



## Andrew Caras

October 24, 1927 - February 6, 2015

Faithful, Strong, and Dignified. Andrew Caras went home to be with his Father in Heaven on Friday, February 6, 2015. He was born on October 24, 1927. In his 87 years, he lived an extraordinarily full life. Andy was more than a series of events and living a bucket list life. He was so much deeper and full of character than a list of events can describe.

Being born to a Greek immigrant in Benjamin, Utah, his service at the end of World War II, serving a faithful mission in the Southern States, working at the Union Pacific Railroad for almost 30 years, and being the Water Master in Benjamin do not define who Andy was. Those were just things that he did. He was more concerned with his character, honesty, and doing right.

Andy was a kind, loving, tough as nails cowboy. He loved people, but preferred to sit quietly and watch them from the side. He was never the center of the party, but was so open and willing to have quiet conversations. He was happiest in his callings at church, digging in his garden, or helping his brother with sheep. He was a doting, loving husband and father that believed in living a simple, dignified life. Andy was at his best when he was working. At 85, he could outwork people half his age. Andy loved his wife, Chris, above all else. He served her until his final days. They were the perfect fit for each other, and they were truly each others' better half.

Andy is survived by his adoring wife Chris, four children; Blake (Rebecca) Hydrick, Lance (Katie) Hydrick, Leah (Carlos) Caceres and Katie (Brian) Hudson as well as his stepson Allan (Margarett) Rasmussen and stepdaughter Sharon (Joel) Murphy, and his siblings Marian (Sherol) Wilson, Elayne (Gene) Sumsion and Jimmy (Jacqueline) Caras, 21 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father Angel and Mary Caras and his siblings Earnest (Faye) Caras, Helen (Eugene) Young, Sophia (Naaman) Buckmiller, Anna May (Virgil) Steiner, Evelyn (Grant) Beagley, and Franklin (Cathlene) Caras.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Benjamin Utah LDS Chapel, 3278 West 7300 South, with a viewing Thursday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. and another on Friday just before the service at 9:30 a.m. Internment, Benjamin City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Caras*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



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



February 12, 2015 at 11:12 AM



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



February 11, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Andrew Caras.*



February 11, 2015 at 02:35 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew Caras.*



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February 11, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ *Trudy. and. Kerry purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Andrew Caras.*



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**Trudy. and. Kerry** - February 11, 2015 at 10:33 AM

JM

“ Our family and equine community lost a beloved Grandpa and step-Dad with the passing of Andy Caras this weekend. As my father-in-law for over 45 years, he was also one of the finest and most respected horseman in the state of Utah. Together with my mother-in-law Shirley, they owned some of the finest Arabian horses on their farm in south Provo --Sunset View Arabians. They traveled extensively to show their prized stallion Jazzman and well-bred mares, winning many awards and accolades. Together they served a presidents of the Arabian Horse Club of Utah for many years. After Shirley died in 1993, Andy remarried Chris Hedrick and moved to Benjamin to be near his siblings and assist brother Jim with the family sheep business. Andy served as the Water Master for that part of the valley for the last several years and was respected by all with whom he made contact. On a personal basis, Andy is the one who provided me the opportunity to own horses and begin a career of trail riding and cross country wagon train treks. All 3 of my daughters loved to visit his barn and witness the birth of new foals while growing up and he even provided goats to furnish milk when Jenny & Natalie developed allergies to cow milk. He involved them in 'Lead-Line' classes when showing his horses and daughter Ashleigh became an accomplished rider in both English and Western Pleasure classes. He was a man of many skills, an extremely hard worker and devoted family man. As our girls graduated, married and had babies of their own, Andy attended ALL those important milestones and events. We didn't get to see him as often the past few years, but I kept a good relationship with him when I would stop by his home when hauling hay from Payson back to Pl. Grove. Before the Spanish Fork Livestock Auction closed in 2008, we would see each other and visit at the Saturday morning sales and keep current on the local market for both horses and tack -- we miss those years. My siblings loved Andy as well and my mother was able to live her dream of owning and riding a horse due to Andy's knack for finding a retired Arab mare -- she has since passed but was always grateful for his kindness. Many local horse folks in the valley knew Andy and respected his keen judgement and expertise -- I was very fortunate to have him as my mentor. All

*of our equine family members were purchased through Andy, and now they are gone too ...but a lifetime of memories remain. Till we meet again, hopefully in the saddle on a big open meadow 'up above' -- we wish him continued Happy Trails and thank him for sharing nearly half his life time with us -- we love you Andy!! -- Step-daughter Sharon & Joel Murphy and granddaughters: Jenny & Eric Wimmer, Natalie & Jayda Murphy, Ashleigh & Randy Belliston*

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**Joel Murphy** - February 10, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ *You are in my prayers. I hope you and your family have peace at this difficult time.*  
*Karen Rafferty*

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**Karen Rafferty** - February 10, 2015 at 10:01 PM

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“ *Ruth Caceres lit a candle in memory of Andrew Caras*



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**Ruth caceres** - February 10, 2015 at 08:44 PM

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“ *What a man! He will be greatly missed.*

*Our hearts go out to his family and friends left here - especially his wife and children. After this short life we'll all be up there doing the jig with him.*

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**Christi** - February 10, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ *Dear Chris and family,*

*Wish we could be there to remember Andy's life and efforts. What a great person! I have always enjoyed visiting with him and hearing his thoughts. He has been such a great stepfather for your family and an example for all of the Williams family. I think the world of him and have been so pleased that he came along when you needed him so much.*

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**Steven Williams** - February 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *Katie and Brian, our family is praying for your family. I know this is a difficult time for you and I pray for the spirit of the Lord to be your comforter and foundation. May you feel his arms around you every moment. (From the Velasquez family)*

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**Tammi Velasquez** - February 10, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *His obituary states so well who Andy was and I am sure still is. One of the kindest (and quiet!) men I knew. I am better for knowing him. I consider myself lucky to have enjoyed a warm hug or two or three... My sympathies to all those who will miss his presence in their lives. I pray you will still feel him watching over you, because I'm sure his love will keep him by your side.*

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**Ora Smith** - February 10, 2015 at 08:28 AM