



## George "Andrew" Anthony

June 13, 1970 - December 25, 2022

George "Andrew" Anthony, 52, loving and amazing husband, dad, son, uncle, brother, and teacher, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2022 in Millcreek, Utah, holding his sweetheart's hand. Born on June 13, 1970, to Jeanne Kay and George Anthony in Monticello, Utah, Andrew came into the world with a splash and a bang. George was in the army and stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C., while Jeanne was with her parents and very pregnant. On her trip to the final check-up before Andrew was due, Jeanne slipped in the rain and broke her femur - giving her the "pleasure" of delivering him with a huge cast on her leg.

Andrew grew up in West Valley City. He was homeschooled until he started middle school at Kennedy Jr. High, where he was nominated "Crusader of the Month" - you can still see his picture up in the halls. (His son, Eddie, enjoyed seeing his young father's face above his locker his whole 8th grade year.) Andrew then graduated from Skyline High School in 1988.

After high school, Andrew served a mission with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in the Spain, Las Palmas mission. His best friend, Roger, was working at KeyBank with a girl named Michelle. One day, Roger was writing a letter to Andrew. When hearing that he was writing to a missionary, Michelle said to tell him "Hi" - Andrew always said that this is when their love story began. After returning from his mission, Andrew would visit Roger at

work, and Roger, being the best friend that he is, would always find an excuse to get Michelle in his vicinity during the visit. The first time they met in person, Andrew was a little embarrassed because he had just come from working on building the Delta Center (now known as the Vivint Home Arena), and he wasn't looking his best, and Michelle would hardly look at him because she was embarrassed at being put on the spot. When asked what she thought of Andrew, she could only say she liked his eyes. After a few more "spontaneous" meetings, Roger finally put Andrew on the spot to ask Michelle out. He asked, and she said yes! They began talking for hours each night on the phone, then went on their first date to see Beauty and the Beast. Five weeks later, they were hanging out at Michelle's apartment. Michelle was folding laundry, and said: "So, when are we going to get married?" Andrew was shocked, but, after making sure Michelle wasn't joking, they decided that they were engaged! Andrew made a more official proposal on December 31, 1991, at Temple Square. They were married in the Salt Lake City Temple on June 26, 1992.

Andrew loved to learn. He began his college education at Salt Lake Community College for his Associates Degree, then went on to the University of Utah for his Bachelor's Degree in Education. He finished his college education journey with a Master's Degree from the University of Phoenix. During this time, he was working full-time for Salt Lake County and part-time delivering pizza for Domino's to help provide for his young, growing family. He and Michelle had four children: Jeanne (28), Eddie (26), Alex (24), and Ben (20).

Andrew was raised with a love of music: he played the piano and organ at his church; taught himself how to play the guitar and bass; and he loved to sing. He helped create a teacher/student band while teaching at West Lake Jr. High, and he loved every minute of it. He was also part of a rock choir, and he enjoyed the short time he was part of it. Those that knew Andrew knew

immediately that his number one favorite band of all time was Van Halen. He loved them so much that he named his first two sons after the Van Halen brothers: Eddie and Alex. Andrew enjoyed watching and participating in all things music up to his last days on Earth.

He was a beloved Spanish, English, ESL, and Drama teacher. He used his love of music to bond with his students. He taught at Central Davis Jr. High in Layton, Utah; West Lake Jr. High and Kennedy Jr. High in West Valley City, Utah; and was teaching at Matheson Jr. High in Magna, Utah, at the time of his passing. As we've seen from the tributes on his Facebook page, he's touched many lives for the better. We have learned from his students that he was a protector of those that had struggles in their lives. He cared deeply for his students, and he will leave a hole in the hearts of all who knew him.

Andrew was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanne Anthony; his father-in-law, Marcus Rood; and his maternal and paternal grandparents, Keith and Donna Redd, and James F. and Jemima Anthony. He is survived by his wife, Michelle Rood Anthony; children: Jeanne, Eddie, Alex, and Ben; his father and stepmother, George Anthony (Joan); and his siblings: Aryn Willhite (Kevin), James Anthony (Annette), and Daniel Anthony (Ana), his mother-in-law: Shirley Rood, and his brothers and sisters-in-law: Marcus Rood (Jolynn), Matthew Rood, Angela Daley (Mike), and Amy Rood.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at the Ridgeland Ward: 4251 S 4800 W, West Valley City, UT 84120. A Celebration of Life will be held at the same location from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, January 6, 2023.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Ridgeland Ward  
4251 South 4800 West  
West Valley City, UT 84120

## Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Ridgeland Ward  
4251 South 4800 West  
West Valley City, UT 84120

# Tribute Wall



“ George "Andrew" Anthony

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Mr. Anthony was my English teacher at West Lake Junior High. He always encouraged me and made me feel seen as a human during a time in my youth when it was so easy to feel uncomfortable and unsure being who I was.

