



Andrew Berg

August 18, 1934 - August 15, 2009

Deacon Andrew H. Berg, 74, of Bradley, died Saturday (Aug. 15, 2009) in the emergency room at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. Thursday until the 7 p.m. celebration of the funeral Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, where he was a member and Deacon. Father William Dewan will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for his grandchildren's education or to the Kidney Transplant Association. He had received a kidney from his granddaughter. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Berg was a retired employee of American Spring Wire. He was born Aug. 18, 1934, in Kankakee, the son of William and Cora Saffer Berg. He was a 1952 graduate of St. Patrick High School and his wife, Carol, graduated from Grant Park High School in May of 1955. They met Oct. 23, 1953. He volunteered for the U.S. Army in February 1954, received basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., cryptology training in Camp Gordon, Ga., and was a cryptologist in Com-Center (16 months) at Fort Sheridan. He also served in Korea. He was discharged in February 1956. His first job was a substitute paper boy for his brother, Ed (1941); he had his own paper route in fifth grade (1945); freshman through senior year he worked in mailing room at a daily newspaper (1948-1952); then worked at Mortell's; Romy Hammes Tractor Sales; Canteen; A.O. Smith; Roper Corp. Kankakee Division; carpenter; D.R. Howard Construction; Armour Edible Oil; American Spring Wire; Super Wash; and Walgreens. In late 1963 he started hanging

drywall with Bruce Carmitchel. He built garages for Troup Lumber Company, homes in Hopkins Park for Martin & Spivey, laid hardwood floors for Martin & Spivey and in 1970 started taping drywall. His first home was on West Station in Kankakee, then Park Lane Drive in Grant Park, Longwood Drive in Kankakee, Cardinal Drive in Bourbonnais and East Juniper Lane in Bradley. He had built his home in 1958 on Park Lane Drive in Grant Park and then built his home on Cardinal Drive in 1968. He had been a coach for Grant Park Little League and a basketball coach for St. Patrick in Momence. He was a member of the Holy Name Society at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Momence, where he was also on the census drive; a 14-year member of the St. George School Board; president of the Holy Name Society at St. George Church, Bourbonnais; CCD teacher and lector at St. George Church and chairman of the St. George Parish Picnic. He was a board member of the Bourbonnais Bears Football League; coach for Bourbonnais Bears Peewee Squad Football League; board member of Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League (2 years player agent for league); and coach/manager Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League (American Legion, Rudolf, Dairy Queen). He was president of Bishop McNamara Parents Club; a member of Bishop McNamara School Board; 15 years active member of Madcaps (three years co-chairman and two chairman); 20 years Bishop McNamara Sunday Bingo; chain gang for Mac football; spotter for Mac football (home games); and "Volunteer of the Year in Education" (Junior Service League) nominated by Bishop McNamara. He was named "Knight of the Year" for Council 745 Knights of Columbus, Kankakee; and worked at Tuesday Night Bingo at K of C (approximately 30 years). He was a member of the Parish Council at St. Joseph Catholic Church; Parish Picnic Chairman; CCD Teacher, Lector, and Eucharistic Minister. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree. He visited the sick and homebound. He was ordained Permanent Deacon in September 2001 at St. Joseph Church. Surviving are his wife, the former Carol E. Howard, whom he married July 7, 1956, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Momence; two sons, Scott Berg of Chicago, Timothy Berg of East Dundee; four daughters and two

sons-in-law, Paula and Robert Curwick of Bourbonnais, Michelle Berg of Crete, Trisha and Tim Speckman of Kankakee, Janel Berg of Bonfield; eight grandchildren, Danel Berg, Jordan and Taylor Chandler, Andrew, Corbin and Mallory Curwick, Colin and Tyler Berg; one sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Bill Henricks of Kankakee; three sisters-in-law, Geraldine Marth of Gamaliel, Ark., Martha Ann Howard and Shirley Howard, both of Bourbonnais; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are his parents; one sister, Rita Berg; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Marilyn Berg; and four brothers-in-law, Russel, Duane, James and F. Richard Howard.

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“ *Fantastic man in all respects. ĩ½We know he loved his Lord, family and friends for he always showed it. ĩ½He will be missed by many. ĩ½###imported-begin###Tom & Barb Mulcahy###imported-end##*

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“ *For generations Deacon Andy Berg touched my family--from my mother, Mildred Drazy, enveloped in parish activities, to my grandson, Steven Karraker, who was baptized by Deacon Andy within this past year. ĩ½A warm smile, a gentle laugh, a voice spoken softly--a special person remembered and a beautiful life of faith honored. ĩ½God bless his family.###imported-begin###NULL###imported-end##*

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“ We first met Andy (and Carol too) in the early 80's when we were all involved in Madcaps. Later on we met up again at Sunday nite Bingo at Mac. We always admired the Berg's hard work and long standing dedication to Bishop Mac.

