



Andrew Joseph "AJ" Lange

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Andrew Joseph "AJ" Lange, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the age of 74. Beloved husband of 51 years to Carmelita Lange. Loving father of Andy, Kelly and Chad. Son of the late Lucie Lange and Andrew J Lange, Sr. Brother of Wayne, Leonard, Gary, Kim, Sandra, Marvin, Chris, Tony, Donnalee, and Theresa Ann. Grandfather of Drew, Malik, Asia, Tydrione, Hannah, Chassidy. Uncle to many beloved nieces and nephews.

AJ is a true example of how we should all live everyday of our lives. He loved life and believed in hard work and education. He modeled incredible work ethic and achieved numerous accomplishments in his 74 years. He believed anyone could do anything if they put their mind to it. He graduated Valedictorian of his high school class and at age 21 served in the Navy Seabee for 2 years, 13 months in Vietnam where he earned a Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star. AJ worked at a Folgers in New Orleans while going to trade school. He moved his family from New Orleans to Abita Springs after finishing school and bought land, designed and built the house he and Carmelita wanted for their family. After moving to Abita, AJ had a long and active career at Bellsouth, retiring after 34 years. During that time he served as the CWA Union President for four years. In addition to his career, he was active in the local community and politics. He was a Lobbyist for 16 years, 4 of which were in Louisiana and 12 in DC. He was also a Central Trade and Labor Vice President and Legislative Chair for the AFL-CIO for the past 12 years. AJ did things most people don't even attempt, he ran for state senate and patented an invention. He was proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus and VFW Secretary for 3 years and Commander for 2 years. AJ was very adamant about supporting and helping others. He supported the Special Olympics and Disabled Veteran's Association. Each year he donated to the local State Troopers and Sheriff's Association. AJ believed it was important to get everyone to vote and was very active in the community working to help get people registered. The same effort AJ put into work he put into his family. Every year, he took his entire family on vacation because he knew it was important to spend quality time together. He loved children and especially his grandchildren. In his leisure time, he also enjoyed hunting, gardening, and riding his motorcycle. He made a lasting impact on the people who knew him and he will live forever in our hearts.



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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church, 72040 Maple St., Abita Springs, LA 70420 on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 1:00 PM with visitation on Saturday at church beginning at 12:00 noon.

Interment will follow in Flot Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Mr. Lange to be made to Disabled American Veterans www.dav.org.




Events


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Visitation

 **Saturday**, December 7, 2019

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT


 **St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church**
72040 Maple St., Abita Springs LA 70420



Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, December 7, 2019

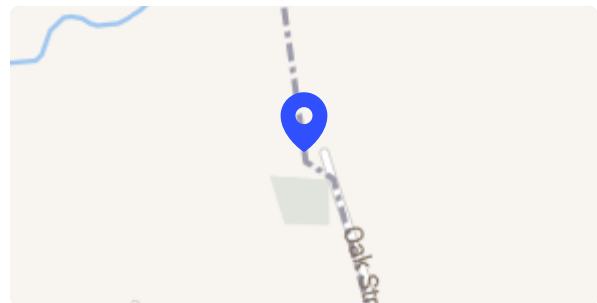
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Cemetery Details

 **Flot Cemetery**
Oak Street, Abita Springs LA





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Bella Stamps posted:

I also met Andrew many years ago when he was stationed at Port Hueneme Base here in Ca. . . such a beautiful and kind spirit. . . Rest In Paradise Andrew Martha Cameron

September 8 at 12:08 PM



Pam Carter Edwards posted:

Sorry to hear of AJ's passing. I met him many years ago when I started attending union meeting for Bell South. A true gentleman and sweetheart. Thoughts and prayers now and throughout the holiday season and beyond Pam Carter Edwards

December 12 at 4:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Lange family.



December 7 at 4:01 AM



Kim Mitchell Lange, Grandson Drew, Kirby & Family sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Lange family.



December 6 at 6:41 AM



George Adams posted:

AJ was more than a friend he was extended family we shared many summers together in Abita his mother was my Aunts sister when he was stationed in Oxnard Ca I would drive to the base to get him for a visit with family and home cooking I and my family will surly miss his big heart and wonderful smile

December 5 at 5:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Lange family.



December 5 at 3:59 PM



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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Lange family.



December 4 at 9:11 AM



Linda Sharpe lit a candle in honor of Andrew.

I was fortunate enough to know AJ from the years that I worked at the phone company. Although we didn't work in the same department, he came to our office for meetings with the engineers and we would see each other at union meetings and various phone company functions. Anytime he entered the room, he lit it up with his contagious smile and cordial attitude. To his family, I send my sincere condolences and sympathy as well as my prayers for comfort. Linda Sharpe



December 4 at 7:36 AM



Tammy Hart-Lange posted:

AJ, as we so lovingly called him was a great man that truly loved his family. He was one of the hardest working men I know and instilled great values in his children to do the same. We will miss this strong and happy go lucky guy to the max. Rest easy brother-in-law!

December 4 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Lange family.



December 3 at 9:28 AM



Sylvia T Chapman posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss and praying for you and your family! 🙏🙏🙏❤️

December 3 at 7:27 AM



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CK

Cindy O'Keefe posted:

My condolences to your family ! I had the pleasure of working with AJ at the telephone company in the 70's. Everyone loved him. His smile would make anyone feel better and just have to smile back at him. What a kind, hardworking man he was. Such a great work ethic! I am thankful for the years I had being his friend. I will be praying for your family.Cindy Crew O'Keefe

December 2 at 6:40 PM

MC

Maria Clark posted:

Our Deepest Condolences and Prayers Alfred & Maria Clark

December 2 at 5:47 PM

PA

Paulette Alexis posted:

Condolences to the family. RIP AJ.

December 2 at 4:56 PM

AW

Albert Williams posted:

Prayers sent to the Family.

December 2 at 12:50 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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