



## Andrew John Schaaf

January 11, 1979 - March 27, 2018

Andrew John Hopson Schaaf, 39 years old was born January 11, 1979 in Big Bear Lake, California

He is survived by his mother, Sherie Schaaf; cousin Damien Niemeier (9); son Andrew Braiden Schaaf (17) and his mother Chelsea, son Edward Graham Schaaf Carlisle (11) and his mother Lacey; sisters Stanci Inkster and Ashley Koeneke (pronounced ken-uh-key); father John Hopson; uncle Gary Schaaf and his wife Sherri and their children Ashley, Kelsey and Finley Charron.

Andrew passed away unexpectedly in his sleep in the early morning hours of Tuesday March 27, 2018. We can have peace knowing he is at home with God our Father and has no more pain or fear or worry. Andrew's faith was unconventional but very deep and he loved the Lord. Andrew was a very strong-willed individual with a unique way of looking at the world and he loved his family so much, his two sons Braiden and Graham, his cousin Damien and mom Sherie. He also was a loyal and loving friend and brother and will be missed by all who loved him, but he wouldn't want you being sad, he would want you to embrace life and live it to the fullest and appreciate the people you love. He is not gone just waiting for us to be reunited in the future.

Andrew grew up in Tulare and attended Tulare Western High School and made friends that lasted his lifetime. He loved to spend time in Three Rivers with his friends camping and swimming and having adventures that his mom

didn't need to know about. He loved cars, driving them as well as working on them. Andrew played baseball for several years and enjoyed teaching his cousin Damien some of the finer points of the game. He also liked mixed martial arts and followed the careers of a few of the fighters. Andrew enjoyed all kinds of music and even though he had lost quite a bit of his sight still loved watching movies. Andrew worked in several different industries fast food restaurants, security guard, convenience store clerk, auto mechanic and he also worked a season at Sierra Summit with one of his best friends James and loved it thoroughly and learned to snowboard while working there.

Andrew moved to Oklahoma to get to know his father and sisters and while living there he had two sons, Braiden and Graham whom he loved with all his heart. While in Oklahoma he enjoyed living in the country with no close neighbors and loved anything to do with the lake, boating and camping. When Andrew moved back to Tulare he worked for Federal Express until his health deteriorated to the point he couldn't work anymore but he always wanted to recover enough to go back to work.

Andrew also liked to cook and experiment with flavors and some of his happiest afternoons were spent grilling while listening to music and teaching his techniques to Damien. He and Damien spent a lot of time together riding bikes and exploring the neighborhood. They also worked on chores together and it was always interesting to have a partially blind man and a 9 year old boy doing the dishes and cleaning the kitchen.

Andrew had several close friends that he loved to spend time with, some he saw often some not so much but he always loved and respected them. They are John Justin Clark, James Bonds, Keith & Devin Morse and their girls, and Crystal & Charles Boling.

# Previous Events

## Memorial

APR 6. 4:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 East Caldwell  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Andrew John Schaaf*



**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - April 06, 2018 at 07:01 PM

BR

*It's been 3 years since my dad passed away. I could never find anything to say i was pretty young. I go on here alot just to look at pictures of him. I wish I could have reconnected with him but I never got the chance. I just wanted to share some memories of me and him and my little brother graham every summer we would go to grand lake and swim and have fun on this old boat that I hardly remember it was sky blue I'm pretty sure. He had this old ps2 I would play on some of my childhood memories and games like grand turismo ATV off-road fury and a few other ones but I'll never forget those memories and I wish i got a chance to reconnect with him may he RIP. I miss you.*

**braiden** - March 12, 2021 at 08:33 AM

MI

*Andrew and I didn't spend much time together, but the few memories I do have of him were fond ones. I think he would be happy to know his siblings connected as a result from his passing. Rest in peace big brother.*

**Michael** - October 15, 2021 at 11:25 PM

DM

*This is the first time I've come here since he's passed. Braden I wish I could connect with you. Your dad was my very best friend in the whole world. I miss him so much.*

**Devin Morse** - February 21, 2025 at 11:44 PM

JB

“ This is the mysterious James Bond's .. it has taken me a long time to come to terms with my best friend and brother being gone . I think about you often . I can remember all of our crazy adventures that make me smile so much . Seirra summit late night snack runs to the concessions when you were the night security guard lol what a job , the hour and a half trips to Long Beach with twenty bucks to our name for gas and food for the weekend and still making it back home on E and a prayer our crazy shenanigans he will always and forever be my brother and friend until we meet again boss .

