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Andrea Lee Schaaf passed away peacefully after a battle with ALS on November 18, 2022. She is survived by her parents, Nancy and Daniel Schaaf, sisters Allison and Caroline Schaaf, brother David Schaaf, and nephew Ashden Fanello.

Andrea loved oceans, diving and exploring. She was an environmentalist who did everything possible to lead a waste-free life and protect the planet. She lived a life of adventure and curiosity, living in San Francisco, New York City, South Korea, Lesotho, and Saudi Arabia.

Andrea was passionate about helping people, and obtained a Masters Degree in Public Health - Epidemiology from Columbia University, then went on to work at ICAP, where she dedicated her time to improving care and treatment programs for people living with HIV. She was also a proud and committed board member of SOTENI International.

She had the best handwriting, the best memory, and the best taste in everything. She excelled in gift giving, playlist curation, and appreciating the absurd.

She was a member of the Goon Squad, a highly selective group known for their good looks and charm. She was a murder mystery and scary movie fanatic, and was never afraid of breaking into dark, abandoned church basements or sleeping alone in murder cabins. She was loyal to a fault, smart as hell, fearless, and wickedly funny.

Regardless of distance or time, she always found clever and thoughtful ways to let you know she was thinking of you - a letter on random stationary, a text about a shared pop culture obsession, or a beautiful, unexpected gift. She paid attention when you said that you loved something and was intentional about sharing the things that she loved.

She was loved deeply by many and will be missed forever.

Private graveside services Tuesday, November 22, 1:00 P.M. at Heritage Acres Memorial Sanctuary followed by a Private reception at Grove Park Grille.

Andrea has specifically requested that in lieu of flowers, please donate to The ALS Association or SOTENI International.

Cemetery Details

Heritage Acres Memorial Sanctuary

796 Locust Corner Road
Pierce Township, OH 45245

Tribute Wall

JE

“ When I started working with Andrea on Cote d'Ivoire DSD data in 2018, I was immediately impressed by her intelligence, her professionalism and her dexterity in the use of informatics tools, in the development of graphics for which she combined the useful with the pleasant: in short, she liked a job well done and pleasant. I immediately got attached to her and learned a lot with her in a short time. It is thanks to her that I joined the CQUIN team where she was as a mentor for me. And over time, she has become for me, more than a colleague, a friend, a beloved little sister.

Lately, during our last conversation, when I asked her how she was doing, she replied "I'm still ok". It's this piece of sentence that I retain from her: Andrea "still ok". She is now at peace with our Heavenly Father and her suffering is over.

Dear Andrea, I am sad that you are leaving like this, but I am reassured that you are at peace now, because I know that "you still ok". I will never forget you, the team will never forget you. Rest in peace.



Jean-Jacques - November 23, 2022 at 09:53 AM

SB

Beautiful, thank you for sharing.

Sucheta Bal - November 30, 2022 at 01:57 AM

WA

“ Andrea was wonderful to work with. She was always ready to support ICAP Ethiopia SI team. My deepest condolences to Andrea’s family and friends.

Worknesh A.

ICAP in Ethiopia

Worknesh Amdino - November 23, 2022 at 02:48 AM

TM

“ We send our deepest condolences to Andrea's family and friends. She was a wonderful friend to our daughter, Tiffany, and such an accomplished young lady! We are so blessed to have met her. So many thoughts, but no adequate words to express our sorrow for all you have and are experiencing now. ❤️ Tim and Judi Milligan

Tim and Judi Milligan - November 22, 2022 at 08:46 PM

KS

“ Andrea created my sister Tiffany’s reception dress for her wedding, while she still could, last year. Such a remarkable feat for a remarkable woman. I know the “goon squad” is going to miss her immensely and she will live on through them. Godspeed to all of Andreas family and friends.

Kelli Stammen - November 22, 2022 at 08:15 PM

JJ

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Andrea's family and friends. May her memory be a blessing.

Jessica Justman, MD
ICAP at Columbia

Jessica Justman - November 22, 2022 at 12:50 PM

CS

“ I met Andrea only a couple of times earlier this year at ICAP. During these brief encounters I was instantly struck by her kindness, humility and immense strength in the face of adversity. In these moments she left a lasting impact on me to be better, do better. I wish I had more time to work with her and get to know her more but cherish these small moments. My heart goes out to her family and friends during this immensely sad time.

Claire S.

Claire Steiner - November 22, 2022 at 12:41 PM

EG

“ Eduarda de Gusmao lit a candle in memory of Andrea Schaaf



Eduarda Pimentel de Gusmao - November 22, 2022 at 10:59 AM

EG

“ Andrea was one of those special people, who would always keep her calm and have a peaceful and smiling face during the most the hardest times. She was able to be firm while gentile and being her friend and working side by side with her was an enormous pleasure. She was a fighter and an example, she will be missed but i am sure she is in peace! <3

Eduarda Pimentel de Gusmao - November 22, 2022 at 10:59 AM

TM

Please accept our deepest sympathy. Andrea was a beautiful friend to our daughter Tiffany and one who we were so blessed to have met. There are so many thoughts but no words to describe the sorrow in our hearts for all you have been through and are experiencing now.❤️ Tim and Judi Milligan

Tim and Judi Milligan - November 22, 2022 at 08:33 PM

AN

“ *My name is Andrea Smith and I met Andrea in 2010 when we were roommates in South Korea. We became close and kept in touch over the years. We drifted apart in the last few years. The last time I spoke to her was when COVID began in April 2020. She was working and living in New York. She was busy so it was a quick conversation to check in on her. I am still in shock over the news. My heart goes out to her family and all the people who had the privilege of being close to her. She will be missed dearly ❤️❤️*

andie - November 21, 2022 at 05:48 PM

HB

“ *It is very sad to hear of your passing Andrea. As a specialist for the ICAP Cote d'Ivoire office, I enjoyed working with you. You were a perfectionist and were always willing to support us to do better and more.*

Our prayers are with you. Rest in peace, Andrea.

Hermann B.

HERMANN ARMEL BROU - November 21, 2022 at 04:04 PM

WE

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of our dear colleague, Andrea. We will miss her presence and her commitment to ICAP and all our work around the world. We are mourning this loss.

Wafaa El-Sadr
ICAP Global Director

Wafaa El-Sadr - November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM

DW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



dina winchell - November 21, 2022 at 01:17 PM

LK

“ I met Andrea first time in 2019 in CIV, Abidjan, when she went here for a CQUIN network activity. Andrea was a tireless worker, who likes to spread her knowledge to others. After during our collaboration, she teach us great knowledges; she was a very kindly person and a great friend as well that I never forget. I was devastated when I heard the sad news but that's life. May she rest in peace!!!!💜🙏 Leocadie Koffi, your colleague & friend.



Leocadie Koffi - November 21, 2022 at 11:31 AM

KA

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Andrea. She had a rough road to travel but she did it with great honor and courage. We never met Andrea but the stories we heard from her Dad told what a remarkable woman she was. Sending hugs and prayers to all who loved her. She is at peace now.

Karen - November 21, 2022 at 10:49 AM

KT

“ Karen Kevin Tschudy lit a candle in memory of Andrea Schaaf



Karen & Kevin Tschudy - November 21, 2022 at 10:48 AM