



Aaron J. Andrews

May 7, 1981 - December 13, 2025

Aaron J. Andrews, 44, of Wapakoneta passed away Saturday afternoon, December 13, 2025, at Hospice of Central Ohio with his loving family at his side after a courageous 4 year battle with cancer. He was born May 7, 1981, in Lima, the son of Miles S. and Mary E. (Montgomery) Andrews. His mother survives in Wapakoneta, and his father is deceased.

Survivors include,

his sister, Elizabeth E. Andrews, Wapakoneta;
several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Aaron was a 2000 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, and a 2004 graduate of the Columbus College of Art & Design. An accomplished artist, Aaron worked as a bartender at the Westin, Columbus.

Aaron loved life and sought to live it to its fullest. Even as his illness progressed he refused to let it dampen his zest and joy for finding beauty in the simple things such as finding wonder in the shape of a cloud or the shadow cast by a spider's web. Aaron cherished the time he spent with his friends and family, be it going to concerts, hosting weekly Pizza Club gatherings, or joining folks for a cup of coffee. He found pleasure in creating art in various forms, cooking, and gardening. Aaron's favorite pastimes included walking his dogs and cats along the Auglaize River floodplain and swimming at Lake Amanda. Though we are no longer able to see his light or bask in its warmth, Aaron will live on in those he loved and those who love him.

A Celebration of Aaron's Life will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 1-3 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize Co. Humane Society, or the donor could plant a butterfly bush or do something to preserve wild life and nature. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aaron was a student of mine back in the day at OSU-Lima. I recall distinctly, in a discussion of the work and life of Eugene O'Neill, Aaron correcting my mispronunciation of the word "Tao." I thought to myself "Thank God! At least one person is listening." May his spirit grace the banks of our mutual mother, the Great Auglaize.

Kelly Cole Anspaugh - January 14 at 11:02 AM

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“ Hyrum Righter & family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Aaron J. Andrews.



Hyrum Righter & family - December 20, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ How do you sum up a life time of memories and love with someone? Aaron was more than my cousin, he was my best friend, a brother in life. I Loved him and I utterly miss him and always will. Aaron im sorry and I hope in whatever heaven is that in some ways its grandma montgomeries and you find us playing battletech or whatever game on her living room floor.

Tim Montgomery - December 20, 2025 at 03:50 AM

JC

“ Wonderful memories of Aaron in printmaking at CCAD. My condolences to his family and friends.

James h. Weigle, Professor Emeritus, CCA - December 18, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Aaron worked with me in the Maintenance Department while he was going to school at CCAD. He was one of my favorite people. Kind, intelligent, funny and well liked by all that knew him. I’m so sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to his family. I know he was loved by all.
Bill Finnegan

Bill Finnegan - December 17, 2025 at 11:50 PM



“ Aaron and I went to CCAD together, along with many other incredible people. Amongst all the punk rock kids, Aaron was one of the very sweet and kind types. I always admired that he went on to grad school in Hawaii, learned to scuba dive, and found passion in underwater photography. I had organized an art show in New Albany, IN as a fundraiser for planned parenthood. He submitted work for the show and i was completely suprised to see that he drove all the way down for the opening. What a cool guy. I am so sorry for this loss. Emily Adams

Emily - December 17, 2025 at 08:19 PM



“ I moved to Columbus in 2018 and my first job was at the Westin Great Southern Bar. There were only 3 of us so we all worked very closely together. Aaron was a genuine joy to be around and I couldn’t imagine sharing the bar with anyone else as I got reacquainted with Columbus. Aaron will be missed as he had a huge impact on those around him.

Lanessa Jones - December 17, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ so very sorry for your loss. We pray God to wrap his arms around you for comfort. God bless Mary & Liz. Bob & Kathy Knoch

Kathy Knoch - December 17, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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*Our hearts are with you, Mary and Liz.
So hard to have to give Aaron up.
So many sweet memories to treasure.
Love, Sue and Raymond Yeagley*

Susan Yeagley - December 19, 2025 at 08:58 PM