane Brokish*

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**Jane Brokish** - May 10, 2020 at 08:15 PM

JS

*Jane,*

*My sympathies to you and your family. I am sorry to hear about the death of your brother Andy. I know the close bonds that siblings can create with each other, especially when one has a disability. May the perpetual light shine upon Andy, and may his soul rest in peace! I never knew Andy, but Jane, you can be assured that Andy is now reunited with your parent's and is now in the loving hands of our savior.*

*John Schmitz*

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**John Schmitz** - May 14, 2020 at 04:24 PM

JB

*John, thank you so much for your kind & comforting words. They are truly appreciated.*

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**Jane Brokish** - May 19, 2020 at 12:11 AM