



Mr. Andy Merrill

July 6, 1968 - December 21, 2010

Mr. Charles Andrew “Andy” Merrill II, of Ranburne, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. He was 42.

Mr. Merrill was born on July 6, 1968 in Carrollton, Georgia to Charles and Becky Smith Merrill. He was logger who worked with his father at Charles Merrill Timber. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church and a dual member of Ranburne Lodge and Heaton Lodge F&AM. Andy was also a passionate outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish, but will be most remembered as a loving husband, father, son, and friend.

Mr. Merrill was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Virginia Merrill and Paul and Marjorie Smith; his uncles, Wayne Merrill and Greg Merrill; and a cousin, Dustin Lawler.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Jenny Merrill, and his children, Alexis and Trent Merrill all of Ranburne; his sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Shane Cater and their children, Ben and Braden Cater, all of Ranburne; his mother-in-law, Julia Rollins, of Ranburne; his father-in-law, Benny Rollins of Heflin, AL; and his brother-in-law, Jonathon Rollins, also of Ranburne. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services for Mr. Andy Merrill will be held on Friday, December 24,

2010 at 11:00 a.m. (Georgia Time) at Freedom Baptist Church in Ranburne, Alabama. The service will be officiated by Bro. Gary Stewart and Bro. Daryl Jones. Music will be provided by Mr. Ryan Robertson and Mrs. Petie Stewart. Jay Lovvorn, Stacey Creel, Toby Ayers, Joe Farlow, Scott Merrill, and Paul Smith will serve as pallbearers. The members of Ranburne Lodge and Heaton Lodge will serve as honorary pallbearers. Interment will follow at Cleburne Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, December 23rd from 2:00 till 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 till 8:00 p.m. (Georgia Time).

Cemetery Details

Cleburne Memory Gardens

Ranburne, AL 36273

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

DEC **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Freedom Baptist Church
2124 Frank Ledbetter Memorial Dr.
Ranburne, AL 36273

Tribute Wall



Gerri
Collins

“ Gerri Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Gerri Collins - December 30, 2010 at 07:46 PM



“ Tommy, Nick And Abbie Weir lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Tommy, Nick and Abbie Weir - December 24, 2010 at 12:31 PM



“ Andy's "light" was brighter than anyone else in the room. I will miss our cheering on ALABAMA football, arguing about opinions and where he should "share" them, playing ROOK and arguing about who was the best, and the way he never left me alone - constant banter "What's up RED?", Andy's short time with us on earth will never be forgotten. Good bye for now Andy, I love you. Tonya

Dwight and Tonya Rolison Family - December 24, 2010 at 12:23 PM

BM

Tonya, thank you for those wonderful memories. That comment about "What's up RED?" was so like him. It brought a smile!!! He certainly did have opinions, and he would ALWAYS share them with you! You and he did have similar personalities. I wish we could get together more. I did so enjoy your wedding, and getting to take the trip to be there. Andy did not complain very much. He might say, if asked how he felt, "I don't feel like a movie star," or "I don't feel too spiffy." Sometimes he would say "I feel better than I have in awhile." I know he must have been in much pain, but he was for the most part very upbeat. He did not feel sorry for himself, and would say, I'm going to beat this." He said that he had made his peace with God, and for that I am most grateful. I'm sorry that you didn't know that Andy was sick. It was such a shock in the beginning, and then it was just a progression of doctor's visits. I went with him to M.D. Anderson Cancer Clinic in Houston, Texas three times, and Jenny went with him once. I got to spend a lot of time with him the last two years. I treasure that time, and the memories of things said, even though it was usually related to his illness. God did in fact heal him---HE just took him to heaven to do so!!! I love you all, and think of you as family. Take care Tonya, Dwight, Tommy and family.

Becky Merrill - December 31, 2010 at 12:07 PM

PG

Tonya, Thanks for the comments....we love and miss you. We really did not send the information to anyone....we just hoped our prayers would heal him. Now we hope the prayers heal us. I feel such pain for Becky & family and Jenny and famiy. Love you.

