



Andrew B. Serena

October 21, 1987 - April 13, 2025

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Age 37, of South Wilmington, IL, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2025 at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL. Born October 21, 1987 in Morris, IL Andrew graduated from Joliet Junior College and also graduated with a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 2012. He has served as a Correctional Officer at Grundy County Jail for the last five years. Surviving are his mother and step-father, Leigh (David) Opyd of Gardner, IL, father and step-mother, Carmen (Janis) Serena of Kankakee, IL; brothers, Keith (Augusta Smith) Serena of Gardner and Patrick (Nicole) Serena of Peoria, IL; half siblings, Seth Serena, Sara Serena, and Jenna Serena, all of Kankakee; step-siblings, Michele (Ray Hogan) Brewick of Diamond, IL and Kristi (Jeff) Thompson of Gardner; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Preceding him in death were his sister, Samantha Serena; and grandparents, Fred and Faye Bally and Joseph and Mary Louise Serena.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 3-7 p.m. with funeral service at 7:00 p.m.

Cremation rites will be accorded following services.

Inurnment will be private at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR 17. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Rest in peace Andrew you were always a good guy

Tony becker - April 17, 2025 at 09:18 PM

PP

“ I have so many wonderful memories with Andrew that will always stay close to my heart. He was always very supportive of me and my wife Gloria. He was in our wedding as one of my groomsmen which meant the world to us . He was so good to my kids Grayson and Bonnie. He would come over and they would treat him like an Uncle. He took time out of his day to come over and celebrate Bonnies 2nd birthday even though he had to work that day. Andrew was always so sweet to my wife Gloria and she also gained a really great friend. He was a huge part of my life and my families life through and through. We will miss his hugs when we greeted him at our door and his huge heart. Thank you Andrew for all the years we had with you in our lives.

Phillip Edmund Palermo - April 17, 2025 at 01:52 PM

MG

“ Andrew was a student of mine at ISU, and we stayed in touch over the years. I always enjoyed my interactions with him, both in the classroom and out.

I am so saddened to hear of his death, and have nothing but the most sincere condolences to his family, friends, and co-workers. I very much wish I could have made it to today's visitation to share this in person, but I will miss Andrew a lot. Gone from us too young.

Michael Gizzi - April 17, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MD

“ This is such a terrible loss. Sargent Serena was always so professional and efficient. He always greeted and helped me when I visited the Grundy County Jail. Praying for his family and friends as they process this difficult news. May he rest in peace! With a heavy heart, Dr. Duran (from Advanced Correctional Healthcare)

Monica Duran - April 16, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DM

“ Sorry for your loss!

Don Mckinney - April 16, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DB

“ I got to know Andrew over the past 5 years at the jail. In a place that could be dark and depressing, he was always a happy and positive influence. Upbeat and positive, he always had a smile whenever he was on duty. He dearly loved his family and spoke of them often. I will miss him and his uplifting spirit. May God bless and keep you friend! I was so happy and proud of him on his recent promotion to Sargent! DeWitt Buchanan

DeWitt Buchanan - April 15, 2025 at 12:32 PM

GM

“ So sad to hear about Andrew he was a sweetheart

Gimpel Marcia - April 15, 2025 at 11:10 AM

NL

“ Andrew was such a nice young man always stopped to talk to me were ever I seen him. Congratulated him on making sergeant last time I seen him . RIP

Norm Lardi - April 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

SP

“ Andrew was always a sweetheart but loved to agitate me. That brought him joy. He always left you with a smile or that half smile. I will remember him always. RIP Andrew. Hugs 💔

Sharon Pickles - April 14, 2025 at 03:29 PM