



Mr. Ronnie (Ron) Lee Andrews

August 20, 1950 - September 3, 2012

Andrews, Ronnie (Ron) Lee,
Saginaw, Michigan

Passed away on Monday, September 3, 2012, at the Cartwright Hospice Residence in the presence of his loving family. Age 62 years. Ron was born on August 20, 1950, in Saginaw, to Dale and Alice (Davey) Andrews. He was married to Louise May Colby on March 28, 1968, in Saginaw, where she survives him. He also leaves his sons, Michael Andrews, Sanford; Charles (Janet) Andrews, Kentwood; Clinton (Elizabeth) Andrews, Saginaw; grandsons, Robert Andrews, Ryan Andrews, Joseph Andrews, and Owen Andrews; granddaughter, Elisabeth Andrews; mother, Alice Andrews, Saginaw; brother, Terry (Mary) Andrews, Saginaw; sister, Paula Ozark, Saginaw; niece, Christina (Beto) Martinez, Novi; and other nieces and nephews; great-niece and great-nephew, Angela and Lalo Martinez; mother-in-law, Jean DeLeon, Saginaw; and his dog Diablo. Ron was predeceased by his father, Dale Andrews. Prior to his retirement in 2000, Ron was employed as a designer at GM/Delphi for 30 years. Ron was an active member of Hopevale Church, he also was in the Boy Scouts of America, Gideons, Child Evangelism Fellowship and Regional Director of Operation Christmas Child.

Funeral and committal services will take place 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 8, 2012, at Hopevale Church, 4873 N. Center Rd. at Tittabawassee Rd. The Rev. Dan Davis will officiate. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., on Friday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hopevale Church or Operation Christmas Child. Memories and sympathies of Ron may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI, US, 48602

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hopevale Church
4873 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI, US

SEP **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Mr. Andrews was one of the most intelligent and big hearted men I have ever known. He will be missed.

September 07, 2012 at 11:58 PM



“ We share Ron's love and support for World Missions. His leadership and heart for the world is an inspiration for many. Sometime soon, we will all be reunited.

Jim and Patty Neumann

James Neumann - September 07, 2012 at 10:37 PM



“ ron was THE BEST grandpa EVER! he went camping and fishing with me. we had so much fun! love, owen

Owen Andrews - September 07, 2012 at 06:43 PM



“ We went to Ukraine on a Mission Trip with our mighty team leaders, Ron and Louise. We really got to know their heart for the Lord and their dedication to missions. We can always think of Ron when we hear the song "Come, and go with me to my Father's House. It's a big, big house with lots and lots of rooms...." Afterwards they celebrated with the team with a sailing trip on Lake Charlevoix. They were a blessing for us and for the many people they touched, AND were such a team! Ron, you'll be in our hearts forever. Slava Bogu (Praise God) you are in His house now. Peace for you Louise, we're here when you need us. Mary Wheeler, Fawn and Chris Glassford.

Chris and Fawn Glassford - September 07, 2012 at 06:10 PM



“ Some day you will read in the papers that D.L. Moody of East Northfield, is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now; I shall have gone up higher, that is all, out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal- a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His glorious body.

I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever.

Ron reminds me of D.L Moody. The quote above helps me to keep things in proper perspective- thinking about my dear friend. His heart was for missions. I will be forever indebted to Ron and his wife, for their love and support for missions here in Chicago. He have inspired me, encouraged me, given me hope, and strengthened my faith.

In his memory, Chicago College Bound mission plans to give its first scholarship in honor of Ron Andrews.

Zachary Strother,
Founder of Master's Academy & Director of Chicago College Bound

zachary strother - September 07, 2012 at 11:33 AM



“ What a shock to hear of Ron's death. What a wonderful neighbor he and Louise were to us when we lived in Saginaw and attended Hopevale. They were the first ones to welcome us to Saginaw as we moved into our home. We learned quickly of His love for His Savior and His great love for missions! He was a dear and kind friend and a wonderful co-laborer in God's work. He will be greatly missed by so many! May God bless you and your family Louise in the days ahead with His grace that He promises to provide. You are in our prayers! Cabby & Sherry Back

Cabby & Sherry Back - September 07, 2012 at 09:26 AM



“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Ron's passing. As we head up to ELIM for this next retreat our thoughts and prayers are with you, Louise. We have many special memories of you and Ron putting your heart and soul into that ministry. Please be assured of our on-going prayers for you and the family. With love, Tim and Carmen North

Carmen North - September 07, 2012 at 07:29 AM



“ We are so saddened to hear of Ron's passing. Please accept our condolences. Ron was a giant presence in a quiet way. What a great loss for us all. I am grateful that one day we will all be together again.

