



Andrew John Arseneau

February 25, 1968 - September 12, 2014

After a protracted battle with Gulf War Illness, Andrew John Arseneau died on September 12, 2014 at Loyola University Medical Center at the age of 46.

He leaves behind his wife, Nicoele Schneider Arseneau, son and daughter, Andrew Michael Arseneau, 15 and Margaret Eileen, 14 of Manteno.

Andy was born on February 25, 1968 at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, IL to Jerome H. and Nancy K. (Shrontz) Arseneau. Upon graduating from BBCHS in 1986, Andy joined the U.S. Army spending three years in Germany with the 2nd Armored Division. He was honorably discharged in 1990 and recalled in January 1991 to serve six months in Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.

He married the love of his life, Nicoele Wynn (Schneider) Nov. 26, 1994 at Wilton Center, IL, settled in Manteno and welcomed their two children.

Andy was a master story-teller, had a great sense of humor, was an extreme do-it-yourselfer, enjoyed hot rods, and loved spending time fishing with his children. He worked in the maintenance department at Armstrong World Industries for 15 years.

In 2009 he was diagnosed with the lung illness that would ultimately take his life. Even in his last months, he fought bravely to stay with the young family he

so loved.

Surviving are his wife and children, his parents and their spouses; Jerome (Vicky) Arseneau of Manteno, Nancy (Stanton) Dotson of Mattoon, IL; his brothers, Timothy (Maria) Arseneau of Bourbonnais, Michael (Maria Victoria) Arseneau of Des Plaines; Jerome 'Jerry' (Carrie) Arseneau of Manteno; mother-in-law, Sandy Schneider of Bourbonnais; his brother-in-law James (Danielle) Schneider of Salt Lake City, UT; nephews Jacob, Christopher; nieces, Kennedy, Sophia, and Gabriella; as well as uncles, aunts, and numerous cousins. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, John and Eileen Shrontz of Kankakee and paternal grandparents, Willard and Hattie Arseneau of Bourbonnais.

There will be a memorial visitation from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Wilton Center, IL. A memorial mass to celebrate Andy's life will be at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Immediately following, his ashes will be interred at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery with full military honors.

The family would like to thank Andy's care givers at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, IL, Edward Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL, Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, IL and the Fisher House at Hines VA Hospital as well as family members, friends and neighbors for their care and support during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in his name for his children's education.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Church
14936 W. Peotone Rd
Wilton Center, IL
:(815) 478-3440
<http://stpatrickwiltoncenter.org>

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ My condolences, I’m sincerely sorry for your loss. Although it’s been nearly 10 years since you’ve said goodbye, I’m sure he remains in your hearts. I served with Andy in Garlstedt Germany (2AD, FWD), he and I were roommates. For some unknown reason, I looked him up and was floored he was no longer here with us. I recall his love for home and the cartoon drawing of the town of Kankakee that he held so dearly. His sense of humor, smile, and no care attitude reminds me of one of the best times of my life. We enjoyed the Patton Combined Club, the town of Osterholz, and grabbing beers from the vending machines in the barracks. I had the pleasure of meeting up with him again when we were recalled for Desert Shield at Ft. Jackson. I’m grateful for the time spent with him, he made it special. Bless you all - Ricardo Robles

Ricardo Robles - June 07, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MB

“ We are thinking about the Arseneau Family with our hearts and remembering you in our prayers. With sympathy, Mike & Janice Bonnell

Mike & Janice Bonnell - September 25, 2014 at 10:08 AM

NA

Thank you!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 29, 2014 at 09:31 AM

MT

“ My Condolences, Andrew worked for me in Germany with the 2nd Armored Division (FWD), He was a great soldier and I hated to see him depart the Army. Mark Thill

Mark Thill - September 24, 2014 at 04:09 PM

NA

Thank you Mark. He told lots of great stories about you. He loved his time in the Army.

Nicoele Arseneau - September 29, 2014 at 09:31 AM

RN

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Andrew. I was stationed in Germany with him and it was a pleasure to work with him. His wrecker was legendary and he was always professional. When called on you always knew the job would get done.

Robert Neidow - September 24, 2014 at 12:00 PM

NA

Thank you Robert. That means a lot to us. He loved his time in Germany and told many great stories about the wreckers and "Chet Babies". Especially trips to the field and the "dirty dozen".

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:55 PM

SR

“ May I offer my condolences to Andys' family. I worked with Andy at Armstrong and he was a very nice man. Rest in peace Andy, you will be missed!



sherry rashenskas - September 20, 2014 at 01:56 PM

NA

Thank you Sherry! Andy always had great things to say about you when you worked together.

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:53 PM

CK

“ Nicki, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Kistner (Eichholz)

Cindy Kistner - September 19, 2014 at 06:05 PM

KS

“ You are in my prayers.

Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan - September 18, 2014 at 05:22 PM

NA

Thank you Kathy!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:51 PM

JE

“ Nicki, I am so sorry for your family's loss. My heart and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Love, Jennifer Snavelly Pinski

jennifer - September 17, 2014 at 02:57 PM

NA

Thanks Jennifer!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:51 PM

JW

“ May god bless your family with peace at this sad and difficult time. I know it has been a long road, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Julie Wulff

Julie Wulff - September 17, 2014 at 07:28 AM

NA

Thank you Julie! You have all been so good to us over the years.

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:50 PM

HE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this most difficult time. So sorry for your loss.*
Heather Evers (Lucas)

Heather Evers - September 16, 2014 at 09:04 PM

NA

Thank you Heather!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:49 PM

VA

“ *All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. R.I.P. Andy.*

Valarie A. Arseneau-Tassic - September 16, 2014 at 07:09 PM

NA

Thank you Valerie!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:49 PM

MI

“ *Hugs to the family...u are in our thoughts n prayers rest peacefully Andy.. U fought long and hard. Thank you for serving our country*



mary isaacs-rogers - September 16, 2014 at 02:05 PM

NA

Thank you Mary!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:49 PM

MP

“ *The perfect love story.that's what I think of when I hear your family story's. Andy we promise to take care of your family . We will never be able to fill your boots.*

Sr Thank you for giving your life for us. From the bottom of my heart. R.I.P.Andy. any thing I can do consider it done. Hugs and prayers and lots of strength coming your way..... Xo

Michelle penna - September 16, 2014 at 11:51 AM

NA

Thanks my sistah!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:48 PM

RS

“ *I knew Andy when he was in high school. He loved the military and always talked of serving of his Country. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family.*

Becky(Smith) Souligne

Rebecca Souligne - September 16, 2014 at 10:02 AM

NA

Thank you Becky!

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:47 PM

EB

“ *Andy you fought a brave battle my brother. You can rest in peace no more suffering. You made everyone stronger with your fight you will be forever loved.*

Emmett Bryant - September 16, 2014 at 09:35 AM



Thank you E. We love ya.

Nicoele Arseneau - September 24, 2014 at 01:47 PM