



Andrew E. Travnicek

August 20, 2021

Hampton - Andrew Edward Travnicek, 50, of Hampton, NH passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 20, 2021 doing what he loved. Andy had a tremendous zeal for life and sought to make the most of each moment.

Andy was raised in Southbridge, MA. During his high school years, his family relocated to Coral Springs, FL. After graduating from Coral Springs High School, he attended the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) and graduated in 1993 with a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering. While at the Academy, he learned to fly gliders and became an instructor. Upon graduation from USAFA, Andy attended Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard Air Force Base, TX. During his 20 year Air Force career, Andy flew the C-21 Learjet, Lockheed C-5 Galaxy (including Special Operations Low Level missions), Beechcraft T-34C Turbo-mentor with the US Navy, Beechcraft T-6 Texan II and Beechcraft MC-12 Liberty aircraft. He also completed deployments to Qatar, Afghanistan and Spain. Andy earned his MBA from NOVA Southeastern University in 1997.

Five years into his Air Force career, he met and married Sandy, a fellow officer with whom he could share his passions for aviation, adventure and service. After retiring from the Air Force in 2013, Andy and Sandy joined JetBlue Airways.

Andy was passionate about sharing his talents and gifts with others and was especially focused on helping people achieve their dreams of flying. He dedicated his time to various organizations, including Daedalians, Angel Flight and EAA Young Eagles. Additionally, Andy was a flight instructor at Hampton Airfield. His impact and legacy will continue on in the lives of many.

Andy volunteered and flew with the Commemorative Air Force, a non-profit organization whose mission is to 'Educate, Inspire and Honor' through preservation and presentation of World War II era aircraft. He flew SNJ/T-6 Texan and Stearman aircraft to provide a living history flight experience. Andy also flew SNJ aircraft with the GEICO Skytypers.

In addition to aviation, Andy enjoyed riding motorcycles, training for and competing in triathlons, hiking, paddle sports, photography and eating a good meal. He had a strong Christian faith and treasured his relationships with family and friends. If Andy was your friend, he was a friend for life.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Sandy, his parents Edward and Dorothy of Hampton, NH, his sister Julie Burns and her husband Jamey and their sons Cole and Jameson of Roopville, GA.

Visitation will be held at Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842 on Sunday, August 29, 2021 from 2pm – 4pm. A memorial service will be held on Monday at 2pm at the Bethany Church, 500 Breakfast Hill Road, Greenland, NH 03840.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Andy to the Commemorative Air Force (<https://commemorativeairforce.org/pages/Support-the-CAF>), or by mail to Commemorative Air Force, Development Office, PO BOX 764769, Dallas, TX 75376; to Samaritan's Purse (<https://samaritanspurse.org/>), PO BOX 3000, Boone, NC 28607; or to the charity of your choosing.

Click Here (<https://live.bethanychurch.com/>) to view the live streamed service.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home
811 Lafayette Road
Hampton, NH 03842
info@remickgendron.com
<http://www.RemickGendron.com>

Memorial Service

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Church
500 Breakfast Hill Road
Greenland, NH 03840

Tribute Wall

HV

“ *I'm sorry to hear about Andrew. He was a great pilot and friend. My heartfelt condolences to the Travnicek family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Henry Vinson



Henry Vinson - October 10, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *Andrew E. Travnicek*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM

LM

“ *Celeste and I were saddened to read the news of Andy's passing on an Air Force Facebook page today. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife Sandy, his mom and dad, his sister and our friend Julie, and his extended family and friends. He was a tremendous person whose legacy lives on in so many of the people whose lives he touched.*

Larry McDonald - December 23, 2021 at 05:58 AM

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“Andy's passing is a great loss to the Air Force Academy, the graduate community and the Air Force family. Andy and Sandy are special people in each of our lives. On a personal note, I had the honor to serve with both at the Academy. Andy was an inspirational leader in the foundation of the Center for Character and Leadership Development at the Academy. They are role model leaders and air warriors; they made positive impacts on the lives of so many future officers. Andy is missed, but his legacy lives on in a better Air Force officer corps.”

Tom Berry, Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Thomas Berry, Jr., Col, USAF (Ret) - September 02, 2021 at 02:27 PM

RH

“I flew with Andy and Sandy at JetBlue and I offer my deepest condolences. My first thought of Andy, is that he was just a great person. He was kind and considerate. He was a great pilot, but he was always striving to improve. I enjoyed sharing our travel experiences and our plans for future trips. In your 50 years, you lived life. It was an honor to know you.”

