



Andrea Morrison Baker

June 21, 1973 - September 5, 2010

Age 37, of Nashville passed away suddenly on Sept. 5, 2010. Survived by her husband of 4 years, Kenneth Baker; parents Bob and Barbara Morrison; sister Wendy Morrison; niece Emma Kussrow; mother-in-law Geraldine R. Baker; brothers-in-law: The Reverend Kevin Baker (Denise) and Keith Baker (Joy). Andrea started swimming at the age of 6 at the Nashville Aquatic Club and swam for Brentwood High, eventually going to the University of Georgia where she swam on a NCAA championship 200-free relay team. The hard work and dedication required of the sport of swimming carried over to her life after college. Taking additional degrees in counseling, she became the counselor at Eakin School in 2001, where she stayed for 9 years. She was the president of the Middle Tennessee Counselor Association from 2004-2007. She was the recipient of the Leadership Award at the Argosy University Graduation in 2008. She was responsible for starting the school garden program at Eakin and in 2010 was one of the two finalists for Metro Nashville's Teacher Of The Year. Andrea was beautiful, generous, believed in the truth and was beloved by everyone she touched- friends, students, her co-workers and most of all her family. She accomplished more in her all-too-brief life than many do blessed with a lot more time. She had a wonderfully quirky sense of humor, but could be completely professional when the occasion demanded. She will be terribly missed. She was sensitive and loving, a great kid. I know. I'm her dad. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Andrea Baker Memorial Fund for a foundation that will be set up to benefit educational concerns.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5-7pm at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home.
The funeral will be at 2pm Friday at Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007
Acklen Ave., Nashville, 383-0832.

Andrea Baker Memorial Fund
Bob & Barbara Morrison
2002 Cedar Lane
Nashville, TN 37212

Tribute Wall

BE

“ Ms. Morrison made such a big impact on my life in fourth grade that I still find myself thinking of her. Just a very kind and gentle soul that 9-year-old me desperately needed. Thank you for maintaining this page to share her memory, it brought me comfort to read through these entries

Becca - October 04, 2024 at 01:08 PM



“ Andrea Morrison Baker

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM

MB

“ I met Andrea at the Williamson County Indoor Sports Complex when I started swimming there a few years ago and was so saddened to learn that she had passed away. She was such a beautiful, sweet and kind person. When I would see her I'd always say "There's pretty Andrea" for indeed she was - inside and out. I got to know her when we would be putting our makeup on side by side at the mirror. She always spoke so lovingly of her family and I loved to hear her talk. She had the most beautiful voice. I put a small poster up on her locker with her picture today saying "we miss you, Andrea". All of us at the ISC are just heartbroken that our sweet and wonderful friend is gone. We all loved her and will miss her dearly. My heart goes out to you, her family at this very sad time.

Mary Bowen - September 14, 2010 at 03:37 PM

SK

“ *Andrea was an inspiration to aspiring counselors. I met her while I was still in school. She will be missed. May your family be blessed in time of sorrow. Comfort yourself with the memories and the knowledge that she has fought a perfect peace that only GOD can provide.* ”

Sequoia Graves-Battle school counselor Kirkpatrick - September 11, 2010 at 12:27 AM

RK

“ *We are sorry for your loss. We are your next door neighbors and will be there for you.* ”

Rick & Vicky Kelley - September 10, 2010 at 07:36 PM

AE

“ *It is difficult to absorb the news of Andrea's death. Words are so limiting. My thoughts go often to Andrea's family and her colleagues and students at Eakin. She leaves behind a legacy of compassion and example for all who knew her. She will be missed.* ”

Andrea Edwards, School Counselor, Paragon Mills Elementary - September 10, 2010 at 11:07 AM

SH

“ *I was saddened to hear today that such a bright, kindhearted, and influential individual had passed. I knew Andrea from our classes together at Argosy, and she was so wonderful to talk too. Her smile lit up everything around her. My heart goes out to everyone she touched, as well as healing thoughts.* ”

Shalynn Duke Howard - September 10, 2010 at 05:22 AM

KD

“ *When your soul is weary and troubled, remember, "the LORD is my SHEPHERD"*

He will lead you beside quiet waters.

My prayers are with you.

