



# **Dr. Andrew Joseph "AJ" Kreller**

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**D**r. Andrew Joseph "A.J." Kreller, III, age 71 of Mandeville, LA, passed away peacefully June 27, 2016.

He was born in New Orleans on January 3, 1945 to the late Dr. Andrew Joseph Kreller, Jr. and the late Florence Theresa Skelly Kreller. He grew up in New Orleans and graduated from Jesuit High School in 1963. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Loyola University New Orleans in 1969 where he was a brother in the social fraternity Sigma Alpha Kappa. He served 2 years in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant and as a dentist on the USS Fulton submarine tender in New London, CT. In 1974 Dr. Kreller completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Ochsner Hospital and practiced in Covington for 40 years, until his retirement in 2011. Dr. Kreller was a member of the medical staff of St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Lakeview Regional Medical Center, and North Oaks Hospital. Dr. Kreller was also the Chief of Staff at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and a faculty member of LSU Dental School. He was a member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the American Dental Association, Louisiana Dental Association, and the Northlake Dental Study Club. He was an active community member, serving on the board of Christ Episcopal School and as physician for Covington High School football team.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Bailey Kreller. He is survived by his children Gretchen Kreller Hiley (Patrick), Jeff Kreller, Katie Kreller Tardiff (Darrell), Tim Kreller (Christine), Bryan Kreller (Erica), his stepdaughters Cristy Cone Coleman and Katy Cone. He was preceded in death by his son Scott Kreller. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Joseph, Ella and Jude Hiley; Libby and Drew Tardiff; William Coleman; and Susanna, Maggie, and Mark Kreller.

Dr. Kreller was a lover of nature, animals and children. He was an avid cyclist, sailor, camper, and backpacked through many of the National Parks as a member of the Sierra Club. He loved reading, gardening, history, music, traveling, and spending time with his family. He was a talented artist and writer. After Hurricane Katrina he collected discarded bikes and restored them to



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donate to those in need. He was a lifelong rescuer of pets without homes and during his last years volunteered at the St. Francis Animal Sanctuary.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on July 5th at 8:00 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 129 N. New Hampshire St., Covington, followed by a reception at the church.

Donations may be made in his honor by mail St. Francis Animal Sanctuary. P.O. Box 0616, P.O. Box 0616, Mandeville, LA 70470 or [www.sfas.org](http://www.sfas.org).




## Events


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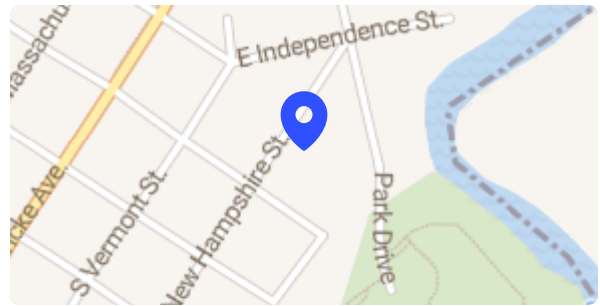
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### Memorial Mass

 **Tuesday**, July 5, 2016

 3:00 PM CT

 **Christ Episcopal Church**  
120 S. New Hampshire Street, Covington LA  
70433





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**JE**

**Jenny** posted:

Dearest Debbie, I was so shocked and truly saddened to hear of AJ's passing. I don't know how time gets away from us so quickly! I miss you and hope to hear from you soon. My cell is still the same.....Please call when you have time. xoxo Jenny Muller

October 10 at 10:10 AM

**HH**

**Helen Hawkins** posted:

I have many great memories of visits from AJ and Madeline and the kids when they were all very little. He was always fun to be around, and I clearly remember his smile and laugh. My sincere condolences to all who were close to him, especially his children. I know what it's like to lose a father.Helen Hawkins

July 13 at 9:39 AM

**NB**

**Nancy Borne** posted:

I had the pleasure as a RN to work with Dr. Kreller at STPH. He was always professional, polite and kind to staff and his patients. His demeanor was quiet and non demanding. He took care of patients that needed full mouth extractions and remained non judgmental about their ability to pay their bill. He was a great father and I had the pleasure of taking care of his sweet son, Scott. He will be missed. Sincerely, Nancy Borne RN

July 5 at 3:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kreller family.

July 4 at 1:51 PM



**SN**

**Sue Foster & Rebecca; Teresa Baker & Natalie** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kreller family.

July 4 at 12:08 PM





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**Edna Pichon** posted:

It saddened me to know Dr. Kreller has passed on. I knew him personally. He was a great man, a good father, and doctor. He will be well missed. Rest in peace to you old friend. Edna Pichon

July 4 at 10:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Kreller family.



July 3 at 8:24 AM



**Norman O'neil, A.J.** posted:

Dear Mrs. Kreller, Though I have not seen A.J. in years, I still remember him from the time I had him in class. I always found him a friendly and enjoyable student to have around. I will remember him in my prayers and Masses. If there is anything else I can do for you please let me know. I am still at Jesuit High but not subjecting the poor boys to my teaching anymore. Fr. Norman O'Neal, S.J.

