



Andrew K. Touchstone

April 1, 1963 - October 21, 2014

Andrew Touchstone, 51, died unexpectedly at home on October 21, 2014.

Andy was born in Bryn Mawr, PA and lived in and around the Philadelphia area his whole life. He attended Harriton High School, Lehigh University and Dickinson Law School. After graduating and passing the PA bar he clerked for Judge Shepherd, an early mentor. Later he worked for Swartz, Campbell & Detweiler Law Firm in Philadelphia. He worked for a few more years at Smith, Giacometti and Chikowski before starting his own firm Touchstone and Associates in 2005 specializing in Workers Compensation and Commercial Litigation.

Andy had a large variety of interests beyond his work. He was an avid sportsman with particular interest in waterfowl hunting, and he loved training and working his bird dogs. He was president of the Glen Fern Sportsmans Club in the Delaware marshes where he hunted duck and geese. He enjoyed boxing, and was an agent and manager for a few fighters, as well as hosting a weekly radio show on the topic. He loved lacrosse, having played through middle and high schools, and recently was a coach for his son's team. He was a true music aficionado, loving and knowing many genres, with his favorite being early Motown. He was a partner and owner in Chris' Jazz Club in Philadelphia from 1999 to 2005. Andy blogged about all this and more on his Mainline Sportsman site.

Andy was an avid reader, knowledgeable historian, had a vast vocabulary and had a legendary sense of humor. His presence was felt near and far, and his passing leaves a gaping hole in the fabric of life for many, many friends and family.

Andy was predeceased by his father Joseph Touchstone, and is survived by his mother Phyllis, his wife Teri, his three children Elizabeth, Courtney and Joey, as well as his brothers Michael and David and numerous nephews and nieces. He was known as Uncle Touch to many youngsters, only a few of whom are blood relations.

The ceremony and celebration of Touch's remarkable life will be held at the private home and lawns of Bill and Cindy Carey, 444 Devereux Drive, Villanova PA 19085 on Saturday October 25th, 12 noon. The Carey Property abuts the end of the Devereux property, take Devereux Drive to the end and park. Look for the balloons at the arbor, continue through the arbor to the Carey property.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of these charities which were near and dear to Andy's heart:

The Andrew K. Touchstone Fund at the Adirondack Foundation <https://www.generousact.org/funds/andrew-k-touchstone-fund> or call 518-523-9904.

The Diversified Community Services of Philadelphia, where Andy had recently become a member of the board, hoping to affect positive change in the lives of children and families in the Philadelphia area. www.dcsphila.org or call 215-336-5505.

Tribute Wall

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“ Andy was a good guy in school, always a kind person, intelligent, nothings going to change up in heaven,

Tom hunsberger - December 06, 2020 at 08:10 AM

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“ He was a good guy; I remember him my freshman year at Lehigh we stayed in the same dormitory. I knew the part of the Main Line he was from seeing I grew up in Wayne, PA.. It came as a real surprise reading his obit in the Alumni magazine. Really too bad, I'm sure he will be missed my many folks. Sincerely, Ian Wilsher.

ian wilsher - April 18, 2015 at 05:18 AM

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“ I worked for Andy for a number of years and he was a great boss. He had Class with a capital C. He made me laugh all the time. My condolences to Teri and your family.

Sharon McClellan - December 16, 2014 at 03:20 PM

 Lee
Rosenfeld

“ I am so so sorry to hear about this.....Andy was a terrific person and a terrific lawyer. He will be missed by me and many many others. Terri, Beth and I have your family in our thoughts. I just learned of this today and I simply can't believe it.

Lee Rosenfeld - November 10, 2014 at 08:53 AM

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“ I met Andy some years back. He was my family's attorney but he was so much more to us. He became a person we cared about. My prayers to the Touchstone family, both in and out of the office. He will be missed!



chantell hanna - October 27, 2014 at 05:02 PM

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“ Attorney Andrew J. Edelberg Esq. lit a candle in memory of Andrew K. Touchstone



Attorney Andrew J. Edelberg Esq. - October 24, 2014 at 07:53 PM

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“ I met Andrew,when he was a workers compensation defense attorney and I a,young 28 year old plaintiffs lawyer. We became friends and as time,went on often saw each other at the boxing events we both enjoyed. We even had a mutual friend together. Although we hadn't seen each other in a,while, hearing of his passing is greatly saddening. He was a pleasant and jovial man, hardworking, dedicated, a family man, loved boxing and music and I often went to Chris's Jazz Cafe for coffee and donuts and,would,see him there tapping his feet and hands to a beat of talent. I will miss him and those in the workers compensation arena cared for him and will miss his laughter as well. Take comfort that Andy enjoyed every moment and especially those of his children. Good luck Andrew.

Attorney Andrew J. Edelberg Esq. - October 24, 2014 at 07:51 PM



“ *Andy and I had many cases against each other over the years and I was always pleased when he was on the other side. Not only did it mean that I had an able opponent but, more importantly, I had someone that I could share a laugh with after the case was finished. I will miss you Andy.*

Jim Monaghan - October 24, 2014 at 12:23 PM

DA

“ I want to send my love to all of Andy's family, and Teri and her family especially her brother. Although I moved from Philadelphia to Colorado in 1982 I still think about some of the great times I had with Touch in high school. Please share this with Andy's Children. Touch was an outstanding pole. His junior year we were team mates as I was captain of the 1980 team. We only had two returning varsity players Brad Drummond and I and people expected us to go NO WHERE. We beat some great teams and surprised everyone and made it to the playoffs. Touch was a great team mate and was loved by the fellow Harriton Rams. He was a backbone on our defense and brought passion and energy to every practice and game. On and off the field people flocked to his magnetic personality and leadership. Last year I was fortunate to take my Monarch High School Lacrosse(Colorado) team on our spring break trip back east and we played Harriton at their new high school field. It brought back some many memories for me and Touch was at the head of the list! We had some great times on that campus and some wonderful times on the field. I want this children to know what a great player, team mate, and man their father is! I am sure at the funeral many of his team mates will share my exact feelings! I am sorry that I will not be able to attend but will send all my love. I regret that I did not see Touch when back in the Philly area and my father shared he owned that bar down the street from where he lived in the city we went one evening and Andy was not there. I should have come back on a night he was.

Teri, my heart goes out to you. Although I have not seen you in years I have always considered you a good friend. My prayers and thoughts to all of you.

David Auday

David Auday - October 24, 2014 at 11:17 AM