Mr. Andrew Albert Scotchie, Jr.

January 5, 1931 - January 1, 2017

Andrew A. Scotchie of Asheville died on January 1, 2017 after a brief illness. He was 85.

Born on January 5, 1931 in Warren, Ohio, Andy was the eldest of six sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scotchie.

A Junior, he was known as “Buddy” or “Bud” around the Scotchie household and he always came especially alive when visiting the homestead in northeastern Ohio. The Scotchie family lived in Warren and Lake Milton, Ohio where Andy’s father operated a lakeside hotel. In 1948, the family moved to Austintown, Ohio, a suburb of Youngstown. There, the family owned and operated the Seven Mile Inn, a bar and dining area with gasoline pumps out front. Andy’s future bride, Consetta, lived up the road on Mahoning Avenue with her parents who owned their own general store. After graduation from Austintown Fitch High School, Andy enrolled in Case Technical Institute in Cleveland. After graduating from Case, he served in the US Naval Reserves. Andy and Connie were married in 1953. Two years later, their first child, Virginia was born in Portsmouth, Virginia. She was the oldest of a family that grew to four girls and two boys.

As a graduate of a prestigious engineering program, Andy found engineering jobs in Roanoke, Virginia, Cleveland and Glendora, California before relocating in Asheville in 1962. The family had originally planned to stay in Asheville for only one year, but as with countless people before them, the scenic beauty of the region captivated Andy and Connie and they put down

roots in North Asheville. Their children attended both parochial and public schools in the city.

Andy worked as an engineer for Northrup and later, Walker Manufacturing. In addition, he taught mathematics part time at then – Asheville Buncombe Technical Institute. He also took great joy in coaching youth sports. All throughout the 1960s and ‘70’s, his white Volkswagen bug was packed with Little League ballplayers while driving to and from games at Weaver Park and St. Eugene’s. After the game, the bug often stopped at local ice cream stores for treats for the winning squad.

As members of St. Eugene’s Catholic Church, Andy and Connie enjoyed the friendships of their fellow parishioners. Andy served a term as a PTA President at the parish school and also coached youth basketball.

In 1980, his life in Asheville took a new turn. A neighbor gave him custody of a Mountain Valley Water distributorship. The timing was excellent. The Walker plant was closing down, plus Andy and Connie’s children, with one exception, had reached maturity and had left home. Both Andy and Connie had grown up as children of small business owners and they now had the time and energy to create a successful business of their own.

Andy enjoyed traveling, taking family member to holidays in Austintown and Myrtle Beach and later, traveling extensively in Europe. He was a man who with great zest lived up to the New Testament admonition that one must love life. His favorite saying, “life is a banquet and most people are starving” came from the 1955 hit movie, Mamie. He liked to tell his children of his own childhood when he would rise as early as possible on Saturday mornings just so he could enjoy that entire day free from school. That is a habit that he continued for the rest of his eventful life.

Andrew Scotchie is survived by his wife of 64 years, Connie; children, Virginia of Columbia, South Carolina, Joseph of Bayside, New York, Marybeth of Anchorage, Alaska, Carolyn of Greensboro and Angela of Asheville, sisters-in-laws, sons-in-laws, daughters-in-laws and 15 grandchildren plus brothers, Frank of Liberty, Ohio, Larry of Maitland, Florida, John of Hamilton, New York

and James of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is predeceased by a son, Thomas and a brother, Robert.

Andy and Tom both loved automobiles and surviving family members fervently believe that they are now reunited and are earnestly discussing what engine ought to go under that 2017 model of a Chevrolet Camaro.

The family plans a memorial service to be announced at a future date.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

Mr. Andrew Albert Scotchie, Jr.

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

MF

Much love from all of your Greensboro family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Andrew Albert Scotchie, Jr..

Much love from all of your Greensboro family - February 22, 2017 at 10:14 AM

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BW

Condolences to Connie and all of Andys family and loved ones. What a pleasure to have known Connie and Andy for so long and the family, another great Asheville family we were blessed to know.

The Warlick Family
Lauretta, Billy, Laurie, Robert

Billy Warlick - January 11, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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Thank you dear Asheville friends❤️

virginia scotchie - February 04, 2017 at 06:09 PM

KH

Sending condolences to the Scotchie family. I met Mr. Scotchie a few times while I was office manager at Mountain BizWorks. Although I usually saw Angela more often, Mr. Scotchie came out to install a water line for our coffee machine and to occasionally bring a new machine. I remember he was a lovely man, very personable, and very helpful. I appreciated the service of this local business. Angela, I wish you and your family peace during your time of grief.

Karin Hedberg - January 11, 2017 at 03:44 PM

JG

My sincerest condolences to the Scotchie family. Mr. Scotchie was the ideal Little League baseball coach, and I have fond memories of playing under his kind tutelage at Weaver Park, where he ensured that we always had fun. He made such great contributions to this community.
--Jim Gardner

Jim Gardner - January 08, 2017 at 03:39 PM

VS

Thank you Jim

virginia scotchie - February 04, 2017 at 06:18 PM

CS

and me - no doubt I was blessed to share my life with Andy - always happy - optimistic -

and a very hard worker, he would tackle anything - even learned to do body work on he cars - out of necessity when we had teenagers. one of my funny stories about my over achiever husband was he said to me - I'll scrub the kitchen floor for you while you go shopping. I came home to find Andy with the garden hose trying to get the suds off the kitchen floor. That was my Andy always doing the best to accomplish the task at hand.
no doubt we had a wonderful life together, we had it all - the laughter, the joy, the hard times and the good times - and it was all because we had respect for each other and an
undying love for each other . I am thankful.
Connie

connie scotchie - January 07, 2017 at 09:33 PM

CB

Connie
We are so sorry to hear about Andy. We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers,

Alice Morgan & Cindy Brooks
(Frances Whitted, sister & granddaughter)

Cindy Brooks - January 07, 2017 at 05:44 PM

SS

I worked with Andy at A B Tech and I worked at God's World and always enjoyed seeing Mrs. Connie when she delivered water. Just wanted to let you know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sheila Sluder

Sheila Sluder - January 07, 2017 at 09:11 PM

CS

I MISS ALL MY FRIENDS AT GOD'S WORLD, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS OX

CONNIE SCOTCHIE - February 15, 2017 at 11:24 PM

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virginia Scotchie - January 05, 2017 at 04:32 PM

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My sweet dad.....a man of many talents, knowledge but first and foremost the kindest, fun loving human being with generosity and humor for all he encountered.....he always called me his favorite oldest daughter ✨⭐💫❤️

virginia Scotchie - January 05, 2017 at 04:37 PM

AA

The love of Andy and his awareness and ingenuity I have always admired. He will be greatly missed. My love goes out to his family and many friends. ~ Anita Adams

Anita Adams - January 05, 2017 at 09:49 AM

VS

Thank you Anita.....❤️

virginia Scotchie - January 05, 2017 at 04:34 PM

HL

My dear friend Connie and family, it is with a hurting heart that i send you greetings. What a great guy, a good friend, and all those fun times in high school, and the many nights Howard and I sat at the Seven Mile Inn before we were married. Oh i can remember the fun times we had and feel so blessed to have known Andy. We send you sympathy and love,,,and remembering the good times. Love Howard & Bunny

Howard & Lillian(Bunny)Divelbiss - January 09, 2017 at 06:46 PM