



Andrew Gregory Olsen

February 6, 1980 - January 11, 2026

Andrew "Andy" Gregory Olsen, 45, born February 6, 1980, passed away on January 11, 2026, of a heart attack. The beloved son of Greg and Rhoda Olsen, Andy was larger than life-curious, fearless, endlessly kind, and wonderfully unpredictable. He lived fully, loved deeply, and left behind stories far bigger than the brief time we were given with him.

At his core, Andy was a guy's guy. A hard-working Harley fanatic, master MacGyver, and full-time adrenaline seeker, he treated life like an adventure he refused to put down. He had a sharp sense of humor, a heart big enough to tow the rest of us along, and a long list of speeding tickets that confirmed his love of living in the fast lane-literally.

Andy could fix almost anything. With mechanical intuition, a tow-truck winch, and pure creativity, he could fix anything, and if he couldn't fix it, he invented a new way to try. He never passed someone who needed help. Whether it was a broken engine, a stuck car, a failed furnace, or a stranger in need, Andy was there.

He wore many hats-and wore them proudly: journeyman HVAC professional, licensed general contractor, metal-art sculptor, Bobcat operator, farm hand, barrel-racing coach, and resident expert on just about everything. If something needed doing, Andy could do it.

Hunting was one of Andy's greatest passions. A skilled bow hunter, he valued the quiet discipline and skill the sport required. He joined rifle season mostly for the camaraderie, though he took it seriously enough-even if that meant riding a souped-up scooter loaded with more hunting gear than one human should reasonably carry. Andy also held the unofficial world record for hitting deer with his vehicles, managing to hit two in a single night just weeks ago.

For more than a decade, Andy shared his life with his partner, Crystal, and her family. Finding Crystal changed him, evident in his spirit from the moment they connected. He had found his match, and anyone who heard him speak about her knew how deeply he loved her.

Andy stepped proudly into the role of "bonus dad" to Devin and Taylor, bringing love and the occasional willingness to help with homework he never quite mastered himself. He also took on the roles of barrel-racing coach and bull-riding coach with equal enthusiasm. He was especially proud to welcome Lily into the family, knowing Devin would need someone looking out for him. Crystal's mother, Diane stepped in seamlessly as "extra mom," and Andy's devotion to her was clear-especially as he stood beside her through a major health crisis. Family always came first, and Andy proved that through his action.

His brothers were his world. Their legendary debates-often passionately argued despite agreeing on most things-were an art form. They worked together seamlessly, loved each other fiercely, and were unstoppable. Andy welcomed his half-brother, Chad, with immediate humor and affection. Suddenly, there were four, and their bond was unbreakable.

Andy's niece Emily and nephew Ethan were central to his heart. He made it his personal mission to "get the Woodburian out of them" by gifting

questionable birthday presents, pulling them into adventures, and serving as a slightly dangerous but wonderful role model. Andy and Ethan were inseparable on family vacations, whether it involved midnight fishing or midnight mischief. Krista will be wondering for years exactly what Andy taught Ethan.

Andy's life was rich with laughter, risk, generosity, loyalty, and love. He leaves behind a lifetime of stories-and a lasting reminder of what it means to live boldly and give freely.

Andy leaves behind his parents, Greg and Rhoda Olsen; his partner, Crystal Helmin; her children, Devin (Lily) Jensrud and Taylor Steele, and her mother, Diane Helmin; his brothers, Ryan Olsen (Krista), Ben Olsen (Kelly), and half-brother Chad Theismann; his nieces and nephews, Emily and Ethan Olsen, and Elsa and Marit Theismann; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He will be deeply missed by all who loved him-and by countless others whose lives crossed his, only because Andy stopped to help.

