



Andrew Thomas Purcell

September 15, 1935 - October 2, 2016

Andrew Thomas Purcell, 81, of Houston, Texas died peacefully on October 2, 2016 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He is preceded in death by his parents Andrew J. and Loretta Waters Purcell, and his sister, Frances Purcell Cashill. He is survived by Ellen Hanlon Purcell, his wife of 59 years, and seven children, Andrew, Daniel, James, Thomas; Terri Purcell-Nalieth, Elizabeth Purcell, and Katherine Purcell Lavery; five children-in-law; fourteen grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brother Robert J. Purcell, a retired Sergeant from the Newark Police Department, and his wife Mary Lou, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Andy was born in Newark, NJ, where he graduated from St. Benedict's Prep. in 1953 and from St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY in 1957 with a degree in journalism. As a young man Andy worked for A&P, Coca-Cola, and the Newark Evening News. His professional career began with United Press in Albany and Syracuse, New York. In 1960 he entered a new phase in New York City as a writer/communicator, first with the American Petroleum Institute, and later with Esso/Exxon. Exxon sent him to Texas in 1971. He took early retirement in 1986 to start his own company, Purcell Communications.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church in Houston, Texas on Friday, October 7. In New Jersey, a memorial mass will be

offered with family and friends on
Saturday, December 3 at 10:00am at Saint James the Apostle Catholic
Church, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey

In lieu of flowers please consider contributions in Andy's memory to St.
Benedict's Preparatory School at www.sbp.org/invest .

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint James the Apostle Catholic Church
45 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, NJ 07081

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Thomas Purcell*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Andrew Thomas Purcell*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Andrew Thomas Purcell*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Andrew Thomas Purcell*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

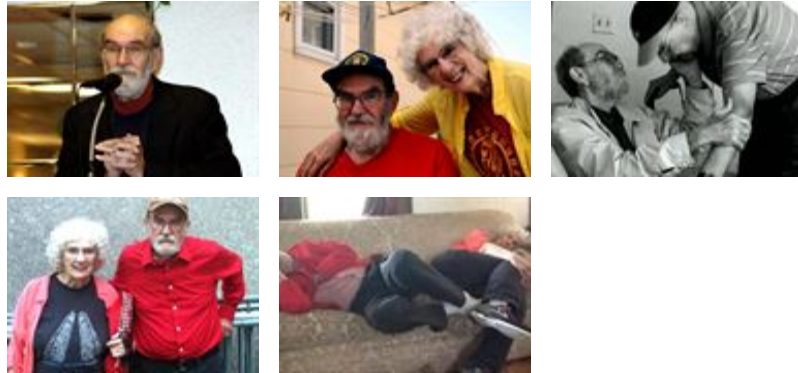


“ *Sue and I send our condolences to Ellen and family. May your faith and many memories of Andy bless you. I always enjoyed working with Andy on the ExxonMobil Retiree board and on the various trips and activities. I have been missing seeing Andy for some time, Alzheimer's is such a difficult time for caregivers. Best wishes and hugs to Ellen as you mourn the loss of Andy.*
Arnie and Sue Kaestner

Arnold Kaestner - October 08, 2016 at 10:04 AM



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Detting Funeral Home - October 06, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Andrew Thomas Purcell*.



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“ *In lieu of flowers, a small contribution to www.sbp.org/invest, in my father's name would be greatly appreciated.*

Liz Purcell - October 04, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia* was purchased for the family of
Andrew Thomas Purcell.



October 04, 2016 at 07:47 PM