

D. Ray Andrews

Funeral service for former Lawton resident, D. Ray Andrews, 54, of Pittsburgh, PA will be at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at First Baptist Church Memorial Chapel with Rev. Dan Stewart, pastor of Grace Place, Ardmore, Oklahoma officiating.

Burial will be at held at 4:00 p.m. at Dixie Cemetery, Ringling, Oklahoma under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

A luncheon will be held for family at the First Baptist Church Memorial Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

Mr. Andrews passed away on Friday, April 28, 2017 at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He has been ill for over the last few months with heart problems.

Ray was born on August 10, 1962 in Altus, Oklahoma to the late Derwin L. Andrews and Doris Stepp Blassingame.

Ray was born and raised in Oklahoma and moved to Washington, Pennsylvania in March of 1993. He accepted a job position with Monongahela Valley Hospital as Director of Environmental Services. He was promoted in July of 2004 to Vice President of Administration and Support Services.

Ray was active in sports, playing football, baseball, and wrestling through Swinney, Tomlinson, and Lawton High until an injury forced him to stop. He was a champion wrestler in junior high and was awarded varsity letters every year he was in school.

Ray was involved in various organizations and clubs while working at Mon Valley Hospital. Ray was always a volunteer at his job for any committees needing help. He volunteered each year with the Special Olympics by attending a golf outing that he was instrumental in starting. He was also involved in Leadership Washington County, Pa.

His love for sports was heightened when his three children started participating in football, baseball, soccer and basketball. He helped coach grades 2nd thru 8th with the East Washington Football team. He also helped coach for the Washington High school football team as well as a few traveling basketball teams. He was known to many as "Coach Ray". When you would meet Ray you would instantly get a history lesson about his home state, Oklahoma! Ray always wanted to be a tornado chaser. Ray was a huge fan of the football team Oklahoma Sooners.

Ray married Diana "Missy" Bright on May 16, 1985 in Wichita Falls, Texas, who survives. He leaves behind, sons, Michael and Matthew Andrews; his daughter, Jennifer Andrews; Grandkids, Isabelle, Noah, Zayne, Zeke, and one on the way...Brother, Wayne (Marsha) Andrews of Cache, Oklahoma; and a sister, Denise Andrews (Mark Wright) of Norman, Oklahoma. Nieces and Nephews, Savanna, Alyssa and Jake Andrews, Drew, and Brock Wright of Norman, Oklahoma and Corey and Hannah Buck of Pittsburgh, PA. Also surviving are his father in law, Lucien Bright, brother in law, Lucien Bright of Washington, Pa, and sister in law, and Cathy Bright Buck of Pittsburgh, Pa. Numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins also surviving in Oklahoma.

Preceded in death, his parents, son, Christopher Ray Andrews and mother in law, Janice Bright.