



## Andrew Charles Hoder

January 3, 1956 - January 25, 2020

Andrew Charles Hoder, age 64, left us to be with the Lord, on January 25, 2020 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Guided by his love of family, respect to all and appreciation of the outdoors, Andy became the respected and beloved husband, son, brother, uncle and friend to all who knew him. Andy was born January 3, 1956 in Schenectady, New York. He attended Colonie Central High School and graduated from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Wanakena, N.Y. He traveled to the Pacific Northwest for employment with the Forest Service where he entered an outdoor career which he loved.

In his 42 years of dedicated public service he worked in many capacities. Initially hired on as a firefighter, he later developed leadership skills on the Redmond, Oregon Interagency Hotshot Crew which lead him back to the classroom in Pullman, WA to pursue a degree in Forest Management. For decades Andy could be found in the mountains he loved marking timber, dragging a drip torch, conducting botany surveys or leading fire crews. One of Andy's favorite jobs was serving as an aerial observer, spotting fire starts after a lightning storm. Andy's career followed the fire and land management needs of the region and at the same time he cultivated many strong relationships with his "Forest Service Family".

As Den Leader for Tiger Cub Pack 16 and Assistant Scoutmaster for Scout Troop 16, he shared his passion for land stewardship by teaching outdoor skills to local youth. He rarely missed a meeting or special outdoor camping

experience and continued to pay attention to the progress of each scout as they grew older.

He was a devoted member of Cornerstone Christian Church, where he attended midweek bible study sessions, volunteered as church bus driver and assisted with various outreach and team events.

He met the love of his life, Judy Murray, while they were both working for the Forest Service. They married in 1986 in a beautiful outdoor wedding held in Leavenworth, Washington. Andy never forgot the love of family that originally nurtured and guided him. He remained the respected and devoted son of Emma and John P Hoder. He returned to the New York region regularly to be with parents, siblings, cousins and friends.

He is predeceased by his father, John P. Hoder and brother, John J Hoder. Andrew is survived by his loving wife of 34 years Judy E Murray Hoder, mother Emma Hoder, sisters Joan (Jim) Losee, Deen (Greg) Tetrault, father-in-law Allen E Murray, aunt Kay (Howard) Bumgarner, sister-in-law Debbie (Carl) Fritts, brothers-in-law Steven (Karen) Murray, Eddie(Jean) Murray, Monte(Christe) Murray, sister-in-law Jennifer(John) Hughes and many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cornerstone Christian Church to the address above or Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Research, 415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite D , Woodbury, NY 11797

After much consideration the family members have made the difficult decision to postpone Andy's memorial service given the evolving situation with COVID-19 in Washington State.

Judy is grateful for the outpouring of support over the past several weeks and will keep everyone informed when the new date of the service is scheduled so we can all gather and honor Andy's life.



# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew Charles Hoder

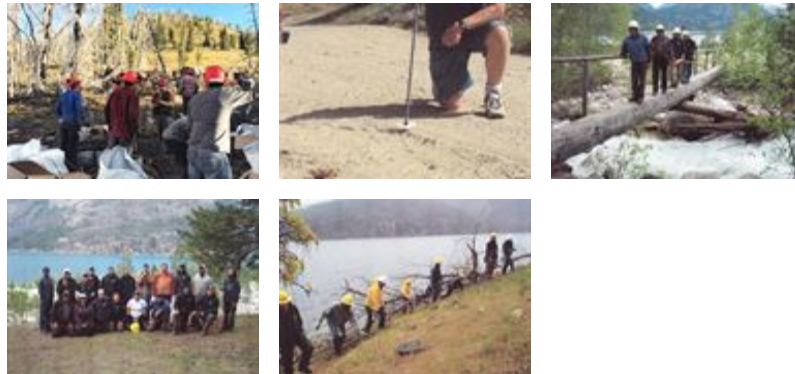


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**Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home** - February 21, 2020 at 05:30 PM



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**Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home** - September 13, 2021 at 04:32 PM

SR

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Andy’s passing. Andy was my roommate at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Wanakena Campus . He was a great friend and roommate. On one of his trips back east he brought me some Douglas Fir seedlings which I planted on the family property. We recently harvested the one survivor and used the lumber to make an Adirondack Chair that we call “Andy’s Chair.

*I will always remember Andy fondly.*

*Steve Racette*

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**Steve Racette** - March 16, 2021 at 12:12 PM

CM

“ Andy was a teen when we moved next door to the Hoder family in Schenectady. Our boys were several years younger but Andy was like a "big brother" to them. They enjoyed many happy times playing with him in our back yards. We were very saddened to hear of his passing. I believe he grew into a fine man showing much love and care of his family and friends. We saw him last at his dad's funeral. Please know we are thinking of you and will keep his memory alive each time we look next door. Our younger son now lives there so we are frequent visitors. The entire Hoder clan will remain special to us for all time even tho life took them in other directions. Thanks for sharing all the wonderful pictures.

