



## Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter

June 2, 2017

Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter, 26, of West Hartford, CT passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 2, 2017. Andrew just successfully completed his first year at Saint Louis University School of Medicine where he was the student lead for the Research and Learning Community. A graduate of Hall High School (2008), Andrew holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Union College (2013) where he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He also holds a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences from Tufts University School of Medicine (2015).

Andrew was inquisitive and a quick learner. His passion for math and science led him to pursue a career in the medical profession. Most recently, he was one of only 52 first year medical students selected for summer research programs at SLU. He was also recently published with well-known robotic surgeon and Urologist Dr. Sameer Saddiqui for his studies of Renal Pelvic Sensory Nerve Distribution. During his undergraduate studies, Andrew was selected for the Union Scholars Program. He was also member of the National Honor Society.

Andrew's confident and easygoing nature allowed him to make friends quickly. Andrew cherished all his friendships deeply and kept in close contact with his friends from West Hartford, Union College, Boston and new friends in St. Louis. Andrew's interests included looking sharp, food and craft beer. Andrew was a budding chef inspired by his loving Mother and he will be remembered for teaching his best friend Eli Orkin how to cook.

Andrew gave back to his community throughout his life as a member of STAY (St. Thomas the Apostle Youth Group), his fraternity and volunteering in healthcare clinics during his time at Tufts and SLU. Most recently, Andrew mentored a young man through the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program in St. Louis.

Andrew's interests also included a wide range of athletic activities. During his youth, he played travel soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse. He was a member of teams that won the Connecticut State Cup in soccer (2001) and the USA Hockey Tier II New England

Regional Championship in ice hockey (2002). While at Hall High School, Andrew earned Varsity letters in soccer and ice hockey. Physical fitness was extremely important to Andrew and he worked out regularly. He also enjoyed traveling, skiing, frisbee, recreational soccer, his role as the Commissioner of a fantasy football league, watching sporting events on TV and rooting for his beloved New York Giants.

He will be sorely missed during family vacations to Jenny Lake, Union hockey games and the annual family gatherings at home on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve at the Siedman's.

Andrew is survived by his parents Lynne and Howard Carpenter III; brothers Nicholas and William, and his favorite Miss Puppy Libby; grandparents Rosalie and Louis Pietrocola and Deborah Carpenter; aunts and uncles Michael Pietrocola, Jennifer (Stuart) Siedman, Wesley Pietrocola, Abigail (James) Markowski, Timothy (Denise) Carpenter; and cousins Rachael Pietrocola, Noah and Isabelle Siedman, Emma, Brady and Sophie Markowski, and Jackson and Lillian Carpenter. He also leaves the love of his life and partner Dr. Olga Rabovskaya DMD, and many other special family and friends who touched him deeply. Andrew was predeceased by his great-grandfather Harvey Stonehouse, great-grandparents Beatrice and Howard Carpenter Sr., great-grandfather C. William Huntley, great-grandmother Mary Pietrocola, grandfather Howard Carpenter Jr. and cousin Benjamin Siedman.

A Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday, June 13 at 10am in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford. Calling hours will be held Monday, June 12 from 4:30-8:30pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave, West Hartford. Interment will immediately follow the service at Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Andrew's memory to Ben's Dream to fund research to find a treatment and/or cure for Sanfilippo Syndrome, which claimed the life of his dear cousin Benjamin. Ben's Dream: Sanfilippo Research Foundation, P.O. Box 81268, Wellesley, MA 02481 or [www.bensdream.org](http://www.bensdream.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUN 12. 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT 06119

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ Dear Lynne, Rob, Nick and William,  
I was so saddened to hear of Andrew's passing. It's hard to make sense when someone so young and full of life leaves us so soon. I remember when Mom, Momma Carol, took care of him after school and what a great kid and big brother he was. hope your memories of Andrew will help comfort you. My deepest sympathies to all of you.  
Beth D'Onofrio

Beth D'Onofrio - June 13, 2017 at 09:08 AM

JF

“ Dear Lynne and family, I am so deeply sorry for your immeasurable loss. Please accept my condolences and prayers for your family, may you find consolation and peace in this difficult time.  
Julia Fainstein

Julia Fainstein - June 13, 2017 at 08:11 AM

ML

“ Dear Lynne and family, I can't even begin to imagine how you are feeling about Andrew . I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Please know you have friends, family, colleagues, and many others to help you through this difficult time.  
  
