



## Mr. Andrew F. Balsa, Jr.

February 14, 1930 - June 29, 2020

Andrew Felix Balsa, Jr., age 90, of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Adams, Massachusetts, passed away on June 29, 2020, after a brief illness. A graduate of Adams High School, he was fondly referred to as “Handy Andy” because he could fix most anything from electrical and plumbing to automotive issues. Andy was passionate about Big Band and jazz music, counting Stan Kenton and Dave Brubeck among his favorite musicians. He also was an amazing Polka dancer, never missing an outdoor picnic dance at the Polanka in Adams.

Andy was proud to have served his country as part of the peacekeeping troops in Germany after WWII. He married Mary Ann Jamula on May 19, 1954. Together they had three children and moved their family from Pittsfield to Hudson, New Hampshire, where they lived for over 25 years. As a family they often spent the summers camping, fishing, or taking day trips to Hampton Beach. Years after Mary Ann passed from leukemia, Andy reconnected with high school classmate, Stacia Ordyna, whom he married in 2008. Andy and Stacia lived part of each year in Adams, and part in Florida. They always welcomed family members to visit. Andy would cook up a Polish feast, including his famous kapusta. He always said he was blessed to have two such amazing women in his life. He was affectionate, holding their hands and sneaking up to hug and kiss them. After Stacia’s death, Andy became even more involved with the Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church in Adams, where

parishioners were holding vigils and raising money to keep the church open. Andy then returned to New Hampshire, spending the final years of his life living in Nashua, near his two sons.

Andrew is survived by his sister, Fran Balsa of Adams, MA; two sons, Steven Balsa and his wife, Donna, and Daniel Balsa and his wife, Claudette, both of Nashua; and his daughter, Christine Balsa-O'Meara and her husband Richard O'Meara of Portland, ME. He also leaves behind four beloved grandchildren: Michael and Matthew Balsa, sons of Steven Balsa and Kathryn Gaffey, and Bethany and Aubrey O'Meara, daughters of Christine Balsa-O'Meara and Richard O'Meara. He is also survived by one great grandchild, Natalie, the daughter of Matthew Balsa and Jessica Lynn Plant. He was predeceased by his older sister, Florence Skorupski, and his granddaughter, Rebecca Balsa.

A family burial service will be held in Adams Massachusetts on Saturday August 22 at 11:00 at the Saint Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery. There will be no reception after the burial. If you are a close friend of the family planning to attend, please adhere to social distancing of 6 feet and wear a mask as required by the state. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Saint Stanislaus Steeple Repair Fund, c/o St. John Paul Parish, 21 Maple St., Adams, MA 01220 (checks should be made out to the parish with a notation in the memo section stating "St. Stanislaus Steeple Repair Fund").

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Cemetery  
Orchard St.  
Adams, MA 01220

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Steven and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Andrew F. Balsa, Jr..



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**Steven and family** - August 19, 2020 at 10:20 AM

BF

“ Barbara F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Andrew F. Balsa, Jr..



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**Barbara F.** - July 16, 2020 at 01:46 PM

PS

“ Andy was my neighbor in Adams. He and Stacia lived across the street from me. He always told me I worked too hard in the yard and invited me over for a cocktail. They were very funny. We always had a good laugh. As Pat said he loved dogs. He always came over to pet and talk to my Miles (yellow lab). I was very sad to see him move away. He was a very nice, caring man. I love the picture you have of him online. It brings back good memories. I am sorry for your family's loss. May he rest in peace. Sending prayers to your family.

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**Paula Santerre** - July 13, 2020 at 09:11 PM

CB

*Thank you so much for your kind words. I am glad you remember him with warm memories.*

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**Chris Balsa-O'Meara** - July 14, 2020 at 06:28 AM

PD

“ *Andy was my neighbor..and a good neighbor! He always checked on me and my Corgis. He always did things for me without asking,made sure I had a ride to work on snow days..and always doing and grooming my drive way in the winter. Andy also loved Dogs.*

*He would play with my Corgis Rudy and Duffy until they ran our of steam. One evening Duffy went to spend the night with Andy...I don't know who was more thrilled, Andy or Duffy...I often think of Andy as a kind hearted person. May he be resting with the Angles.*

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**Patricia Dunn** - July 13, 2020 at 05:04 PM

CB

*Thank you Pat for your loving words. Dad always taught us how to be a good neighbor through example. I like to think he's whooping it up with a polka and some southern comfort.*

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**Chris Balsa-O'Meara** - July 14, 2020 at 06:30 AM

GB

*Sorry to hear of Andy's passing my sincere condolences to the family. Andy and I were great friends in High School had some great times together.*

*In that 1939 Pontiac*

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**George Beckwith** - July 16, 2020 at 01:00 PM