



Andrea Maria Long

March 13, 1964 - November 18, 2017

Andrea Maria Long, 53 of Orlando Florida passed away on Saturday November 18, 2017.

IN LIEU OF SENDING FLOWERS or GIFTS, the family graciously requests donations for their 2 boys for college expenses.

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Tribute Wall



“ I thought about Andrea just last night and decided to look for her on the internet....so sad to have found her obituary. Andrea and I shared an apartment at Cornell during her senior year. I was a transfer student and her friendship more than anything else helped me feel settled in Ithaca. My deep condolences to her loved ones.

Jenifer Coleson - November 18, 2020 at 10:26 AM



I was also sad to find Andrea Obituary I was friends with Andrea in NJ.I went to visit Andrea in Lancaster Ohio. We had a great time at the Ohio State Fair. The last time I saw Andrea was when the Farnicks came to visit me in Sydney Australia..

Rob Kennedy - January 10, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Andrea at the OMA during two long installations of large exhibits. She was very open and funny and professional and lives long in my memory. I am so sorry to hear about this and am saddened even 3 years after her death. Peace and love to her family and friends.

Steve Masler
Memphis, TN

Steve Masler - July 17, 2020 at 03:57 PM





“ I was a friend of Andrea’s in Medford Lakes. She was smart and talented. We love having lunch on her dock and swimming during lunch time. We also went to girl scouts and baton lessons together. May she rest in peace and know she was loved.



Nancy Mascio-Nelan - December 25, 2017 at 10:27 AM

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“ There is a category of friend that is different than the ones we usually refer to all the time as best friend, school friend, work friend, and so on.

Andrea and I were dear friends but it was more than that. We were not best friends as in the type of friends that hang out together on weekends, holidays or after work. But she probably knew more about and understood my life better than just about anyone.

Andrea started working at the Orlando Museum of Art (OMA) just after I did in 1990. Over the next 17 years we talked daily, mostly about work and then we often chatted about our personal lives. First it was boyfriends, then engagements, then husbands, then pregnancies and children and everything from pumping breast milk to college choices. She knew all about my family. She knew the funny or sad stories, she knew when there was tragic illness or celebration in my life and I knew about hers as well. We celebrated together, grieved together, cried together, had fun and stressed together. She was a great listener, never judged me or told me what to do...well, ok sometimes she told me what to do. But that was ok because she was really listening.

Additionally, we had great adventures and very demanding times at work. We wrote grants, organized vault space, packed and delivered loans and donations, and installed many exhibitions. We made fun road trips to pick up art from favorite collectors. We dealt with difficult personalities and got to know people that we loved, didn't love and lost. We handled astonishing works of art from throughout time and around the world. We stressed about how to take care of groups of curators from China who did not speak English and were coming to stay in Orlando for months at a time. We watched priceless works of art come and leave with every show that came through. We enjoyed photographing and recording new and magnificent art works that came into the Museum's collections.

Andrea and I were not alike. We could not have been more different

in how we worked. Andrea was brilliant, organized, detail oriented and analytical but also creative and artistic. Somehow, she managed to be all of those things. She kept me in line. I am not that organized and often forget about the details. We worked well together because Andrea would organize my ideas to help me implement them.

Andrea did not seek attention or accolades but I think OMA staff would agree that she was the control center of the OMA. She knew the collection backwards and forwards and would always figure out a way to help someone do what they needed to do.

In the 10 years since I left the work at the Museum, Andrea and I often spoke on the phone, texted or emailed. I visited the OMA every month with my students and stopped in her office to catch up with all the family happenings. I did contract work for the OMA and got to work with her again while installing exhibitions. We both loved arranging the ancient Americas pieces and laughed about how we obsessed over their positioning sometimes.

When she received her diagnosis, everyone who loved her was reeling trying to figure out how to help. We wanted to keep her with us for as long as possible. Another work friend, Azela, and I had lunches with her so we could stay in touch. The last time I visited her, she was not talking but she let me know she heard me. She was such a force!

I will miss her with all of my heart. I already do miss her so much. It is rare that we have relationships like this in our lives and I will treasure those memories so much. She was my life friend.

The photo is one of my all time favorites because we are doing what we loed doing the most :) This is a great memory.



Andrea Kalis - November 28, 2017 at 08:53 AM

RG

*She was a dear friend it Cornell and we lived together as roommates. We studied art together there and later shared an apartment in NY. I am just reading this now..bereft and saddened that she passed. I was thinking of her today for some reason. The last time i saw her was 2012 in Orlando. We met for lunch and she gave me a tour of the museum. She seemed so happy and fulfilled with her job and family. Love you Drea. Xo
Rachel*

Rachel Germond - February 15, 2024 at 10:40 PM

RF

“*My family would like to send sincere condolences to the Long family for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the Bible promise at Isaiah 25:8. Please, pray constantly, avoid isolation, and lean on God as you cope during this most difficult time.*

Richardson Family - November 24, 2017 at 10:05 PM

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“ Andrea and I worked together at the OMA for 14 years. I learned so much from her, not just about the museum profession, but about being a strong, kind, caring person. Andrea was unflappable and loved to take on a challenge. She set up the museum’s collections database, organized the details for many traveling shows, and kept everyone working together. She was a great co-worker who always has a helping hand if you needed one.

One year close to Halloween, Andrea, Jeff Knowlton and I were trying to make costumes from scrap materials at the museum. The photo below is Andrea dressed in a bubble wrap suit.

She loved Randy and her boys more than anything and enjoyed sharing stories and pictures. I loved her hand-made Christmas card with a photo of the boys. She will be deeply missed.



Betsy Gwinn - November 24, 2017 at 04:31 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear that you have lost Andrea so young. I met Andrea when we were just getting started on our own homes and adult lives. She was a really good friend, and based on what I saw of her just a couple of years ago, she hadn't changed. She was so generous, straightforward and smart. One of my favorite memories is of her showing up at a movie theater with cup full of a dinner she had made that she thought I would like. I made that recipe many times from then on, and always thought of her. She always saw things with clarity and common sense, and with a lot of love.

Nancy Feigenbaum - November 22, 2017 at 10:29 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Alex and Evan



Robert Farnick - November 21, 2017 at 09:08 PM

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Evan and Alex Long and Uncle Robert Farnick at Grandma's Jupiter FL condo

Robert Farnick - November 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ *Andrea was always the voice of reason and possessed an aura of strength, candid attitude and sensibility that made others feel at ease. She would always remind you of what was important in life and not to dwell on the past, but to look toward the future. She was thoughtful and had a genuine concern for others. Her creative and tough spirit will be missed, but will live on through her children.*



Azela Santana - November 21, 2017 at 10:15 AM

LL

“ *Andrea was such a beautiful person inside and out. So smart, funny, kind, a great listener. I loved her smile and laugh. We met at Cornell and have been friends for all of these years. One of those people that you could just pick right up where you left off no matter how much time and distance in between. She always beamed when she talked about Alex ,Evan and Randy Such a proud mom and wife.*

My love goes out to all of you.

Linda Lovejoy



Linda Lovejoy - November 20, 2017 at 09:04 PM

LB

“ *1 file added to the album Andrea with college friends*



liza bingham - November 20, 2017 at 02:04 PM