-Mark Lancaster

Mark Lancaster - June 13, 2017 at 07:56 AM

BD

“ Oh Lynne, I'm so sorry for your loss. What an amazing young man taken too soon. You are in my prayers. I pray for family strength and your cherished memories to give you some peace during this very difficult time.

Bonnie Davies - June 12, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



June 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Lynne and family, I very sorry and saddened about your loss. I am thinking about you and sending my prayers and positive intentions during this time.  
Alan Stacy

Alan Stacy - June 12, 2017 at 09:38 AM

PS

“ Dear Lynne, Rob, Nick and William, I am so very deeply sorry for your loss. I are thinking about you and sending prayers. May his memories provide you comfort , strength & peace.

- Parvathi Subramanyam

Parvathi Subramanyam - June 12, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ Lynne, Rob, Nick and William, We are very sorry for your loss. We are thinking about you and sending prayers.  
The Tamorria Family

John Tamorria - June 12, 2017 at 05:13 AM

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“ SLUSOM Class of 2020 purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



SLUSOM Class of 2020 - June 11, 2017 at 10:11 PM

CW

“ Lynne, Rob, Nick and William, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Andrew was quite a spectacular man. I hope all of your memories out weigh the pain you are now feeling. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May Andrew rest in peace.

Cher Williams

Cher Williams - June 11, 2017 at 07:13 PM

KS

“ Dear Lynne, Rob, Nicholas and William, we are so very sorry for your loss. All of your Whiting Lane neighbors, especially those of us whose kids grew up with Andrew, are so heartbroken for you. We wish you peace at this terrible time.  
Dane and Kim Silcox

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**Kimberly Silcox** - June 11, 2017 at 04:10 PM

CC

“ Cameron C. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



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**Cameron C.** - June 11, 2017 at 01:54 PM

KS

“ Dear Lynne and Family, My heartfelt and sincere condolences for this unfathomable tragedy. May loving memories provide you comfort, courage, strength and peace, today and forever.

Regards,  
Kanwar

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**Kanwar Singh** - June 11, 2017 at 12:56 PM

NP

“ Dear Carpenter family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Andrew was such a special person, and we have so many sweet memories of him growing up with Eli, from elementary school at Whiting Lane, sports in High school, and their friendship beyond. We especially appreciated Andrew's love of the outdoors, interest in exploring the city, sharp wit, and quick smile. We enjoyed the many times spent around our dinner table, sharing stories, talking medicine and politics. Andrew will be greatly missed; he will always be with us in our memories. With much love, Nancy and Glenn Orkin

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**Nancy Paulhus-Orkin** - June 11, 2017 at 07:19 AM

VF

“ Lynne and Rob:

*We have always considered Zach truly blessed with his wide and wonderful circle of friends in West Hartford... and of course, Andrew has been there from the beginning. Since running wild through the yards of Whiting Lane and Forest Road ... right up until Fantasy Football ... they have all encouraged, enjoyed, inspired and loved one another through the years. My heart aches for their loss and know they will move forward in their lives, with Andrew forever in their hearts. Mike and I have been so impressed by Andrew's accomplishments, his determination in pursuing his goals... and this is what we will remember best about him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time, as you deal with the unimaginable.*

*Sincerely, Virginia & Mike Fisher*

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**Virginia & Mike Fisher** - June 10, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



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June 10, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



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June 10, 2017 at 08:17 AM

 Luis Miguel Valle

“ Dearest Lynne,  
*Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts, prayers and tears.*

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**Luis Miguel Valle** - June 09, 2017 at 10:57 PM

CQ

“ I worked with Andrew at Massachusetts General Hospital for a year. Spending every day with him we hit it off immediately. I am so deeply saddened by this loss as I considered him to be a lifelong friend. He spoke so highly of his friend Eli and his girlfriend Olga. He shared so many stories and life experiences with me, from new recipes and new restaurants to try out to Netflix shows to binge watch and vacations to go on. He made going to work to a tiny lab everyday something to look forward to. The memories and laughter we shared will never be forgotten. My condolences to his family, Eli, Olga and his friends.