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**james bonds** - August 24, 2019 at 09:55 AM

 Eric Spurgeon

“ AJ and I worked on a golf course in Oklahoma back in the younger years. I was his ride to and from work. We had some good times. Listening to Sublime going to and coming from work. I'll never forget the day we were under a shade tree taking a break just sitting on the Cushman talking and out of nowhere a dang golf ball hits me in the leg, hurt like no other. We didn't hear anybody yell fore or nothing, AJ didn't know to laugh or be mad so his face turned red. I picked the golf ball up and threw it towards the golfer and didn't know it would knock him out. We said oh crap and hauled it back to the shop laughing all the way. Never got caught and the golfer survived, it was always fun with AJ around! Miss you buddy, RIP bro! Eric

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**Eric Spurgeon** - April 07, 2018 at 09:14 AM

CE

“ *My senior prom in 2000 with AJ! We were connected at the hip back then. He was the "mysterious" boy from California that swept me off of my feet! Our wedding and the birth of our son Andrew Braiden all came the year after this picture was taken! AJ, our son is 17 now, and he is 6'5, strong, handsome, loving, and has an absolute heart of gold. We both miss you and hope that you are resting with no pain.*



Chelsea Edwards - April 06, 2018 at 12:26 PM

JH

“ *This is AJ's dad I wanted to mention one of his favorite songs he told me about was the Beach Boys singing Kokomo. I got very close to AJ long before I moved to Oklahoma period later he came out and lived with us for a while it was wonderful that's when he meant the mother of his children. Was that a good thing only God knows.*

John Hopson - April 06, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Andrew John Schaaf.*



April 06, 2018 at 09:15 AM

JJ

“ Andrew had an old duster he was always trying to teach me to drive. It was a boat! I wasn't good at it. But I would somehow manage to get us to Taco Mayo and back to the apartment without too much of an incident...all while he laughed that great laugh the whole time.

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**Jamie Jeffries** - April 04, 2018 at 05:21 PM

JH

This is AJ's dad John. AJ used to tell me about the ping pong story when the foreign car was rolling down the mountain Highway remember that one? He felt like a ping pong ball in it.

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**John Hopson** - April 05, 2018 at 09:49 AM

CE

Those were the days, Jamie! We had so much fun back then!

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**Chelsea Edwards** - April 06, 2018 at 12:27 PM

JJ

Yes. I do remember that one. We had so many fun times in that old car. I would be nervous and mad when I would drive it and AJ would just laugh at me. I have been stuck on our memories lately Chelsea.

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**Jamie Jeffries** - April 06, 2018 at 05:52 PM

JC

“ John J Clark lit a candle in memory of Andrew  
John Schaaf



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**John J Clark** - April 03, 2018 at 03:46 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**John J Clark** - April 03, 2018 at 03:12 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**John J Clark** - April 03, 2018 at 03:08 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**John J Clark** - April 03, 2018 at 02:59 PM

LC

“ For More than 20 years Aj has been a part of my life. Like everything else in life, it's been complicated but there's always been more good than bad and more fun than not. I loved jumping in the car, especially once graham was in tow, and taking weekend trips to California, Las Vegas, Reno, The ozarks, floating the Illinois river, camping and going on the boat with with his sister and eating tacos every single Friday night with him and Stanci while I was pregnant with graham, going to his dads to shoot guns and BBQ and do donuts in the bus... he was always ready for a good time and loved to be outdoors and on the water and I'm only sad that his boys won't get to experience some of with him that growing up.. he is deeply and forever missed.

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**Lacey Schaaf Carlile** - April 03, 2018 at 10:27 AM

JH

“ Having a son to love like AJ makes it difficult to pick out a favorite memory. Our favorite memories I think were going to Three Rivers on weekends and Monterey and Morro Bay and Santa Cruz. I never thought I'd never get a chance to see you again Son. I Loved You and I'll never be the same.Love DAD...

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**John Hopson** - April 02, 2018 at 12:21 PM

JH

*I would request that all of the family would love each other while it's possible to do it while they're living. If you wait for someone to be good enough to love them, it's a long Lonesome wait. That always ends in regret. I'm so glad that AJ was at home with his mom when it's time came .Does anyone have a mother as good as Sherry? I sincerely hope that many of you do.*

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**John Hopson** - April 02, 2018 at 04:15 PM

JH

“ *John Hopson lit a candle in memory of Andrew John Schaaf*



John Hopson - April 02, 2018 at 12:17 PM

RE

“ *Ricky Ebeirus lit a candle in memory of Andrew John Schaaf*



Ricky Ebeirus - April 01, 2018 at 04:45 PM

RE

“ *Rick And Gina Ebeirus lit a candle in memory of Andrew John Schaaf*



Rick and Gina Ebeirus - April 01, 2018 at 04:44 PM

GC

“ *I miss you Dad and I love you.*



graham carlile - March 30, 2018 at 05:02 PM

GC

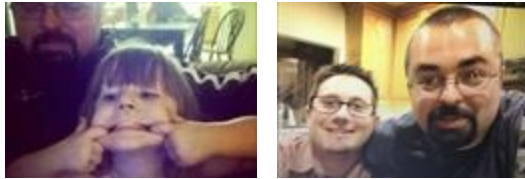
“ Love you Dad. Miss our FaceTime video game sessions and your silly texts. Wish you could have made the trip for spring break to see my swim team and Civil Air Patrol Squadron. I miss you already Dad.



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**graham carlile** - March 30, 2018 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ My best friend of 24 years. I still can't believe he's gone.



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**Devin Morse** - March 29, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Andrew John Schaaf.



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March 28, 2018 at 09:38 AM

CE

“ Andrew was my first love, way back in the day! We created Andrew Braiden Schaaf together, and for that, I will always be thankful to AJ. Rest peacefully, fly with the angels, and please watch over our precious son.



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chelsea edwards - March 28, 2018 at 08:52 AM