



## Andrew Demetrius Karigan

January 29, 1960 - April 28, 2024

Andrew D. Karigan, of Newport Coast, CA passed away peacefully on April 28, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on January 29th and was raised in Edina, MN. He received his B.A. in International Relations from UC Berkeley (where he learned his motto, "Never Blend") and his M.B.A. from Thunderbird School of Global Management, which involved studying in England, Belgium, and France. Andrew's innate gift of connecting with people was the foundation of his success and happiness in his career and personal life. He naturally rose to become a top salesperson in every industry he pursued - from tech sales to real estate. He also had a calling to see the world. The globe was his playground - from Iceland to Ushuaia (the world's southernmost city). He had many favorite destinations - including home in Minnesota - but still ventured to new places every year. He was proficient in French, Spanish, and Greek, which continuously opened more doors for him. Andrew had a deep love for his family and promoted gathering together frequently - his favorite thing. He collected people and had the strongest friend group of anyone we know. As a friend and family man, he was genuinely interested in staying close to everyone he loved. Andrew was also devoted to his faith, which remained a significant part of his life. Andrew will forever be remembered as a loving, intelligent, and comedic force unlike no one on earth. He is preceded in death by his grandparents and his father, James Karigan. He's survived by his beloved partner, Barry Knickerbocker; his mother, Dena Karigan; sisters, Pamela (Jerry) Nelson; Nadine (Gary) Barber;

niece Nicolette Bodine; nephews, Andrew Bodine, James Nelson, and Nicholas Nelson; the Knickerbocker family; dearest friends Lee Imperial & Joey Luna, and many, many more, as well as his cherished cats, Theo & Sam. A private funeral will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine or Healing Hope Cat Sanctuary. From his favorite OneRepublic song, I Lived, "I did it all I owned every second that this world could give."

# Tribute Wall

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“ We were saddened to hear recently of Andrew's passing. He was a friend and supporter to our small cat rescue in Seal Beach. What a terrible loss. Our deepest sympathies to his partner, friends and family from all of us at Helen Sanders CatPAWS rescue.

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