September 06, 2012 at 08:48 PM



“ When I first heard about Ron's passing I was immediately saddened and the following morning I wrote in my personal journal thoughts and memories of a dear friend and true co-laborer in the ministry of the gospel.

A few notes from my journal:

Ron Andrews passed away yesterday. Wow, things happened so fast. How I wish I could have talked with him one more time. (We will have all of eternity!) So thankful for Ron, his heart for missions, he was truly our advocate for missions. From our early “Swan Creek Road” days, meetings, small groups... Ron was cheering us on and supporting us. Fond memories of sailing with him on the bay, hot day, no wind but great talks... mainly missions. GO team meetings, blowing of his foghorn to dismiss missionaries, marching of missionaries with their flags, godly, heart for God, nations, people... invested his life in what truly matters.

Kirk Lauckner



Kirk Lauckner - September 06, 2012 at 05:17 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Ron's passing to eternity. Kirk and I greatly respected Ron and his heart for Christ, the World and missions. His quiet and gentle ways, corny jokes, him walking the dogs down Mannion Rd. are all memories that I will carry with me. Louise and kids, are hearts and prayers are with you at this time and we will continue to keep close. Ron was always encouraging Kirk and I as we served The Navigator's as well as at Hopevale. So privileged to know this great man...

Amy Lauckner - September 06, 2012 at 05:14 PM



“ Ron was an inspiration and a great leader of the Operation Christmas Child team here in Mid-Michigan. I will never forget the last time I saw him in August as he was helping to pack over 10,000 shoe boxes to be sent overseas. Such a great life of service, compassion, and dedication to helping children learn about Jesus. Thank you, Ron, for your great example, your heart for the Lord, and the love you shared with others. Your family was blessed to have a leader like you, and I will appreciate all the memories I have of you as you led the OCC team. I know you are celebrating with Jesus right now!

Melissa O'Dell - September 06, 2012 at 12:17 PM



“ Ron & Louise were certainly the face of the missions program at Hopevale Church over many years, and as overseas missionaries we greatly appreciate all that they did in that respect to support and aid our ministry. In addition, they brought two teams over to Spain, once to minister to our missionary team at a conference (2009), and the other time to help with an English and basketball outreach in our small town of Siguenza (2011). Ron had a true servant's heart, always willing to serve in whatever way necessary to honor the Lord. We also had the privilege to count them both as friends and as family (their son Charlie is Joanne's brother-in-law). Ron will be greatly missed, but we rejoice in his having faithfully "finished his course" on this earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with Louise, Charlie & Janet, and the rest of the family. With love, Kevin & Joanne Wood (and daughters Elaina, Elizabeth and Emily), missionaries in Siguenza, Spain.

Kevin Wood - September 06, 2012 at 02:51 AM



“ Louise, I really appreciated Ron for many things, but probably the best memory I have is the great comments he gave at my dad's funeral. I likely never told Ron, but Ron was the best person to carry on dad's legacy with the mission's program at Hopevale. He will be sorely missed by the global team all over the world. We are praying for you and the family.
Ron and Roz Wismer, Democratic Republic of Congo

Ron Wismer - September 06, 2012 at 02:22 AM



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Kevin & Joanne Wood - September 06, 2012 at 02:06 AM



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Kevin & Joanne Wood - September 06, 2012 at 01:54 AM



“ With his work on the missions team, the impact of his life truly will be felt worldwide for the kingdom of God. We always appreciated his heart for God, for family and sacrificed much in his work in the community. We are praying for you Louise during this time and beyond.

- Tim and Michele George, SIM missionaries in Mozambique

Tim George - September 05, 2012 at 09:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Ron on Mission



Mark Reed - September 05, 2012 at 09:10 PM



“ Ron on mission in the Dominican Republic in June 2010; humbly serving with humor!

