



LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew

March 21, 1924 - May 14, 2018

LaVonne Kirk Andrew of Knoxville, Iowa, passed away, May 14, 2018, at the Knoxville Hospital & Clinics in Knoxville.

LaVonne was born, in Ortonville, MN, to Josephine (Barth) & Thomas Kirk on March 21, 1924. She was the third of three children. LaVonne graduated from Mt. Mercy Academy in Cedar Rapids and the College of Saint Teresa in Winona, MN.

After college LaVonne was employed at the Chicago general office of the CB&Q Railroad as an interpreter and later in the labor relations department. She was also employed in the psychology department of the Veteran Administration Hospital and subbed in the Knoxville School District for a few years, during a time of teacher shortages.

On May 14, 1949 LaVonne married the love of her life, George H. Andrew. They settled in Knoxville, where George practiced optometry, and they enjoyed 63 years together, until his death on December 24, 2011.

LaVonne was an active member of numerous community and civic organizations. She was also a longtime member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. She enjoyed sewing, was an avid golfer, and a dedicated swimmer. She enjoyed swimming until the age of 92.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and her husband.

Remaining to cherish her memory are two children; Mary Kay (David) Werning of Des Moines and Michael Kirk (Karen) Andrew of Washington. LaVonne is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin Thursday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with family present from 5:00-7:00.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 18 at 10:30 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Knoxville. Burial will follow at Graceland Cemetery. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to HCl of Marion Co., Knoxville Rec. Ctr., St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and the Knoxville Library Foundation.

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Events

MAY 17 Visitation 03:00PM - 08:00PM

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
1201 Woodland Drive, Knoxville, IA, US

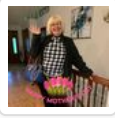
MAY 17 Family Greeting 05:00PM - 07:00PM

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
1201 Woodland Drive, Knoxville, IA, US

MAY 18 Service 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Was an honor to be her "Lifeguard" at the Rec Center for 5 years.. Class act all the way. Jane , Shauna, Christiana Schmitt.. We all enjoy see her at the Rec Center

Jane Schmitt - June 02, 2018 at 11:39 AM



“ Lavonne was a woman of great intelligence and integrity who lived a full and admirable life. She and George were two of my favorite people from my childhood and throughout my life. They always expressed a genuine interest in my life whenever I met them and their opinion of me was always important. Her death saddens me. Her strength and tenacity was obvious in her comittment to her morning swim. one time when Lavonne was an older woman, the system that heats the Rec Center pool failed. The pool chilled over a period of days and became quite cold. Others stayed home. Lavonne never skipped a day. Remembering her and George makes me smile.

Greg Stults - June 01, 2018 at 08:24 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. Lavonne was a very classy lady who always was stylish in her hats. She always asked about our Granddaughter who also liked hats.
Jim and Diane Ellis



Diane Ellis - May 19, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ What a delight, this clear-headed, loyal, attractive personality. How valiant and positive in outlook. What class. Celebrate a life well and faithfully lived on the occasion of her passing.

John Eller - May 18, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ KresKatie Spriggs lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



KresKatie Spriggs - May 18, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ Mike, Mary Kay and families....Katie and I were so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was perhaps the nicest person either of us have ever known - and we will always treasure the moments we had the opportunity to speak to her. She was a healer of people - not in a medicinal way, but she saw the good in people and made sure they knew it. She also made sure others saw the same thing. It was so great to talk to you both at her visitation....thank you for the hugs Mary Kay.... God bless you all and strengthen you through the coming hours and days.

Krestin and Katie Spriggs.

KresKatie - May 18, 2018 at 09:22 AM



“ Barb Heaberlin lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Barb Heaberlin - May 18, 2018 at 03:48 AM



“ Jo Heigele lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Jo Heigele - May 17, 2018 at 11:19 PM



“ What a beautiful lady, a heart of gold. I only had the pleasure of knowing her a few years, she always had a smile for anyone she seen or met. She will be greatly missed. Sending prayers to her family and friends

Jo Heigele - May 17, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ Deepest sympathy for the family, so very sorry for your loss. LaVonne was a lovely special lady inside and out. She will be missed by all. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Cathy Betterton Courtney



Cathy Betterton Courtney - May 17, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ Carolan Brooks lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Carolan Brooks - May 17, 2018 at 02:22 PM



“ Lavonne and George were such great people. Lavonne attended Mt. Mercy Academy Cedar Rapids for high school and I went to Mt. Mercy college years later. We had that connection. I am so glad for her that her troubles are over. Johnny and I both will miss her. Martha and John Popson

Martha Popson - May 17, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ John and Diane Dougherty purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew.



