



Andrew H. Lanier III

November 24, 1945 - September 8, 2016

Myrtle Beach....Andrew H. Lanier III

Andrew Herman Lanier III "Coach Lanier" age 70, died Thursday, September 8, 2016.

Born in Bainbridge, GA, he was a son of the late Sarah and Rev. Andrew Lanier Jr. Coach Lanier was a 20 year United States Air Force veteran receiving the Purple Heart, and where he met his wife Bich. He was heavily involved with the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base and Surfside Recreation Department Youth Athletics for a number of years. Coach Lanier was a graduate of Coastal Carolina University and brought the first organized football team to Coastal Carolina University the (Coastal Carolina Bulldogs). He was a beloved teacher, coach and mentor at Socastee High School for over 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Bich T. Lanier; children, Vun Smith (Paul Behrendt), Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Herman Lanier, IV (Dr. Marketa Lanier) and Charles Wayne Lanier (Jodi Lanier); grandchildren, Kyle, Drew, Lily, Sara, Ryan, Charlie, and a new granddaughter is expected in November and a sister, Brenda Lanier Matkin.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Timberlake Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00 PM Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the Socastee Athletic Booster Club:

4900 Socastee Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or to Timberlake Baptist
Church: 9850 Hwy. 707 Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew H. Lanier III



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 10, 2016 at 10:52 AM

KW

He made a mark on many lives. He was so encouraging to my children

Kimberly Ward - September 10, 2016 at 01:00 PM

AW

I loved spending every lunch, and every day after school with this man!! He sure made my detentions worth being there. He had my desk waiting everyday right next to his lol I'd go get his lunch for him and his snacks. rest easy you'll truly be missed!!!

Ashley Williams - September 10, 2016 at 05:09 PM

GM

Becky and family, I was so sorry to hear this sad news about the passing of Andy. I am saying prayers of peace and comfort for all of you.

Glenda Melvin - September 10, 2016 at 08:45 PM

SB

Andy was a wonderful man who always have a special spot in our hearts.

Stephanie and John Banks - September 10, 2016 at 08:56 PM

HS

This dear man will be remembered as a dear husband, father, grandfather, friend and coach. To us he will be missed as our dear friend, and was more like a brother to us.

Helen Smith - September 11, 2016 at 07:53 AM

KR

Love you coach

kristenlong - September 11, 2016 at 09:44 AM

BR

He made detention well worth it, sending my thoughts and prayers to his family. He was a good man! And was loved and will be missed by so many. Fly High Coach!

Brittany Richardson - September 12, 2016 at 03:17 AM



Monique Webb

My husbands uncle I never had the pleasure of meeting him but I know he must have been one awesome person, my hubby is very sad!

Monique Webb - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 PM

KW

Dear Becky,

I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Andy well. I knew him from the times he would come to the shop and sit and chat. I always thought he had a kind and gentle spirit. My prayers are with you and your family.

Kathy Wright - September 14, 2016 at 10:03 AM

TA

“ Served with Andy in Vietnam.

Tim Avirett - June 22, 2020 at 11:30 PM

CM

“ Dear Becky,
I as so sorry to hear of the passing of Andy. May the God of all
comfort, comfort you during this time. You are in our prayers.
Cindy and Eleanor

Cindy McGarrahan - September 14, 2016 at 03:30 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Airman !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - September 12, 2016 at 07:29 AM

RS

“ Andy , you were truly one of the best parts of Socastee. Your love
for the kids, the school was amazing. To one of the greatest Braves
of all time, you will be missed my friend !! Go Braves!!

Rick Sorensen - September 11, 2016 at 09:56 AM

RS

“ Andy was a blessing to everyone he met and made such a great difference in the lives of all the young men who called him "Coach". He will truly be missed by all the students whose lives he touched in a very special way. His wonderful family and especially Bic shared Andy's life with his friends and players. . Randy and Andy were friends for 36 years, beginning with their first introduction on the little league baseball field where their sons played baseball and continuing with their shared time watching their grandsons play ball at Socastee High. He became our dearest friend over the years and we shared our life with him. He will always be remembered by the love and affection he showed his family and friends. While Andy suffered through many medical problems he never gave up and always came back strong. God chose this time to take him home, and he is now happy and in God's care. We loved Andy very much and will miss him.