Mark Reed - September 06, 2012 at 01:18 AM



“ We always appreciated Ron and Louise's hospitality whenever we returned to visit Hopevale for the mission conferences. His enthusiasm was contagious. He will be sorely missed.

Our love in Christ to all at Hopevale in your time of grief,
Robert and Diane Rucker

Robert and Diane Rucker - September 05, 2012 at 08:23 PM



“ Ron and Louise were in charge of the Hopevale prayer team for many years. Our ministry with Trans World Radio was blessed to have their and the prayer team's support. We won't know until Eternity what catastrophes may have been avoided, what spiritual battles won, through their and the team's prayers!

Joe and Edna Miller

Joe and Edna Miller - September 05, 2012 at 07:20 PM



“ I worked with Ron for many years at Saginaw Steering Gear. He was a nice guy. When we were young we bartered. He painted my barn, I fixed his car. I wasn't close to him but I'll remember him the rest of my life. I wish Louise and their children the BEST!

Stan and Alice Howey

Stanley Howey - September 05, 2012 at 10:42 AM



“ God bless you as you celebrate the life of this wonderful man. He has touched many children for the Kingdom of God through Operation Christmas Child. We pray the Lord holds you all close to His heart.
Cindy Beyer, Regional Director - Florida/Puerto Rico Regional Office - Operation Christmas Child

Cindy Beyer - September 05, 2012 at 09:24 AM



“ Our saddened hearts reach out to yours Louise and family, and to all our grieving brothers and sisters in Christ as we bid a temporary farewell to Ron. Ron was such a strong motivation and Christian inspiration to us especially in the priority of cross cultural ministry. We wish we could have been there to hear Jesus' loving "Well done good and faithful servant" to Ron upon his grand promotion! Ron's quick departure moves us to work more passionately for God's rewarding Kingdom priorities for the remainder of our short stay in this sin devastated world. How blessed Ron must be to be received by saints from around the world who now thank him for his Gospel ministry to them! Thank you Louise, for sharing this gifted man with us. We love you. Be blessed by the same loving arms that now tightly embrace Ron.

Zephaniah 3:17,
Pastor Bert, Jan, and your many friends at Peace

Bert and Jan Eggers - September 05, 2012 at 09:00 AM

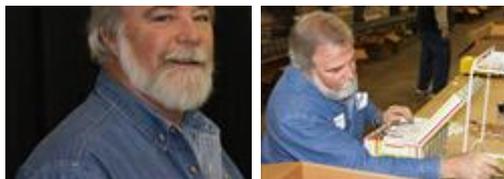


“ Though half way around the world, our hearts and our thoughts are with Louise and their family during this time. We pray that Ron's legacy will continue to unfold in the many lives he has touched over the years. May his love and Godly spirit also remain steadfast in our hearts and our lives as he would want us to continue. All glory and honor to our Father for giving us this man to walk and do life with all these years. We will so deeply miss him here but await our journey to be with him one day also. Love, George and Shary, Phnom Penh, Cambodia PS Thank you Ron and Louise for believing in this ministry with us.

George - September 04, 2012 at 09:05 PM



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Ken Karls - September 04, 2012 at 06:54 PM



“ Mr Ron Andrews was an amazing and kind man, he always had a smile or helpful words for me. He will be missed beyond words.

Dave Golson

David Joseph Golson - September 04, 2012 at 06:14 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie. We had the opportunity to spend time with your family at the Cartwright Residence and go through the loss of our loved ones together. Stay strong! Ann Ortman-Russell

Ann Ortman-Russell - September 04, 2012 at 06:10 PM



“ Ron left a beautiful legacy; his children, grandchildren & all the lives he touched. He will be missed. I am sure he was greeted by our Father with the words" Well done, my good & faithful servant". Love you all..
Barb Patchett

Barb Patchett - September 04, 2012 at 05:30 PM



“ Hazen And Beki Wager lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie (Ron) Lee Andrews



Hazen and Beki Wager - September 04, 2012 at 03:07 PM



“ Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love,
Hazen, Beki and family.

Hazen and Beki Wager - September 04, 2012 at 03:09 PM