



Andrew Paul Hilton

June 19, 1963 - April 22, 2016

Andrew Paul Hilton of Santa Barbara passed away peacefully on Friday, April 22nd with his wife Megan and daughter Amanda by his side.

Born to Chandler and Frances Hilton on June 19th, 1963 – the youngest of 4 boys, Andy (Little Ma) was one of a kind and will be deeply missed.

Andy spent his entire life in Santa Barbara, truly embracing it as his home from his elementary school years at San Roque to high school years at Bishop Diego. His love of baseball landed him a scholarship at the University of La Verne (his brief hiatus from living in SB), but he returned to the town he loved best where he began his working life at the El Encanto. He started out as a valet but quickly moved into the restaurant as Assistant Director of Food and Beverage. His love of cooking and food continued on when he opened his own catering business, Fiesta Catering, where he was able to share that love of food with many people and made some of the best tacos ever sold down on the waterfront during the 4th of July.

Andy then went on to enjoy a successful career of over 30 years in advertising. Working with hundreds of clients from “the ol’ Radio Bronco days” to the widely known Univision network, Andy took pride in what he did and his outgoing personality turned his many clients into amazing friends.

A husband, father and friend, Andy loved openly and completely. He made friends with everyone he met, be it a coworker, high school buddy or checkout person at the grocery store, Andy embraced people and the relationships he developed with them.

But what Andy loved most was enjoying life with family and friends. Eternally positive and always up for a good time, whether it be a show at the “County Bowl”, fishing in the Sierras with the Ma’s or just BBQ’n at home with his family (Dodger game on the TV of course), Andy knew how to live life to the fullest. Perhaps best summed up by a former boss, “If Santa Barbara ever elects a ‘Mayor in Charge of Having Fun’ he would win by a landslide.”

Andy’s positivity and happiness was infectious. His humor would cheer you up and his kindness is the reason he has a lifetime of love and friendship. Andy truly was the sunshine on a cloudy day.

Andy is survived by his wife of 15 years, Megan. His children, Amanda, Jackson and Eva. And his brother John.

All who knew and loved him are invited to join us for a memorial service: [L] [SEP]

Saturday, April 30th at 11am at the Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel, 15 E. Sola St. Santa Barbara, Ca 93101. Followed by a graveside service at Calvary Cemetery and Celebration of Life Reception.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown
15 E. Sola St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Megan, I am sorry for your loss. Andy was a swell guy. I hope you and your family are OK.*
-Mike Brown



Michael J. Brown - May 01, 2016 at 10:50 AM

MB

“ *Michael J. Brown lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Hilton*



Michael J. Brown - May 01, 2016 at 10:49 AM

TH

“ *Megan, I am so sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, the kids and your whole family. Sending you lots of hugs and strength always. Anything you need, do not hesitate to call. Theresa & Juan*



Theresa Huerta - April 28, 2016 at 05:01 PM

CS

“ To Andy's Family, I was Andy's third grade teacher. He was such a character as a little boy. I always thought he would end up selling cars, he could con you into anything, but in a very charming way. The class he was in was my all time favorite. I see some of the kids (they aren't kids anymore) around town and enjoy the memories. I am so sorry for your loss, and pray that he didn't suffer. I hoped to attend the funeral service, but had a previous appointment that couldn't be canceled. With fond memories, Carol Smagala.



Carol Smagala - April 28, 2016 at 12:56 PM

SE

“ Megan, I'm so sorry to hear this. My prayers and thoughts to you and the kids. I know Andy was a very special guy and will be missed by everyone. Goes without saying, if there is anything I can do, please let me know.
Steve Elliott

Steven Elliott - April 27, 2016 at 09:11 AM

SK

“ Susan Koster sent a virtual gift in memory of Andrew Paul Hilton



Susan Koster - April 26, 2016 at 10:07 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Andy. I remember Andy as a member of the San Roque Rockets, basketball, baseball and football, we had so much fun in our neighborhood , and this continued through High School. My thoughts and prayers to your family. Andy was apart of my life I will not forget . Thank you for the memories.

Jim Stevens - April 26, 2016 at 08:41 PM

DB

“ Debbie & Joey Borges lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Hilton



Debbie & Joey Borges - April 26, 2016 at 06:44 PM

JC

“ Judy Cuningham lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Hilton



Judy Cuningham - April 26, 2016 at 12:51 PM

JC

Andy, you will be missed...

Judy Cuningham - April 26, 2016 at 12:52 PM

SK

“ Susan Koster lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Hilton



Susan Koster - April 26, 2016 at 12:38 PM

CS

“ Cecil And Kim Stooksberry lit a candle in memory of Andrew Paul Hilton



Cecil and Kim Stooksberry - April 26, 2016 at 12:22 PM

RR

“ Andy had the best, easiest laugh and had such an amazing way of making people feel comfortable and like they'd known him forever. He was my brother from the first day Megan introduced me to him, and for the rest of his life.

Rachel Rashi - April 26, 2016 at 11:39 AM

RR

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Rachel Rashi - April 26, 2016 at 11:37 AM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Claire Mon - April 25, 2016 at 06:29 PM

SR

“ Scott C. Reid lit a candle in memory of
Andrew Paul Hilton



Scott C. Reid - April 25, 2016 at 05:06 PM