*I got 100% on my CRTS tests later that year (quite a feat for an ESL kid) and he was the very first to congratulate me! I told him I owed it all to him and the phenomenal care he took in teaching and connecting with every student who passed through his class. I will never forget 'The Outsiders' because of him!*

*He has stayed connected with me over the course of the last 15 years since I've been in his class, and I am so grateful to have had the blessing of knowing him. He was a true gift. Sending my love to each and every one of his family members. God bless.*

Truc Tran - January 07, 2023 at 02:06 AM



“ Andrew was an amazing mentor during my substituting jobs over the past year. New to the teaching side of education, I knew I could talk to him regarding any questions or concerns. He was a special individual and will be greatly missed.

Bryce Sorensen - January 06, 2023 at 07:17 PM

CM

“ Andrew was one of those teachers that was kind to everyone. I remember the talks we had as I assisted him to the mechanical room to go out to his truck. He was very passionate about teaching and loved his kids. You will be missed Andrew. God bless your family

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**Cindy McCleve** - January 06, 2023 at 04:33 PM

AR

“ Mr. Anthony was my favorite teacher of all time. The last two periods of 8th grade are always going to be my favorite. He always made English fun to go to and even though our class was a handful he made the best of what he had. I will always always remember the times he would just look at me and laugh because the class wouldn't calm down and we just laughed. One of my friends and I always happened to make him laugh even if he was having a bad day. I will always remember the one day that one of the kids yelled at him and cussed to his face and he was just like " Cool dude, now get out of my classroom." The music he would play would always vary depending on his mood and he was such a chill teacher. Because of Mr. Anthony I took honors English this year and I am passing. He always pushed me to be the best version of myself I could be.

*My condolences to the family. I hope that it helps y'all to know that he is in a better place and not in pain and suffering anymore.*

*I am forever going to remember him. He definitely had a big impact on my life and I will never ever forget him. Rest easy Mr. Anthony!*

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**Alexis Robison** - January 06, 2023 at 03:48 PM

SE

“*Mr. Anthony was definitely a one-of-a-kind dude and I had the pleasure of being in his Spanish class at Westlake from 2008 - 2009. The positive vibe he emanated was just unreal. No matter how I was feeling at the time, I'm pretty sure it was impossible not to smile and laugh while in his class. You could just tell he cared a great deal for his students.*

*Not only was he an amazing Spanish teacher, but he had great taste in music, too. I was just picking up the guitar around that time and it was unbelievably cool to have a teacher who played and liked similar music too.*

*My condolences to the entire family. Hopefully it helps even just a little bit to know that there are so many people who were positively impacted by having Mr. Anthony in their lives.*

*Going to learn to play some Van Halen in his honor. Rock on brother. 🤘*

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**Skyler Edvik** - January 06, 2023 at 02:06 PM

PH

“ I remember when I first met Andrew. He was so warm and welcoming and instantly felt like he was my brother. Thanks to Andrew, my family and I were able to know Georgie and the rest of the family- who I adore and am so grateful to have had in my life. Andrew was always fun and light spirited, I instantly felt comfortable and familiar with him- as though he had been my brother my whole life. His love for music was apparent and he was so kind and service oriented. I loved the time he made to come visit my momma and I while she was sick with cancer. It was such a special time we got to spend with him. His light spirit definitely gave us a lift that day. My heart felt condolences to Michelle, the kids and all of the family. Sending love and healing prayers. I feel so lucky to have known Andrew. His presence on this earth will be greatly missed. So much love to you brother, until we meet again ❤️

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**Patty Hamby** - January 05, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CF

“ mr anthony was the best teacher i ever had in jr high he always would make me laugh no matter what i was going through he would give me crap whenever i was late to class haha he would be like why are you late to class young lady .. and id say haha cause im slow and he would laugh and tell me how much im loved and cared for and he would take time to talk to me when i cried over my grandpa being dead im gonna miss you so much mr anthony you are and forever are my best friend ... thanks for all you have done rest easy/ fly high also thank you for telling me i got this when i would doubt myself now when i doubt myself i will say do it for mr anthony cause i wanna make you proud xoxo

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**Carly foster** - January 04, 2023 at 01:55 PM

KS

“ Andrew and I (and my Husband) all taught together at West Lake. Andrew was such a warm and welcoming friend. We both taught 7th grade and spent a lot of time collaborating during my first few years of teaching. I loved our conversations that led to him teaching a History of Rock class for our enrichment period. He had so much fun with that group.