Our paths crossed once again when we joined St Joe's in Bradley. ĩ½This time Andy served as our Deacon and an occasional homolist. In that capacity he inspired us and gave us much "food for thought." ĩ½

Andy was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed by this community and his family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Madelyn & Pat O'Brien

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“ Deacon Berg brought my communion each week. ĩ½You have my deepest sympathy. ĩ½May the Lord have mercy and grant the Deacon eternal rest. ĩ½##imported-begin##Frances Argento##imported-end##

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“ Dear Paula,

I just sat down to look at the paper & learned of the loss of your father.

I will be out of town on Thursday so I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. ĩ½Your father was a fine man and touched countless people's lives.

Deepest Sympathy,

Valarie##imported-begin##Valarie Arseneau##imported-end##

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“ To the ENTIRE Berg family. Andy was like my father growing up and your family is so blessed to have had him as a role model. My son, Cale Andrew, is named after him and has never met him. I printed his obituary and will show him the type of man his namesake was. My heart goes out to all of you. Loving thoughts and prayers from MAINE!! Kristin (LaGesse)

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“ Our prayers and sympathy are with you. Our residents from St. Joseph's Parish were always grateful for Deacon Andrew's visits and receiving Communion from him on Wednesdays. We did have a Mass Celebrated on Wednesday for Deacon Andrew. God Bless you, Our Lady of Victory Family Sr. Martha Harrington,

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“ Dear Berg family- my heart is broken. Andy was such an inspiration in our lives. It was through Andy that we were able to teach our children (especially Hannah) the power of prayer. The special bond he shared with Hannah is something we will never forget. We will forever have a beautiful story to share with others. Andy was a man of great faith and inspiration. The heavens are rejoicing with Andy as he meets his maker. There is a party in heaven today-to welcome Andy home.

Your prayers and deepest sympathy are with all of you during this very difficult time of loss. May God help heal your pain and may you all be at peace knowing that someday you will all rejoice again together and until then know that you all have a very very special guardian angel watching over each and everyone of you. I thank God for being able to have Andy as part of my life he has taught us so much and he will be deeply missed. ~Jeanie, Steve, Hannah and Alli Luehrs###imported-begin###Jeanie Luehrs###imported-end##

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“ Carol & Family,

I was so sorry to read about Andy's passing. ĩ½You have my sympathy and prayers as you try to cope with your loss. ĩ½Unfortunately, Karen and I are going to be in St. Louis, Missouri the rest of this week working and I am unable to be there with you. ĩ½I assure you that my thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this trying time. ĩ½Andy was a great friend and addition to our family and he will be missed.

With Love

Austin & Karen Howard###imported-begin###Austin & Karen Howard###imported-end##

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“ Deacon Andy Berg was an inspiration to all of us at St. Joe's. i½He will be missed by all. i½Our prayers go out to his family.##imported-begin##Paige and John Chinski##imported-end##

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“ Carole and family

Our sincere prayers and compassion to all of you at the loss of Andy. i½He was loved by many and will be missed in the parish and among friends.

I'm sure the angels in heaven are rejoicing at his homecomming. i½God bless and comfort all of you.

Love

Jan & Bob Montague##imported-begin##Jan Montague##imported-end##

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“ I'm really sorry to hear about your loss. I took care of Andy when he was at Riverside on 3RD FLOOR. My prayers r with you and your family.##imported-begin##Brooke Regnier##imported-end##

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“ Michelle and Family,

 i½I am so sorry about the loss of your dad. i½Remember he is an Angel in Haven looking down on all of you. i½My prayers are with you now and forever,

Love,

Nancy and Jerry Jendraszkiewicz##imported-begin##Nancy Jendraszkiewicz##imported-end##

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“ Carol and Family,

When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. We will miss Deacon Andy.

Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family.

Love, Kathy & Mike Storer
Michael & Kathy Storer & Family

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“ Our family extends its deepest sympathy to Carol and her family. I will miss Andy's smile, his inspiring homilies at Mass, his warm handshake, and above all, his gift of faith that he shared with all of us. How fortunate I am to have known him. It is his turn now to enjoy the words of God, "well done, good and faithful servant."
Godspeed, Andy!

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“ We will miss you Andy & we love you Carol. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Love, Jim & Bernie
Deacon Jim & Bernie Perry

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“ Sad to hear about the families loss. I'm sure that he will be deeply missed.

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“ Dear Paula and Family,

 We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a very special man. The girls at JSC have you and yours in our thoughts and prayers.

 Also, my daughter Bonni (that worked with your father at Walgreens) sends her sympathy and prayers.

 Joyce Driver

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“ I feel so lucky to have the most wonderful man I ever knew as my personal guardian angel. My papa was such a special person, and will be missed by so many people. He touched so many lives, and will never be forgotten.

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“ Dear Carol and Shirley,

 I remember Andy from bingo. He was a hard working man.

 Please accept our sympathy.

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