Cassandra Quinones - June 09, 2017 at 09:46 PM

JC

“ Dear Rob and Lynne  
We are so saddened to hear of  
Andrew's passing..... our hearts are breaking for you and your family.  
Please know you are in our hearts and prayers during this most difficult time and  
always.  
With love, Janet and Jim

janet conaty - June 09, 2017 at 09:15 PM

OS

“ OptumInsight Domain SME's: Mark, Danita & Julie S.  
purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of  
Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



OptumInsight Domain SME's: Mark, Danita & Julie S. - June 09, 2017 at 04:58 PM

AB

“ Andrew was my advisee in the Masters in Biomedical Sciences Program at the Tufts School of Medicine, and I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him while he was here in Boston. He had a lot to contribute, and his maturity, devotion to his studies and steadfast determination to care for patients would no doubt have made him an outstanding physician. I and other faculty who knew him are extremely saddened to hear of his untimely passing. We are very sorry for your loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Andrew Bohm  
Associate Professor, Tufts University School of Medicine

Andrew Bohm - June 09, 2017 at 04:18 PM

DP

“ Cousin Lynne & Rob, Cousin Rosalie & Louie, We only just heard of Andrew today, Fri. 6/9/17. We Jessica Ruth & I are So, So, Very Sorry to hear of your Son & Grandson through the newspaper. This is So, Very Hard To Take In, Andrew is So Young, Extremely Intelligent, So Handsome (Always Those Beautiful Eyes), Caring of Mankind, & the Love of Animals. Please, know that my Daughter & I are So, Very Sorry, Our Prayers & Memories of Andrew as a Baby, (it's been a Long time since) are with Andrew & All of the Family.

Cousin, Dr. Jessica Ruth Summers

Cousin, Ms. Joanne M. Pietrocola

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**Dr. Jessica Summers & Joanne Pietrocola** - June 09, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



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June 09, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



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June 09, 2017 at 01:34 PM

SA

“ Lynne, please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss.

Satish

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**Satish** - June 09, 2017 at 12:34 PM

TF

“ Titti Bergqvist & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



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**Titti Bergqvist & Family** - June 09, 2017 at 11:06 AM

ER

“ Lynne and Howard - I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. Andrew sounds amazing. I know his memory and this loss will be with you forever.  
My deepest condolences  
Elisa Romm

Elisa romm - June 09, 2017 at 06:58 AM

RS

“ Lynn and Rob, We have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers and want to relay our deepest sympathy. We have great memories of Halloween costumes and of watching Andrew growing up with the girls through the years.  
Roxanne and Tom

Roxanne Stachelek - June 09, 2017 at 04:08 AM

AH

“ Howard and family, I am very saddened to hear of Andrew's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. From how Howard spoke of him I know he made you all very proud to have as a loved one. May God be with you.

-Andrew Huneycutt

Andrew Huneycutt - June 08, 2017 at 08:10 PM

PK

“ Andrew is one of the most polite, respectful, sharp and funny people I will have ever known. I will hold the image of us graduating high school together in my head forever. I'll always love Andrew for the awesome gentleman he was.

-Perry Knoll

Perry Knoll - June 08, 2017 at 06:57 PM

PK

Always and forever will my person and soul, want to be like Andrew... A true scholar, stud and gentleman.

Perry Knoll - June 08, 2017 at 09:04 PM

SL

“ Susan Lyons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.



Susan Lyons - June 08, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



June 08, 2017 at 12:03 PM

MK

“ *Andrew had worked in my laboratory for the past half year. He was quite engaged with our research into developing a novel treatment for high blood pressure. He was among the most enthusiastic students I have had over the past 30 years insisting on learning and interpreting our immunohistochemical results even during the school year. His passion for research and helping others was inspirational to those of us that were fortunate to know him. All of us who knew him in the lab and classroom send our deepest condolences to his family and friends. MMK*

**Mark M Knuepfer** - June 08, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



June 08, 2017 at 10:05 AM

SD

“ *Howard and Family! My thoughts and prayers are with your and your family. May God give you peace and comfort. God has gained a flower in his heavenly garden.*

**Shelia Dobson** - June 08, 2017 at 09:07 AM

GL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your hearts and souls find peace and comfort.*

*Gina LaRosa*



**Gina LaRosa** - June 08, 2017 at 08:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



June 07, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



June 07, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



June 07, 2017 at 05:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



June 07, 2017 at 05:08 PM

KH

“ *Kim Huff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew O'Keefe Carpenter.*



**Kim Huff** - June 07, 2017 at 04:02 PM

ES

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family during this very difficult time. What an amazing man he was. He will be missed by all that knew him.* ”

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**Erika Santiago** - June 07, 2017 at 03:05 PM