Memorials can be made to Andy's favorite organization, Wounded Warrior Project, at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Service Information

We hope you can join us as we remember and celebrate Andy.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Visitation: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Washburn-McCreavy - Coon Rapids Chapel

1827 Coon Rapids Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Thursday, January 15, 2026

Visitation: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Funeral Service: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Eaglebrook Church - Spring Lake Park

8498 Sunset Road NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

JAN **15.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Eagle Brook Church - Spring Lake Park
8498 Sunset Road Northeast
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Church Service

JAN **15.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eagle Brook Church - Spring Lake Park
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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *In the best way, the way the world needs Andy was crazy. Every one of my memories around him are laced with him being all-in even if some risk is required. My heart smiles to know his love of adventure continued after life took us different directions. I'm sure I live more passionately for having known him.*

Matthew - January 15 at 01:23 PM

LC

“ *Lorie Cathcart lit a candle in memory of Andrew Gregory Olsen*



Lorie Cathcart - January 15 at 10:20 AM

LJ

“ *Rhoda and Greg, I am so heartbroken for all of you. I remember Andy from way back in the day when we all had small kids, pool parties and lots of fun. Holding you all in my prayers. Lani Jordan*

Lani Jordan - January 14 at 08:42 PM

MK

“ *From Peg, I remember calling Andy asking when he is come out to set up my fireplace, he said" I'm in the middle of the ocean on a cruise". I'll call you when I'm back in town.*

margaret kohoutek - January 14 at 08:17 PM

JO

“ Jackie Olsen lit a candle in memory of Andrew Gregory Olsen



Jackie Olsen - January 14 at 02:56 PM

GT

“ Gordon, Edward, & the Sport Clips Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



Gordon, Edward, & the Sport Clips Team - January 14 at 01:58 PM

GT

“ Gordon, Edward, & the Sport Clips Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Gordon, Edward, & the Sport Clips Team - January 14 at 01:58 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



January 14 at 12:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



January 14 at 12:58 PM



“ *Al Scheide & Sherry Balley* purchased the *Tender Tribute* for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



Al Scheide & Sherry Balley - January 14 at 12:39 PM



“ *ISBN Board, Community and Jessica I.* purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



ISBN Board, Community and Jessica I. - January 14 at 10:07 AM



“ *Linda Martin and David Gronwall* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



Linda Martin and David Gronwall - January 13 at 09:42 PM

LG

“ Linda Martin and David Gronwall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Linda Martin and David Gronwall - January 13 at 09:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



January 13 at 08:54 PM

KD

“ Kristie & Danielle Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Kristie & Danielle Davis - January 13 at 08:54 PM

SC

“ Shawanna C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Shawanna C. - January 13 at 08:52 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



January 13 at 08:52 PM



“ *Gary, L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*

Gary, L. - January 13 at 07:02 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



January 13 at 06:10 PM



“ *Sincerely, Gretchen & Your IRH Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*

Sincerely, Gretchen & Your IRH Team - January 13 at 05:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



January 13 at 05:21 PM



“ *Roger and Marylu, Krista and Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*

Roger and Marylu, Krista and Eric - January 13 at 05:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



January 13 at 05:20 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Andy's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Susan and Cheri Lagerquist.*

Susan Lagerquist - January 13 at 03:48 PM



“ *Gary & I are wishing the family strength, comfort, and peace during this very sad time.*

Judy Fling - January 13 at 03:47 PM

SA

“ Susan A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Susan A. - January 13 at 03:42 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



January 13 at 03:23 PM

CM

“ We are hoping Justin was there to greet him as he entered Heaven! I'm sure fishing plans are in the mix! Hearts and hugs for Andy's family.

Cindi & Leo Marshall - January 13 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ Lori and Stephen Samataro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Lori and Stephen Samataro - January 13 at 02:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



January 13 at 02:05 PM



“ *Robyn Olsen lit a candle in memory of Andrew Gregory Olsen*



Robyn Olsen - January 13 at 01:14 PM



“ *Ellen Schneider lit a candle in memory of Andrew Gregory Olsen*



Ellen Schneider - January 13 at 01:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



January 13 at 11:50 AM

SH

“ Sabine H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Sabine H. - January 13 at 10:42 AM

BK

“ Brian K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Brian K. - January 13 at 10:02 AM

SL

“ Sandra L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

Sandra L. - January 13 at 09:59 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.



January 13 at 04:30 AM

TF

“ The Osterhage Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Gregory Olsen.

The Osterhage Family - January 13 at 04:30 AM

KE

“ *Ken lit a candle in memory of Andrew Gregory Olsen*



Ken - January 12 at 08:31 PM

AG

“ *Art and Joyce Grimaldi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Andrew Gregory Olsen.*



Art and Joyce Grimaldi - January 12 at 08:01 PM