Paulette Gibbs - January 19, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ *His light shone brighter than anyone else. He brought laughter, fun and love once he entered the room. I will miss the times we cheered on ALABAMA football, argued about opinions and where he should "share" them, the way he never left me alone--constant banter "what's up "red", playing ROOK and arguing about who was best, his smile and his love. His short time with us on earth was filled with joy and love that can never be forgotten. Good bye for now Andy I love you. Tonya*

Dwight and Tonya Rolison Family - December 24, 2010 at 12:09 PM

KR

“ *Keith Joy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Keith Joy Roberts - December 24, 2010 at 08:56 AM

BO

“ *Bobbie Okelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Bobbie Okelley - December 23, 2010 at 08:33 PM



“ *Butch Buttram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Butch Buttram - December 23, 2010 at 08:26 PM

 Cristy Buttram

“ *Cristy Buttram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Cristy Buttram - December 23, 2010 at 08:21 PM

JH

“ *Judy Hand lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Judy Hand - December 23, 2010 at 07:57 PM

LR

“ *Linda Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*




Linda Richardson - December 23, 2010 at 07:14 PM

MB

“ *Maria Benefield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Maria Benefield - December 23, 2010 at 04:16 PM

 Bobby Gaines

“ *Bobby Gaines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Bobby Gaines - December 23, 2010 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ Teresa Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Teresa Forsyth - December 23, 2010 at 02:08 PM

RH

“ Rhonda Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Rhonda Hendrix - December 23, 2010 at 02:07 PM

RH

We had so much fun together at church and at school growing up. May The Lord give your family peace at this time.

Rhonda Hendrix - December 23, 2010 at 02:10 PM

RD

“ Renee Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Renee Davis - December 23, 2010 at 01:38 PM

RD

Sorry to hear about Andy. I will always love all of ya'll, you are in my prayers.

Renee Davis - December 23, 2010 at 01:39 PM

BY

“ *Bart Susan Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



bart Susan Young - December 23, 2010 at 01:05 PM

TP

“ *Terri Prestridge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Terri Prestridge - December 23, 2010 at 12:30 PM

 Kelly McMahan

“ *Kelly McMahan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Kelly McMahan - December 23, 2010 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ *Melinda Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Melinda Martin - December 23, 2010 at 11:51 AM

MW

“ *Mekeisa Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Mekeisa Wright - December 23, 2010 at 11:36 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Lisa Wiggins - December 23, 2010 at 10:51 AM

PW

“ *Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



patricia williams - December 23, 2010 at 10:41 AM

PR

“ *When this life is over and time shall be no more those who give of their best to the Master shall live eternally with Him on heaven's bright shore. Andy is resting in peace now. May God bless you all in this time of sorrow. Peggy Craft Robinson*

Peggy Robinson - December 23, 2010 at 09:37 AM

PR

“ *Peggy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*




Peggy Robinson - December 23, 2010 at 09:35 AM

KW

“ *Kristy Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Kristy Whitley - December 23, 2010 at 09:26 AM

 Brittany Daniel

“ *Brittany Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Brittany Daniel - December 23, 2010 at 07:41 AM

LJ

“ *Lulu Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Lulu Jones - December 23, 2010 at 04:39 AM

LJ

"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be", Love and prayers to the entire Merrill family.

Lulu Jones - December 23, 2010 at 04:44 AM

DS

“ Dawn Sudberry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Dawn Sudberry - December 23, 2010 at 04:07 AM



“ Kimberly Fischbach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Kimberly Fischbach - December 23, 2010 at 02:59 AM

KC

“ Keith Sonya Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Keith Sonya Caldwell - December 23, 2010 at 01:17 AM

NL

“ A true friend will be missed deeply. He could always make me smile with one of those "Andy" comments that he was so famous for. My heart and prayers go to Jenny, Alexis, Trent, Becky, Charles and Jennifer. May you find comfort in the fact there is a new Angel on duty....Look out heaven, you are about to see thing the Merrill way.:)

Necoille Lawler - December 22, 2010 at 11:18 PM

DM

“ I will never forget his great sense of humor, and going to school with him at RHS.

Dale McElroy - December 22, 2010 at 10:31 PM

AH

“ April Huckeba lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



April Huckeba - December 22, 2010 at 10:16 PM

HW

“ Heather Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Heather Wright - December 22, 2010 at 09:59 PM

PP

“ Paige Pollard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Paige Pollard - December 22, 2010 at 09:43 PM

SL

“ Sheree Lambert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Sheree Lambert - December 22, 2010 at 09:37 PM

MJ

“ R. I. P. Andy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Jennings - December 22, 2010 at 09:27 PM

JC

“ John Marilyn Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



John Marilyn Campbell - December 22, 2010 at 09:20 PM

CW

“ *Couch Sue Whitley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Couch Sue Whitley - December 22, 2010 at 09:18 PM

CC

“ *Carolyn Caskie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Carolyn Caskie - December 22, 2010 at 09:05 PM