Randy and Helen Smith - September 11, 2016 at 07:45 AM

JA

“As a teacher at Socastee, I knew Coach Lanier was unique. This school year I was able to truly understand why. He joked that he was moved down to 1st floor this school year. Fortunately for me, he was just down the hall from my classroom. Each afternoon, he would roll by for a chat. "Why haven't you gone home yet???" he would always ask. Thankfully, those long days turned into conversations. We talked about his classroom and how he was a blessing to each child that entered. He was a mentor, a positive influence, and each student that entered will never forget the life lesson they learned. I looked down the hall last week with sadness, but I know that his work here on Earth is done. I thank God for him and for the weeks we had to chat. He changed my life for the better.

Much love,

Jennifer Ainsworth

Missing him in Room 109

Jennifer Ainsworth - September 10, 2016 at 09:54 PM

MS

“My thoughts and prayers are with each of you, losing the king of a family is a tough one!!
Find comfort that he is in a much better place. Mary Lynn Sedlack

Mary Lynn Sedlack - September 10, 2016 at 09:17 PM

CD

“ I remember having a blast in what was supposed to be a punishment classroom. I thoroughly enjoyed everything Coach Lanier had to say, and I was never disappointed to hear the words ISS. I also spent a good number of afternoons with him in the After School Program, and I truly believe I wouldn't have had the motivation for attendance to it if he wasn't there. He will be truly missed. RIP wonderful man.



Carly Dodson - September 10, 2016 at 05:37 PM

SJ

“ I subbed for him several times. His students had great respect for him, as I did. Prayers for all. Sandy Jeffcott

sandy jeffcott - September 10, 2016 at 05:31 PM

CJ

“ Thoughts and prayers for his family. God please look after his family in this time.

Christine Smith Jackson - September 10, 2016 at 05:24 PM

JC

“ I loved Coach Lanier. He made me feel welcome since we first met after practice when I was first hired at Socastee. My son & I enjoyed watching UGA games with him at his house and homemade egg rolls. We were both veterans and from South Georgia so we had extra ties. I'm appreciative that he was in our lives. He was my friend. We will greatly miss him.

Jackson Calhoun - September 10, 2016 at 11:05 AM

JD

“ I can say a lot of good things about Andy but I think the most important is that he was a difference maker in this community.RIP.

Jim Daniels

Jim Daniels - September 10, 2016 at 10:46 AM

JA

“ Our thoughts & prayers to Becky & her family.Andy was a kind & gentel man,who would always help someone out.You are Truly going to be missed.May God Bless you always.Love you Arlene & Joe Archiello.❤️



Joe Archiello - September 10, 2016 at 09:59 AM

CC

“ Sorry for this tremendous loss. Andy was a great friend and my family are heart broken with his passing. We have many fond memories of ball games, Scouting activities and family get togethers. RIP Andy - we will miss you dearly!

Captain Mike Conner - September 10, 2016 at 08:20 AM

CC

“ Captain Mike Conner lit a candle in memory of Andrew H. Lanier III



Captain Mike Conner - September 10, 2016 at 08:10 AM

CC

RIP Andy. You will be missed!

Captain Mike Conner - September 10, 2016 at 08:11 AM

JA

“ Coach Lanier you were far more than just a coach in my two brothers and I's life. You were a father figure that took every opportunity you could find to make us into better men. The life lessons I learned on the baseball and football fields under your leadership, is something that I have carried with me for all the years after the last tackle was made, and the last out was recorded in the game book. You will forever be missed by the Anderson family. Gone, but NEVER forgotten!!! I love you Coach!!!

Joseph Anderson - September 10, 2016 at 12:13 AM

SA

“ Andy was always willing to help the teachers and students. He had many stories to entertain . Just saw him at school last week, and, as usual, he asked about my Charlie. He was a great guy . May your family find comfort in God's loving arms. Sherrill Allen

sherrill allen - September 09, 2016 at 09:44 PM

SS

“ He will always be Coach! His impact on people and athletes will forever be. Praying for the entire family.

Scotty Smith & Family

Scotty Smith - September 09, 2016 at 08:27 PM

KH

“ Simply said, Andy was a good man. I would frequently check with him to see what his "tAke" was on some difficult students. He had some great insights.

ken healy - September 09, 2016 at 07:07 PM

DC

“ Coach Lanier was one in a million. Gentleman, patriot, friend, mentor, soldier, kind, generous, all words that come to mind when I think of Andy. We will miss him terribly. Love and thoughts go out to all of his family and friends during this difficult time.



Dan C - September 09, 2016 at 04:25 PM

GP

Andy will always be a friend. We coached together and against each other. One time he took his little league team to see the movie "Rocky" before he played my team to get them "fired up". I bet he's in heaven looking for a game. Great man.

Gene Posey - September 10, 2016 at 08:52 AM