Katie (Todd) Scott - January 03, 2023 at 10:36 AM

EF

“ I so enjoyed you my friend. You always made everyone feel special. It was such a pleasure to work with. We all had good times at west lake. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. R.I.P Andrew. You will be so missed

Eileen Fox - January 02, 2023 at 12:47 PM

WM

“ He was the only teacher who actually cared about how his students were doing, at school and in there personal life, the only teacher I could actually say I loved and appreciated, take it easy man, we all loved u

William Mackay - January 01, 2023 at 08:15 PM

SM

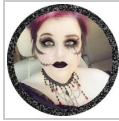
“ Mr. Anthony was the only teacher who made me feel genuinely welcome. He understood and respected lgbt issues, the issues of kids with disabilities, and racial issues and made sure to include everyone in those discussions. He forever has my respect and admiration. I loved having you as a teacher, as did my partner, and my younger sister. Thank you for everything. Rest easy and rock on

Silas Mangum - January 01, 2023 at 08:13 PM

CA

“ *Damn Mr. Anthony 🤘 Your class was one of the few that I could be my awkward jr. high self in. From listening to your jokes in class to watching you rock out on stage.. it was truly an honor to have you as a teacher. Truly one of the best educators I have ever had. I will forever remember you and the cool shirts you would wear haha. Much love to you and your family, we lost a great one but you will never be forgotten ❤️🕊️*

christina alofipo - December 30, 2022 at 11:36 PM

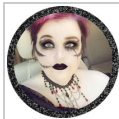


Jeanne Anthony - January 02, 2023 at 03:24 AM

AC

“ *You were one of the first teachers I had who could fully communicate with my mom who was only Spanish speaking. It was good on her end but not so much on mine since you were able to tell her how much I talked during class time at parent teacher conferences. Thank you for making your class a great learning environment. You made a positive impact on my life. I will remember you as the teacher sitting at his desk playing some rock music while waiting for the tardy bell to ring and start class. RIP Mr. Anthony <3*

Aileen Casas - December 30, 2022 at 07:15 PM



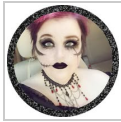
*I'm so glad he made such a good impact on you and your mom. ❤️ Thank you for the kind words about my dad.*

Jeanne Anthony - January 02, 2023 at 03:23 AM

SC

“ *The news of your passing wasn't easy. You were the first teacher I had in middle school that made your class feel like a home. You helped me through a lot of struggles I was dealing with and I couldn't thank you enough. Thank you for everything ; I hope heaven is as cool as you are. Rest easy and Rock on 🙌 ☐ 🕊*

Sabrina Carey - December 30, 2022 at 03:22 PM

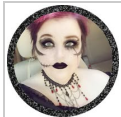


Jeanne Anthony - January 02, 2023 at 03:22 AM

MF

“ *My daughter had Andrew as a teacher at Kennedy Jr. He was a blessing! That year my family had lost a loved one and Andrew was one that was able to cheer my daughter up and made sure to make her smile. As a parent, I greatly appreciate that. Thank you*

Meredith Foster - December 30, 2022 at 02:15 PM



*Thank you for the kind words about my dad. ❤️*

Jeanne Anthony - January 02, 2023 at 03:21 AM

KF

*I had the unique opportunity to meet and work with Andrew when I worked with English teachers in the district office. Andrew was always one of the first teachers to step forward and volunteer to work on any project or activity, and I greatly appreciated his work in behalf of students and teachers.*

*. He had a warm and inspiring personality that had a great impact on people and his students. We had several discussions where he spoke warmly and proudly of his father and family.*

*I am sorry for the great loss to his friends, family and students, but am pleased for the great light he emanated and positive, loving impact he had on so many people. Andrew, you were one of a kind and we are all better for your time on this earth.*

*My special condolences to your father, George, who was a wonderful teaching colleague to me for many years at Hunter Junior High School..*

*Ssincerely,*

*Kristie Fink*

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**Kristie Fink** - October 31, 2023 at 11:34 AM