Ray Howard - August 31, 2021 at 07:25 AM

BM

“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Brent Maule - August 29, 2021 at 09:08 PM

AY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Amy Young - August 29, 2021 at 01:54 PM

CD

“ *I had the pleasure to be Andy's friend at JetBlue and at Hampton airfield. We have numerous common interests and aviation was a great passion for Andy. Thank you for being a great friend and sharing your flights with so many. I regret not being able to meet years ago encompassing a longer friendship. I will celebrate the experiences we had at JetBlue and Hampton Airfield. Andy will be missed by all.*

*Thank You for your service and
Godspeed Andy*

Christopher Dillman - August 29, 2021 at 10:08 AM

MO

“ I didn't know Andy, but he must have been a pretty special guy to be married to Sandy who is special too me. Sandy as you know you and Neal are just as close to me as my own children, my sincere condolence to you and family in this time of grief. Maurice and Joyce Oliver.

Maurice H Oliver - August 28, 2021 at 04:22 PM

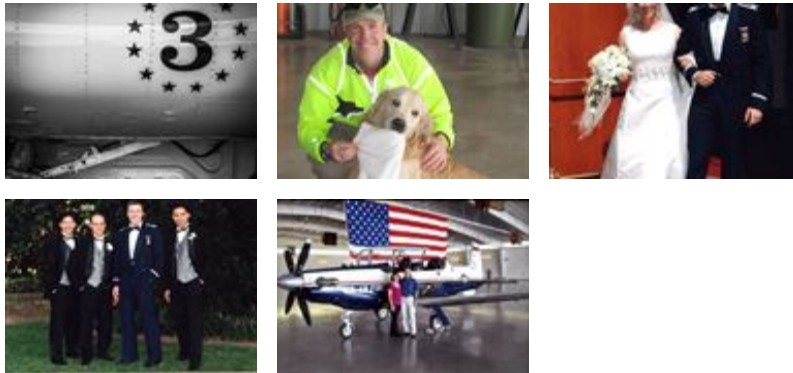
DR

“ This is a terrible loss and my heart goes out to Sandy and to all of Andy's loved ones. I have so many fond memories of flying with Andy back at Whiting Field. He was a great guy, a great pilot and a great friend. He was always there when you needed him; an epitome of faith and devotion and duty. He will be sorely missed by many.

Derek Bartholomew (Lt Col Ret) - August 28, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ 137 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 28, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JR

“ Always a nice guy. He is missed.

Joel Ryan - August 28, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JM

“ I had the privilege of flying with Andy at JetBlue and will always remember his bright smile, passion for life and aviation, and his kind heart. He was a terrific pilot and more importantly a great human being. May God provide peace and strength to all family and friends during this difficult time.

Joseph Mosca
JetBlue

Joseph Mosca - August 27, 2021 at 11:01 PM

JS

“ I was fortunate to have the opportunity to fly with Andy (and Sandy) over the years at Jetblue. When I saw his name on the trip I knew it would be a great time. His enthusiasm for everything aviation made it so enjoyable. He was a terrific pilot and will be missed.

Josh Sink
Jetblue

Joshua Sink - August 27, 2021 at 09:23 PM

JA

“ I was introduced to Andy ,Sandy and his parents at the same time his parents moved to Hampton. I knew right away I liked him for his dedication to his family and the ease he seemed to have with every situation. Every visit he made he always went out of his way to say hello. His family is great. We share the loss of a "friend."

Jack - August 27, 2021 at 08:03 PM

CG

“ Had the honor of chatting with Andy on a few occasions. He was truly one of a kind. He really loved warbirds. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, and his team mates with the Geico skytypers. Blue sky's and supersonic props Andy. We will miss you brother.

Chris Grennen - August 27, 2021 at 04:29 PM



“ Andy
What a great guy and terrific pilot. I spent last summer vacation with You and Sandy. You are missed and we enjoyed every minute with you and Sandy. Andy took both of my kids flying for their first time. A very cautious and competent pilot.....Onward to heaven for sure

Semper Fly. T Dog Trevor Laws

Trevor Laws - August 27, 2021 at 12:25 PM

JG

“ I was fortunate enough to have flown with Andy in the E-190. He was a wonderful human, and a consummate professional, with a positive vibe that lifted all in his presence. Andy was very humble. Especially, in light of his many talents and achievements! Although I didn't know him long, I truly feel his absence and his passing hit me harder than I realized. My heart is with his family and their loss weighs heavily on me. Good flight my friend and know that you are missed!