John and Diane Dougherty - May 17, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ Kelly & Marilyn McMillen lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Kelly & Marilyn McMillen - May 17, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ LaVonne was a very special lady. Over the years she would send us an Anniversary and a Christmas. We always looked forward to handwritten notes she included. She was a very special lady and will be missed by many. John and Diane Dougherty

John Dougherty - May 17, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ Lavonne, Thank you for spreading your sunshine and God's light upon this earth. May you enjoy your heavenly rewards.
Kaye Wadle Meyers

Kaye Meyers - May 17, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ Alonna Gass lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Alonna Gass - May 17, 2018 at 07:16 AM



“ LaVonne always saw the good in everyone. Such a neat lady and always had a smile on her face. You will be missed.

Alonna Gass - May 17, 2018 at 07:18 AM



“ So saddened to learn of Lavonne's death. What great memories we have of George and Lavonne with my parents. Both such loyal friends to so many. Loved her humor and spunky attitude. So sorry to not be able to celebrate her life, as we are gone. Al & Jo Fall Dorenkamp

Jo Dorenkamp - May 17, 2018 at 02:49 AM



“ Kayla Davis lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Kayla Davis - May 17, 2018 at 02:32 AM



“ A childhood spent listening to LaVonne, my mother and their many friends exposed me to intelligent conversation, hilarious stories, and the great joy of women supporting each other in solidarity and friendship. LaVonne was a wonderful friend to many people and a great asset to her community. We'll miss her!

Nancy Huss - May 16, 2018 at 06:04 PM



“ I've known LaVonne all of my life. I'm a "Park Lane" girl. I grew up across the street from LaVonne and she was one of my mothers! I've loved her spirit and laugh. What a Lady! My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and Mike.
Linda Jones Shilling

Linda Shilling - May 16, 2018 at 01:34 PM



“ Cris & Patty Schwanebeck lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Cris & Patty Schwanebeck - May 16, 2018 at 07:53 AM



“ LaVonne always met us with a smile, and asking how the family was doing. She know them by their name, My mother and LaVonne were members of the same clubs, but what I remember was George and LaVonne working on the Rotary BBQ Chicken dinner they served. She lit the lives around her. She will be missed.

Cris - May 16, 2018 at 08:00 AM



“ LaVonne was one of a kind. I was so saddened when I read about her passing this morning. She was kind, generous, loved a good laugh and loved to make others laugh. I would take my son to her house for beggars night, she would take a picture of your child/children and then make sure she got that picture to you. That woman didn't miss a beat. She was always on the go with so many things to do. I will truly miss LaVonne and her smile. RIP LaVonne. I'm very sorry for you loss.

Kelly Wadle-McDonald and Aaron McDonald

Kelly Wadle-McDonald - May 16, 2018 at 06:57 AM



“ I thought the world of LaVonne. She was such a thoughtful lady with a great sense of humor. I will miss seeing her at Mr. C's as she was one of our favorite customers. I'm so sorry for your loss. Till we meet again

Linda and Taylor Carter - May 16, 2018 at 06:32 AM



“ Mr C's Restaurant lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Mr C's Restaurant - May 16, 2018 at 06:28 AM



“ What a blessing it was for us to have had the opportunity to get to know LaVonne during our years in Knoxville. She was intelligent, witty, gracious, a little naughty and fun to be around. She was one classy lady and we are honored to call her friend.

Heaven is a much livelier place today and might never be the same!

May the road rise to meet you, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand..

Love you lots!
Maureen and Mike Miller

Maureen Miller - May 15, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ We will miss her so very much as a neighbor and friend. Our visits lifted our spirits and the knowledge and humor she shared, will be with us as fond memories. It is consoling to know she is resting in peace. We are happy for her, but not so much for us.

Myles and Mary Jane Murphy

Myles and Mary Jane Murphy - May 15, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ We grew up on stories of La Vonne's antics. She and my Mom were like Lucy and Ethel for years. She was a wonderful friend to both my parents. I have always been in awe of her mind and her sense of humor. She will be sorely missed.

Kate Nelson - May 15, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ Sheryl Karr lit a candle in memory of LaVonne (Kirk) Andrew



Sheryl Karr - May 15, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ Mary Kay and Family - prayers to you and your family at this time. I'm sure you have many happy memories to cherish.

Sheryl Karr - May 15, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ My husband, Steve, and I enjoyed LaVonne so much. I was in First Federated Study Club with LaVonne and knew her all the years we attended church together at St. Anthony Church. LaVonne was just brilliant and was such a historian. She and and my husband relished joking and doing lots of teasing. She will be greatly missed.

Barbara and Steve Waters

Barbara Waters - May 15, 2018 at 04:15 PM