Kym Dukes - September 10, 2010 at 03:22 AM

JM

“ *Life is so precious and I am saddened today because of Andrea's death. She has been a very special friend and professional colleague. My thoughts and prayers are with Andrea's beloved husband and family and with the school children she loved and helped every day. As I drove to the memorial visitation tonight, a soft rain was falling as though even heaven was shedding tears along with mine. I am very thankful that Andrea has been blessed with many achievements and awards throughout her life and career. I have no doubts that she knew she was loved and appreciated as a person of intelligence and integrity. She was and will continue to be an inspirational example for her counselor friends in MTCA and we dearly love her. Some may not have heard that just last May, Andrea was named MTCA's 2010 Elementary Counselor of the Year. It seems unbelievable that next week we will be honoring her memory as we begin our first meeting of this year. My heart goes out to the whole family.*

Jane Gough, Past President MTCA - September 10, 2010 at 02:45 AM

RF

“ *Dear Kenny, and Andrea's family*

I was shocked and saddened by Andrea's sudden and untimely death. I didn't know her well, but I knew from Kenny that she was a wonderful partner and a happy influence in his life. I extend my sympathy to everyone that she loved and to those many whose lives she touched in her work. She will be missed. May you all be blessed and comforted in your bereavement.

Reid Finlayson - September 09, 2010 at 10:15 PM

LL

“ *Condolences to Andrea's family during this time of sadness and loss.*

*Linda Latter
School Counselor
Cameron Middle School*

Linda Latter - September 09, 2010 at 09:16 PM

ER

“ In her poem "Cold Solace," Anna Belle Kaufman writes a "message" from her deceased mother:

*"I love you.
It will end.
Leave something of sweetness
and substance
in the mouth of the world."*

I read this poem yesterday for the first time, and immediately thought of Andrea--her kindness, her compassion, her beautiful smile. I will miss her, but am grateful that she left us so much sweetness and substance. I'm so thankful to have known her.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Ellen Rust, Metro school counselor, retired

Ellen Rust - September 09, 2010 at 09:00 PM

RA

“ *It was indeed a privilege to work with Andrea in MTCA. She was always so eager and willing to help in whatever way she could. I'm glad I got to know her, and my prayers are with your family.*

Robin Thomas Alston - September 09, 2010 at 08:25 PM

DH

“ *There is simply nothing, no words that work. You already know how I feel about you and your family. I am here for you. Anytime at all.*

Debbie Hupp - September 09, 2010 at 08:08 PM

FI

“ *As ASVAB Program Manager at the Nashville MEPS from 2001-2008, it was a delight and pleasure to work with Andrea. God Bless her family.*

Frank Holmes, III - September 09, 2010 at 06:20 PM

AT

“ *My condolences to your family. May God give you the peace and strength to endure.*
Sincerely,
Angela Thompson
School Counselor
Tom Joy Elementary School.

Angela Thompson - September 09, 2010 at 05:27 PM

EC

“ *To the Baker and Morrison Families,*

I am so sorry to learn of the death of Andrea Baker. I have seen her at the counselors' meetings over the years and she has always been a very friendly and kind individual. May the God of heaven keep each of you in His care during this very difficult time and in the days to come.

Praying for each of you.
Sincerely,
Ethel Crowder, Glenview Elementary

Ethel Crowder - September 09, 2010 at 05:20 PM

PC

“ *To Andrea's Family,
My deepest sympathy to you in the sudden loss of Andrea. I remember especially her bright smile and her love of learning. How fortunate we were who knew and worked with her! The children she worked with not only benefited from her knowledge and example, they received her caring and compassion. I hope that your memories of Andrea will be of some comfort to you in the coming days.*

Pat Cole - September 09, 2010 at 05:12 PM

JA

“ *I was so saddened to hear about Andrea. Our daughter Meredith swam at NAC for many years and looked up to the older swimmers - one of whom was Andrea. When you sit with other parents at swim meets and swim practices you see and appreciate all the energy and dedication that the swimmers put into the sport and into their lives. Its obvious that Andrea not only excelled in swimming but in life. I know her family will miss her terribly. Over the years may your memories bring you peace and help to ease your pain.*

Joan Armstrong - September 09, 2010 at 04:56 PM

LB

“ *Kenny,*

I was very saddened to hear of your sudden loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers...

Lita (Fuller) Buher - September 09, 2010 at 04:42 PM

JK

“ I am sorry to hear this sad news. I, too, am a school counselor--at Glengarry Elementary. They don't get the counselors together much, so we have limited contact, but I knew Andrea because she stood out. She was like a ray of sunshine--and full of energy, too. She was a blessing to know, and I know she was a blessing for all children and adults with whom she came in contact. She will be missed and remembered.

Jonetta Kessler

Jonetta Kessler - September 09, 2010 at 04:15 PM

KP

“ Kenneth, Mr. & Mrs. Morrison & Wendy,

I am so sorry to hear of Andrea's much too early passing. Like so many others, I am not surprised to hear of all the lives she touched throughout the years, and I know she will be missed by so many.