*John Greene
JetBlue Captain BOS*

John Greene - August 26, 2021 at 11:26 PM

AC

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Amy Cote - August 26, 2021 at 07:37 PM

AC

Andy could take a simple hike, a simple evening hanging out in the back yard and make it so fun. I admired his faith and am so very grateful for Andy and Sandy's friendship with our family. I enjoyed his quick and easy smile and kind spirit. He will be deeply missed.

Amy Cote - August 26, 2021 at 07:49 PM

DT

“ *Condolences to Sandy and the entire extended Travnicek family. There are no words. As a fellow USAF retiree who served in the same Command and flew as a fellow JetBlue First Officer, Andy's loss is a tragedy that will be sorely felt. Andy touched so many lives, and his enthusiasm for all things aviation influenced so many. Andrew Travnicek, Gone West. Doug Tookmanian.*

Douglas Tookmanian - August 26, 2021 at 06:07 PM

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“ *What a great guy, terrific pilot and absolute professional who I admired. I remember Andy from our time in the 3rd AS, and he always had a smile and great attitude. Andy was a pleasure to fly with and serve beside. I am very sorry for his loss.*

LTC Mark Riddell, USAF (Ret) - August 26, 2021 at 10:56 AM

CN

“ A very special pilot who served his nation with dignity and his Jet Blue career with total professionalism. I will truly miss his infectious smile and fraternal friendship. Fly West in total peace Andy.

VV

Chris

Chris Nevins - August 25, 2021 at 08:41 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Steve Biegler - August 25, 2021 at 10:48 AM

FR

“ 3 files added to the album Frank and Andy



Frank - August 24, 2021 at 11:26 PM

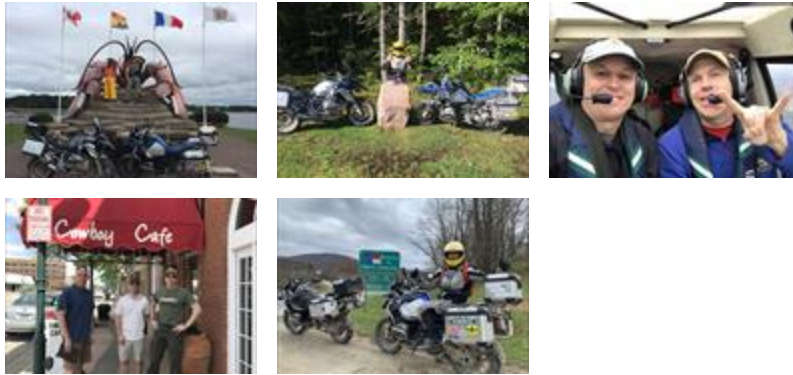
FS

Andrew was like an older brother to me throughout high school and life. He continually inspired me to pursue excellence and integrity throughout my education, career and life. I am so grateful to have such an amazing friend in this life. Peace and love to Sandy and his family.

Frank Shic - August 25, 2021 at 01:54 PM

TB

“ We had the most fun summer of 2021 with the Flying Travs in Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wisconsin. Andy’s exuberance in all things aviation and outdoors made our shared adventures in the air and on the trail over the last several years all more enjoyable. We will forever treasure the quiet moments too with Andy & Sandy, chatting under a wing, slabbing it, having a beverage and sharing a meal. Jeff Franklin & Therese Bohusch



Therese Bohusch - August 24, 2021 at 09:41 PM

DP

“ I knew Andy when he was in high school with my son Matthew Porter. They always had fun running around the house shooting yellow bullets at each other and playing games with all their friends. He was always fun to be around. Denny And Bill Porter

Denny Porter - August 24, 2021 at 07:34 PM

MO

“ Maureen & Rick O’Kane lit a candle in memory of Andrew E. Travnicek



Maureen & Rick O’Kane - August 24, 2021 at 07:27 PM

CT

“ *A truly terrific guy. He will be missed.*

Chuck Tully

Chuck Tully - August 24, 2021 at 03:08 PM

SH

“ *Andy was a terrific guy . I worked in office and he would come in and just brighten the place up I think he was liked by all . We are sorry for your loss and hope your memories will get you through this*

Sharron Plouffe

Sharron - August 24, 2021 at 02:48 PM