



Andrea Carol Yohannes (nee Wilk)

September 26, 1941 - June 18, 2019

On June 18, after 77 years of life and 57 years of an enduring marriage to John, Andrea, loving wife, nurturing mother and loyal friend, went to be with her Savior. Andrea was born September 26, 1941 to Olga and Joseph Wilk in Lackawanna, NY. She was raised with four other siblings and surrounded in her neighborhood by cousins, aunts and grandparents. She and future husband John began their young life-long romance around 16. After graduating from Lackawanna High School in '59, she started working as a professional secretary. Still dating John, he took a job in Hollywood and asked her to follow him; after a few months, he wired her a ticket and she "eloped" with him to California. They subsequently located a priest in Pocatello, Idaho who would marry them because a man needed to be 21 to marry without parental consent in California and they were both 20. After a couple years of visits to an Aunt living in Visalia, she moved with John and their first child and settled there permanently. They quickly made friends from church, neighbors and service groups, of which many developed into very close enduring relationships.

Her desire from life was to be a supportive wife and partner and to purposely raise her children in a nurturing and supportive family full of life and faith. She deeply loved God and demonstrated His love to others in everything she did. Whether family or friend, she was always available to encourage, advise and be supportive: her words always tempered with a spirit of grace. Once her children went to college and started their own families, she turned her full

attention and unique flare to increasing her involvement at John's optical store.

Andrea has left a life and legacy of joy and contentment to her family that remains: her husband John, son John and wife Karen, daughter Carol and partner Jeanne, daughter Joanne and husband John, her brother Ronald, and sister JoAnne, with whom she has always shared a special closeness throughout the years. In addition, she blessed and cherished her 6 grandchildren.

Viewing will be held on Tuesday, June 25th from 4 ♦ 7 PM and Funeral Service on Wednesday, June 26th at 11:00am at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia CA 93277.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrea Carol Yohannes (nee Wilk)*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - June 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I remember your parents hosting young life or campus crusade for Christ , something like that. That was a blessing to be thankful for. Sorry to hear of her passing, comfort and hope in Jesus be with you. Dana Switzer*

dana switzer - June 29, 2019 at 05:35 PM

TZ

“ *From Tommy Zawadzki: John my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Andrea. Seventy years since I last seen you both. I have good memories of time spent at St Michael's elementary, Lackawanna High and Kirby Avenue. Peace to you and your family.*



Tommy Zawadzki - June 26, 2019 at 12:38 PM

SW

“ *Joann and family - thinking of you. My most sincere condolences for the passing of your mom. – shelli winter (your high school friend)*

Shelli Winter - June 25, 2019 at 08:51 PM

VC

“ Dear Yohannes Family,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the passing of your beloved wife and mother. I was your neighborhood babysitter, and remember Andrea as a beautiful, devoted, and loving mother who was funny, caring and kind. She was admired and well loved by all who knew her. Her legacy of love and faith lives on in you and your children.
Praying for God's blessings of peace and comfort for you all.
Vinita Renzi Compagno

Vinita Compagno - June 25, 2019 at 04:12 PM

JJ

“ john
my sincere condolences for your loss. it has a long time since i have seen you and andrea, but i will always have fond memories of our high school years.

john mecca

john a mecca jr - June 25, 2019 at 03:30 PM

RD

“ John and Family, Please accept my condolences and deepest sympathy for your loss. Bob D'Amico.

robert D'Amico - June 25, 2019 at 10:31 AM

MV

“ Condolences to Jon and family. Andrea's red hair, contagious smile, soft spoken, New York accent and love of her family and God made her the unique lady she was. She left so many good things behind and I'm sure she will watch over all of those she loved.

Martie Vagt - June 24, 2019 at 10:02 PM

LA

Andrea & I became friends when we were ice skating students at Icelandia many years ago. We had lost touch over the years, but I remember her fondly. May she Rest In Peace.

Laverneody - June 29, 2019 at 02:45 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Andrea Carol Yohannes (nee Wilk).*



June 24, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Andrea Carol Yohannes (nee Wilk).*



June 22, 2019 at 04:30 PM

FF

“ *From the Lentz, Dunshie, Correa, & Coyle Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Andrea Carol Yohannes (nee Wilk).*



From the Lentz, Dunshie, Correa, & Coyle Families - June 22, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Andrea Carol Yohannes (nee Wilk).*



June 22, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *To Mr. Yohannes and Family,*

My deepest condolences and sincere sympathy. Andrea was our neighbor for 30 years and will always remember her as a cheerful and helpful person. I believe in Heaven, you will keep everyone smiling.

C.K. Kwong, Nicole Robbins, Carissa Robbins.

Dr. Kar May Kwong - June 21, 2019 at 11:35 AM