Our years together as a "swimming family" are some of my fondest memories growing up, and Andrea was always there experiencing them with me!

I feel blessed to have known her and to hear of all that she became in her adult life and all the good that she has done! She was truly an angel on earth and Heaven is very lucky to have her.

Much love and prayers to you all during this time.

Kelly Parish - September 09, 2010 at 04:09 PM

DW

“ Kenny:
*Andrea was an amazing woman, a wonderful friend, a dedicated educator and a loving wife. Even though she left us too soon, she made a difference in the lives of so many children. We will cherish her forever. Our prayers are with you and your family.
Love....David, Grace and Leah*

David, Grace and Leah Woolbright - September 09, 2010 at 03:43 PM

BP

“ Farewell my dear friend,
Andrea and I served on the leadership team of MTCA together. She was a trail blazer and paved the way for upcoming leaders within MTCA organization. She was caring, giving and a free spirited person. We shared many happy times and sad times together. She truly loved working with the children at Akin Elementary and she taught underprivileged children swimming at the Y. She will be sadly missed. My sympathy goes out to her husband (Kenny) and her immediate family.

Barbara J. Harper, School Counselor/Past MTCA President - September 09, 2010 at 03:37 PM

DF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.

Dr.Roosevelt Faulkner - September 09, 2010 at 03:25 PM

TF

“ Dear Andrea Morrison Baker Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. The community mourns as it should when one who has a dedication to improve the lives of others is with us in spirit. May her legacy be one that we cherish, honor and remember.
We are with you in strength, love, and peace,
The Saito Family

The Saito Family - September 09, 2010 at 03:13 PM

BM

“ Andrea Morrison Baker was and is a gift to all whose lives she touched. Her kindness and compassion were punctuated with reality that led to hope. Her competence and organization were spiced with humor. Her ready wit and warm spirit encouraged her students, family and friends. Her dedication renewed all who know and love her.

The hours I spent at Eakin on Tuesday offered clear evidence of her legacy of tolerance, acceptance, competence, empathy, responsibility and the many other traits that are more than "character words." They are, in fact, tools with which she equipped so many...tools for a productive, meaningful and deeply satisfying life.

I love you and will miss you, Andrea, but I dedicate myself anew after forty-two years in education because of your legacy. I want to "be like Andrea" when I grow up.

Bebbie Minter

Bebbie Minter - September 09, 2010 at 02:43 PM

JL

“ *Andrea will be missed.*

Jeri and Fred Lee - September 09, 2010 at 02:27 PM

DF

“ *My prayers are with the Morrison & Baker families. May God give you strength during your time of sorrow.*

Dellanita Fuqua - September 09, 2010 at 02:17 PM

JU

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Andrea's passing. I'm certain your loving memories will help you find some peace. What a blessing she must have been to all the children she worked with. God bless.*

Julie - September 09, 2010 at 02:17 PM

CT

“ *I was tremendously saddened to hear about Andrea. I had known Andrea back in her swimming days... coaching her both at Nashville Aquatic Club and later at a summer league team. Andrea was such a joy to be around. She always smiled and laughed so sweetly, even in the midst of the hard work. At every meet, she always gave her very best... even if it was just for a small local meet.*

The years have passed so quickly since those days. Now I am saddened to learn that we were both in the profession of education and I was not aware of it. From what I read, it did not surprise me all the accomplishments that Andrea had achieved in such a short live. She indeed blessed everyone whom she met. I'd like to pass on my very sincerest sympathy to all the family.

Carrie Thornthwaite - September 09, 2010 at 01:48 PM

DM

“ Kenneth, Bob, Barbara and the rest of the Baker / Morrison Family and Friends,

Betsy and I are very sorry to hear about Andrea. We just received an email from a former fellow swimmer (NAC). Andrea was always a good friend and teammate. There were many times when Andrea and her parents took us in when on the road at various meets (or opened their home at home meets to rest in-between sessions). We were all one big family.

We have many loving memories of Andrea. She will be greatly missed.

Our Prayers are with the Baker - Morrison Family. We are so sorry.

*With Much Love and Prayers,
Dennis & Betsy Mullins*

Dennis Mullins - September 09, 2010 at 03:33 AM

GS

“ *Just wanted to say that I was in the M.Ed program at MTSU with Andrea. She was a sweet girl - full of energy and so very smart. It was a blessing to be able to call her "friend". My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Gena Surgener - September 08, 2010 at 10:52 PM