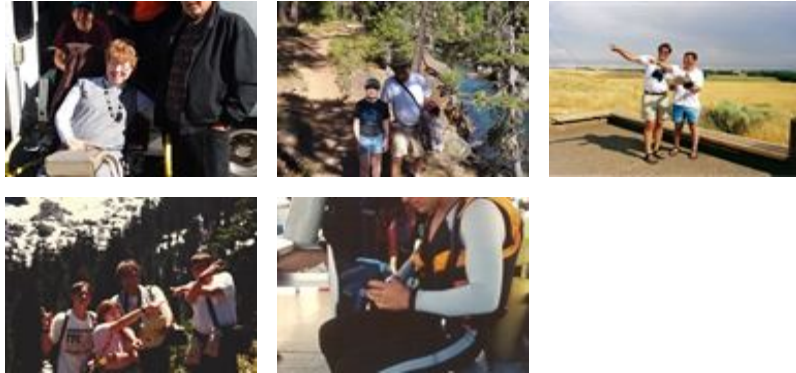
*Cathy, Bob, Lou and Chris Martino*

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**Cathy Martino** - April 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM



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**Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home** - April 14, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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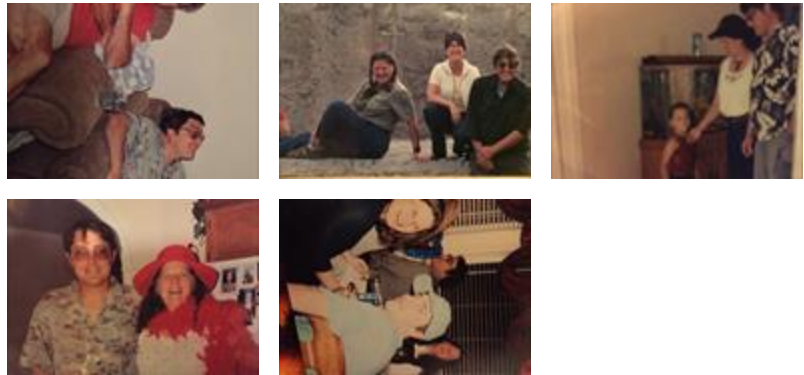
“ *Just want to say I am saddened by this news. I was first introduced to Andy working for the Forest Service. I was driving to work up at Stelico and Andy was hitch hiking and I picked him up. Loved his Ny accent. Lost track of him when I moved away but in recent years have ran into him and Judy at the store and have always said hi. Prays for Judy and those affected by this sad occasion.*  
*Rick Frisk*

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**Rick Frisk** - March 18, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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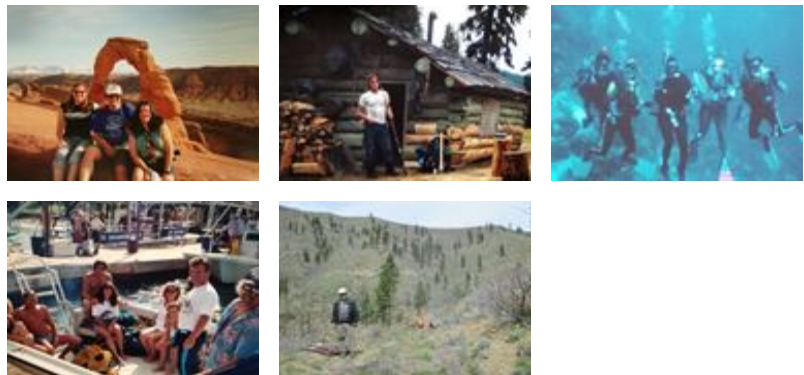
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Debbie Fritts - March 15, 2020 at 04:07 PM



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Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - February 21, 2020 at 05:23 PM

MB

“ I will miss Andy. He was the essence of what the Forest Service is all about...Dedication to the land and hard work. His name will always bring a smile to my face, as he was always fun to work with. As fire engine captains, we always embraced a healthy sense of competition, as we shared some memorable times together. Thank you Andy for being who you were. Until we meet again old friend, “Anchor and Flank”.



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**Mike Benefield** - February 11, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JL

“ Andy always made the effort to touch base with family on birthdays, holidays and random points in between. His smile and positive approach will be sorely missed.

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**Joan Losee** - February 01, 2020 at 08:33 AM

DM

“ I remember working with Andy at the Entiat Forest Service in 1979-1981. He was such a nice guy, unassuming and gentle in spirit. My prayers go to his family and friends.

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**Denise Foubert Mays** - January 31, 2020 at 02:24 PM