



## Andrew "Andy" J. Ervin

November 15, 1977 - January 12, 2024

Andrew "Andy" J. Ervin, age 46, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, January 12, 2024 at his home. He was born November 15, 1977 in Flint, MI, the son of John & Brenda (Howay) Ervin. Andy married Sarah Burton on January 6, 2017 in Monticello.

Andy was a history teacher. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with his MA in History. He taught at Judah Christian Academy in Champaign and Kankakee Valley High School in Wheatfield, IN. Andy was an avid reader and loved books and history. He adored his daughters and wife. Andy was kind and gentle, with the heart of a servant. He always put others first.

Andy was a member of the Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Ervin of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Grace and Elyse; his father, John Ervin of Owosso, MI; one brother, Robert Ervin of Owosso, MI; and extended family. Andy was preceded in death by his mother, Brenda Ervin in April 2022.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene, 1000 N. Entrance Ave.

Kankakee 60901. Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene  
1000 N. Entrance Ave.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-1000  
<http://www.k1naz.org>

## Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene  
1000 N. Entrance Ave.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-1000  
<http://www.k1naz.org>

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Mr. Ervin was a great teacher, he'll always stick out in my memory as one of the best ones.* ”



Lillian M. - January 17, 2024 at 10:44 PM

KP

“ *I think I relayed a story of Andy's (Mr. Ervin!) to some friends just the other day and we had a great laugh over it. He was hilarious, an intrepid learner even while instructing others, and one of the best teachers I've ver head. He was so present to me in my high school years at Judah while we were losing my mom to cancer. Deepest condolences to Sarah and the girls; may you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit with you every hour of the days ahead. -Kayla Parker (Hubbard)* ”

Kayla Parker - January 17, 2024 at 08:11 PM

CH

“ *Andy....I have some great memories of playing basketball with you. Ran some nice pick and rolls in 8th grade! I can hear you calling and saying, "wanna ball?". Good times.* ”

Chris Hall - January 17, 2024 at 07:27 PM

KT

“ *R.I.P. My sweet special Cousin! We were close in miles, as we grew up ! Made wonderful, fun, memorable memories.. As well as being together for family times.., as cousins may do. As we grew in age , our lives went different . I remained so Proud of You ! And your accomplishments! As our Lord has called you home , be with your mom., You won't be forgotten..,With love .. Cousin Kellie ...* ”

Kellie D. Stevenson ( Tucker) - January 17, 2024 at 02:27 PM



“ *"On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" J. Ervin.* ”



January 17, 2024 at 12:09 AM

TW

“ Mr. Ervin was a wonderful teacher/mentor to my son Eric White. Mr. Ervin not only walked beside him, but help lead Eric to his true calling as a Youth Pastor. Eric remembers how Mr. Ervin was the student aide in his classrom his senior year at Monclova Christian School 2009/2010. As a parent, I want say thank you again for being my sons teacher.

Tamara Dye/Eric White - January 16, 2024 at 11:53 PM

CH

“ Andy was indeed a special individual. He touched the hearts of many. I was fortunate enough to work with Andy as his Principal at South Newton High School. I was on vacation out west when I hired him. Such a neat person, full of love for the teaching profession and for his students. Administrators always wonder after they hire someone how they will turn out. After Andy's first day, I did not have to wonder. He touched the hearts of staff, students and especially myself. We had many good conversations beyond the teaching profession. He was down to earth and a heartfelt individual, soft spoken, and knew the direction he wanted to take his school kids. I am deeply saddened by his passing. My prayers are with his wife and two kids. All who knew him were blessed to be around him. Charles Huckstep

Charles HUCKSTEP - January 16, 2024 at 06:12 PM

AP

“ Amy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew "Andy" J. Ervin.

Amy P. - January 16, 2024 at 01:45 PM

AW

“ Sharing our prayers to our cousin's sweet young family❤️🙏. Childhood memories of Andy with his brother Rob are treasured.

Amber Weitzer - January 16, 2024 at 09:51 AM

JZ

“ Andy was my history teacher at Judah Christian. He always made the history lectures memorable with his many jokes and humorous wit. He made learning fun and taught us the value of history while making his students smile. He was a kind soul that brought joy to our school.

Josh Zuckermann - January 16, 2024 at 12:14 AM

EL

“ Even tho I had Mr. Ervin for a 1 semester and a couple days. I can definitely say he was one of my favorite teachers by far. He was always so thoughtful and so funny. Never a negative comment came out of his mouth. He made learning super fun. I liked having him so much I changed my schedule to have him again this semester. It's heart breaking to know that i won't have him the rest of the year. We need more people like him in this work. You will be dearly missed. You were so loved.

Ella - January 16, 2024 at 12:04 AM

LS

“ Andrew Ervin was my US history teacher in 2022/2023. He was my most favorite teacher I ever had and I would talk to him almost everyday in the hallways and after school. He would always show me pictures of his daughters and tell me about them. He would go out of his way to say something to me or make a joke in the hallway. I considered him a friend of mine even though I was only a student. He was always looking for a good talk with people and it was enjoyable each time. We need more people and teachers like Andrew Ervin. He showed respect everyday and was never rude to anyone. My friends and I would talk about him all the time because we appreciated him as a person.

Logan Sanders - January 15, 2024 at 11:07 PM

BF

“ Andy was my co-worker at Judah Christian School. He was loved by all the students and know for his “debate” style of teaching. He contributed so much to our school! I'm praying for his family and friends.

Becky Fredrick - January 15, 2024 at 05:34 PM

RT

“ Andy was my cousin, and basketball partner, him and I would take on John and Rob in the driveway till it was so dark we couldn't see anymore, John and I are more like brothers, which made my relationship with Rob and Andy even closer, I will miss him, has I'm sure some many will because he was a very special individual!

Randall Tucker - January 15, 2024 at 05:04 PM

GK

*Andy was my youngest of cousins.*

*I babysat for him and his brother when they were little, we used to call him wheezer due to his asthma. He was a sweet and funny man with a heart of gold. He loves his family and is so proud of his twin girls! He was a great Dad! He will be desperately missed by our entire family. Rest in peace ! may God guide you to all those we have loved and lost before you!!*

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**Gwenda Kulcsar** - January 15, 2024 at 05:34 PM

PH

“ *Andy will be missed. He was loved by his cousins, aunts uncles. His Dad and brother, Rob, will be hurting for a long time. Sarah, you have our prayers.*

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**Patricia Howay** - January 15, 2024 at 04:26 PM

SK

“ *Andy has been such a model of loving kindness at KV high school and his presence will be sadly missed. Nothing but a kind word ever passed his lips here and his gratitude for life and love for his family and his God were ever-present. We are so terribly sad to lose him and send prayers to his family.*

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**Sue Kwiatkowski** - January 15, 2024 at 04:04 PM

CF

“ *A nephew to be so proud of. An honorable man who lived a biblical life loved his wife Sarah and so devoted to her. His daughters took a priority space in the hours god gave him on this earth. Andy loved his profession and was avid about keeping americas history alive and interesting to his students. Andy was a loving son though miles separated him from his parents he called them all the time. He was the younger brother of rob who always kept tabs on his younger brother. This earth has lost a godly man and Sarah and grace and elyce a devoted father. I am his aunt*

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**chris fejedelem** - January 15, 2024 at 03:55 PM