



Andrew "Andy" Emil Blank

January 31, 1979 - April 16, 2026

Andrew "Andy" Emil Blank of Cadillac passed away Thursday, April 16, 2026 at home surrounded by family after bravely battling a progressive illness. He was 47.

Andy was born January 31, 1979 in Manistee to Steven R. and Sally L. (Soderquist) Blank. He graduated from Brethren High School and later earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University. Throughout his mechanical engineer career Andy worked at various companies in Reed City, Traverse City and Cadillac.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac. More than anything Andy loved spending time with his family. They would travel and go camping, going all over the country and spending time at Grandma's family farm in the Upper Peninsula. Skiing was also a family activity they enjoyed. He was an active member of the Traverse City Curling Club. Andy enjoyed fixing things and working around their home on his tractor.

On March 22, 2008 in Charlevoix he married Roseanne J. Gabriel. He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Roseanne and their children Ethan and Emsley; his parents Steve and Sally Blank of Manistee; brother, Benjamin (Carol) Blank; niece and nephew: Gabby and Noah Blank all of Cadillac; aunts and uncles, Susan (Kevin) Lind of Bemidji Minnesota, Robert (Connie Tewes)

Blank of Manistee; in-laws, Duane Gabriel of Success, Missouri and Bill and Neda Karner of Laingsburg, Michigan and brother-in-law, Jamie Karner of Michigan.

Andy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Grace and Fred Blank and Mildred and Chester Soderquist.

Funeral services will be 11:00 AM, Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Pastor Tom Reinertson officiating. Friends may meet the family Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Burial will take place at Haring Township Cemetery in Wexford County.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Ethan and Emsley Blank Fund. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
info@petersonfh.com

Funeral Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
350 Pearl St
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-9821

Tribute Wall

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Ben Blank - April 21 at 04:09 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Andrew "Andy" Emil Blank.



April 20 at 01:46 PM

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Ben - April 20 at 09:44 AM

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“ Karen O. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Andrew "Andy" Emil Blank.



Karen O. - April 19 at 04:19 PM

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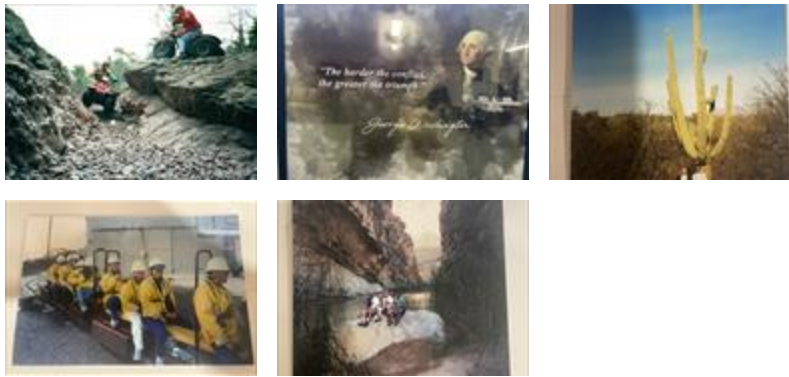
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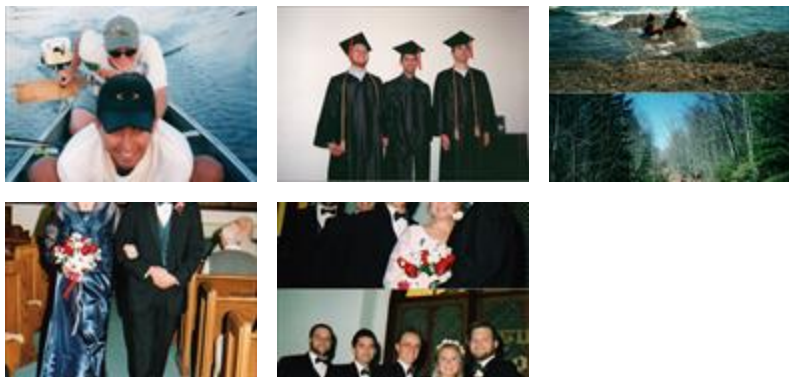
“ Andy was a ton of fun to adventure with. We laughed a lot, learned a lot, and somehow made it home every single time. He told jokes from Grandma Millie that I love and will always cherish. He was the kind of friend that would ask “do you want to go to Denver?” I didn’t, but I went on another adventure. Learned lots, and spent 36 hours of a 72 hour weekend in the truck. So many fun stories , laughter, and a closeness that you seldom experience outside of family marked our years. The marks he made on my don’t fade, and will be cherished always.



Zach Bruin-Slot - April 18 at 04:20 PM

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“ So many memories - Zach Bruin-Slot



Zach Bruin-Slot - April 18 at 02:13 PM

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Andy Balchik - April 17 at 06:57 PM

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Becky Bruin-Slot - April 17 at 06:04 PM

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Precious memories of a very special man.

Becky Bruin-Slot - April 17 at 06:06 PM