July 3 at 7:35 AM



**Rebecca Habel** posted:

Debby. Jim and I are so very sorry for your loss. We loved taking the Canada cruise with y'all and only wish there could have been more. Will look forward to speaking with you in the near future. All our love, Jim and Becky

July 2 at 6:41 AM



**William J. Preau Iii M.D.** posted:

So sorry to hear of Dr. AJ. Kreller 's passing. He was always so kind and warm , and caring , and genuine to everyone he met. I spent many a Saturday morning with him over the 10 years I worked at Lakeview with Dr. Kyle Acosta, and Dr. Graham Boyce at Lakeview Regional Medical Center reconstructing the faces of severely injured patients with facial trauma. AJ was always an excellent surgeon , and he had that extra bit of humanity and caring that made him so very special,, our community will miss him,, Rest in Peace AJ.. Heaven is your reward !!!!

July 1 at 5:01 PM



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EK

**Elinor Kinnier** posted:

Katie - prayers for peace and comfort as you grieve and celebrate the life of your father. May God's strength and the love of your friends and family help you through this difficult time. Please let me know if we can do anything for you. Thinking of you and sending big hugs! With love, Elinor

July 1 at 1:41 PM

JO

**Judith Ordoyne** posted:

We have so many good memories of Dr. AJ, Debbie and family. AJ was such a sweet man. He was always so kind and patient with my three boys and we were privileged to call him a friend. Our prayers and love go out to his entire family. Sincerely, Cliff and Judy Ordoyne

July 1 at 8:06 AM

JD

**Jo Dupre** posted:

I thought this kind man would live forever! The world is not the same with him gone. He always had a ready smile for me and I had great respect for him. So sorry for the loss of the genuine soul. Sending prayers....

July 1 at 7:25 AM

CH

**Catherine A Hebert, Dds** posted:

Thank you Lord for sharing this beautiful, thoughtful, loving gentleman with us! He showed Your Love to so many through his professional service to our community. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and his colleagues. We love you, AJ! Catherine A Hebert, DDS

July 1 at 3:41 AM

KF

**Kelly Le Fave** posted:

I have many fond memories of A.J., especially from my childhood. Our prayers are with his family and community in this time of grief. May you find peace and comfort. Kelly LeFave (Hawkins)

June 30 at 7:14 PM



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TT

**Tonia Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

We are saddened to hear of Dr. Kreller's passing he was an amazing doctor and kind man. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Most sincerely, Tonia and Sam Taylor

June 30 at 4:33 PM



RT

**Ryan Taylor** posted:

I am saddened to learn of the loss of Dr. Kreller. I will never forget him both as a great doctor, and man. Thank you, Dr. Kreller for sharing your gift with us! I pray comfort for his family at this time of loss.

June 30 at 8:50 AM

DA

**Debbie Anthony** posted:

What a great doctor and very kind hearted person. Thoughts and prayers for his family at this sad time. Sincerely Debbie Byrd Anthony

June 30 at 5:56 AM

RN

**Ren And Nancy** posted:

Good humored friend who left too soon. Legendary repairer of bicycles and cyclist adventurer. Animated debater. Loving husband to Debbie. Doer of much good through his skill. We are going to miss AJ.

June 30 at 5:04 AM

KS

**Ken Sherman Dds** posted:

What a terrible loss! A.J. was a good man and a great Surgeon. It was a pleasure to work with him over the years. I shall miss his soft quiet demeanor. May Gods love take you all through this difficult time. Kenny Sherman DDS

June 30 at 3:56 AM



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ND

**Neil Dupree** posted:

I would like to offer my condolences for the loss of Dr. Kreller. Continue to lean on family and friends for support. God gives us comfort and hope at Isaiah 26:19 when we mourn on occasions like this. May you find the strength to endure the days ahead.

June 29 at 11:47 AM

RR

**Richard Reed** posted:

Debbie and Bryan, So sorry for your loss. A.J. was such a great guy. He will be missed. Richard Reed

June 29 at 9:54 AM

ST

**Sharon Toups** posted:

My thoughts and prayers for the Kreller family. The community has lost a kind and gentle man. He will be missed by the STPH family. Sharon Toups

June 29 at 9:18 AM

JS

**Joe Skelly** posted:

"A.J." was my sponsor for the Catholic rite of Confirmation, and always affable, kind and generous to me. I will miss him and, although unable to attend his funeral, will spend the day with him in my heart. My deepest condolences to his family, friends and the rest of our widespread clan. Joe P. Skelly

June 29 at 9:00 AM

SR

**Scott St.Romain** posted:

Prayers to the Kreller family. What a wonderful man! He will missed by all. Dr. Scott St.Romain and Staff

June 29 at 8:05 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Andrew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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