Christie
Rainey

“ *Christie Rainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Christie Rainey - December 22, 2010 at 09:05 PM

PW

“ *Paul Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Paul Wiggins - December 22, 2010 at 08:41 PM

JS

“ *Jamie Kerri Strain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Jamie Kerri Strain - December 22, 2010 at 08:33 PM

 Angela Rank

“ *Angela Rank lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Angela Rank - December 22, 2010 at 08:30 PM

SG

“ *Sandy George lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



sandy george - December 22, 2010 at 08:20 PM

ST


“ *ANDY TOUCHED THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HIS FAMILY WILL BE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.*

SCOTT TEAL - December 22, 2010 at 08:15 PM

JW

“ I have so many but onethat pops in my head right now. Jenny you remember when Andy was in the hospital and he was wanting some chap stick? Well I gave him what I had and he said it tasted like boot wax and we got him laughing.. He was like my brother...we fussed all the time..He will be truly missed. Love Jill and Wesley

Jill Wesley - December 22, 2010 at 07:39 PM


Beverly
Hammond

“ Beverly Hammond lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Beverly Hammond - December 22, 2010 at 07:37 PM

MD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!! Andy was a great friend and when we were in school he could always make me laugh no matter what. I will miss him so much!!

Malisa Dunson - December 22, 2010 at 07:25 PM

MD

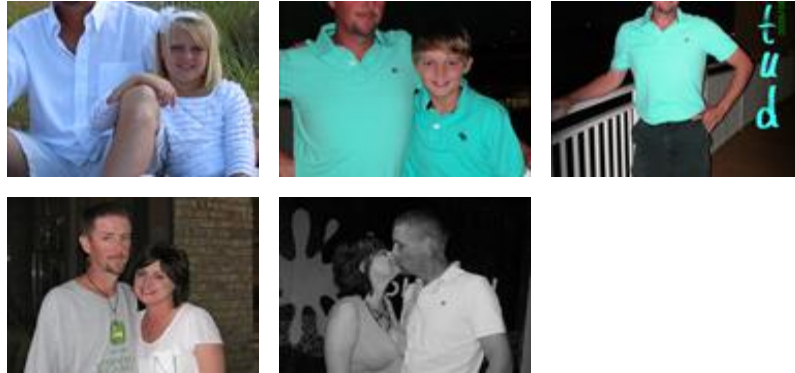
“ Malisa Dunson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill



Malisa Dunson - December 22, 2010 at 07:22 PM

CC

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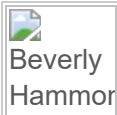


cb shelli cole - December 22, 2010 at 06:49 PM

CC

wanted to share a few pictures. i love you all merrill family

cb shelli cole - December 22, 2010 at 06:59 PM



Beverly
Hammor

Beautiful memories.

Beverly Hammond - December 22, 2010 at 07:26 PM

RM

“ God has called home an awesome angel..Andy you will be missed by many..Jenny, Trent, Alexis, Charles, Becky and Jennifer you all are in our thoughts and prayers..



Ricky Ann McComb - December 22, 2010 at 06:14 PM

RM

“ *Ricky Ann McComb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Ricky Ann McComb - December 22, 2010 at 06:08 PM

JR

“ *I hope the days ahead get just a little easier for you... knowing that Andy will be watching over your family..I worked with Andy several years back and i know he will be missed...*



Jeffery Rollins - December 22, 2010 at 04:48 PM

CJ

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the Merrill/Smith family. I grew up with Paul and Paulette and remember Andy when he was just a little boy. My deepest condolences....*

Cindy Jones - December 22, 2010 at 04:32 PM

SS

“ *Samantha Simpson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Samantha Simpson - December 22, 2010 at 04:27 PM

SS

“ *Samantha Simpson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Samantha Simpson - December 22, 2010 at 04:26 PM

DC

“ *Danny, Rhonda, & Collin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Danny, Rhonda, & Collin - December 22, 2010 at 03:54 PM

DC

“ *I know the Angels are rejoicing in Heaven by having such a great guy being sent to them!
You & the family are in our thoughts & prayers!
May you find peace & joy during this sad time & the holiday season!*



Danny, Rhonda, & Collin - December 22, 2010 at 03:53 PM

SS

“ *Sherry Skinner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Merrill*



Sherry Skinner - December 22, 2010 at 03:09 PM

SS

“ *May God be with your family bringing love and peace to you as Andy spends his Christmas with Jesus.*

Sherry Skinner - December 22, 2010 at 03:09 PM