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Andrew “Andy” Wayne Lax, 69, died surrounded by his family at his home in Cornelius, North Carolina on September 1, 2024, following a brief battle with lung cancer. Andy was born at Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia on June 6, 1955, the eldest son of Edgar and Gladys (Ewing) Lax. He graduated from Orange High School (VA) in 1973, which is where he started playing tennis, a passion that continued throughout his life.

Andy graduated from The College of William & Mary in 1977 where he majored in History. He moved to Washington, DC in 1981 and worked at the original Circuit City. In 1985, he graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law and joined the law firm Golding Meekins Holden Cospers & Stiles in Charlotte, NC. Over the course of his nearly 40-year legal career, Andy was a partner in that firm, as well as Crews & Klein, McNair Law Firm, Forrest Firm, and was of-counsel with Michael Best. As a trial lawyer, he was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America and as a North Carolina Super Lawyer. He was a certified mediator and arbitrator and was looking forward to a practice focused on dispute resolution with Miles Mediation & Arbitration after retiring from his litigation practice in May.

Andy married Judith “Jude” Anne Starrett in Charlotte, NC on September 24, 1988. They moved to Cornelius in 1993 and raised two daughters, Jordan and Austen. Andy was an amazing father who adored and championed his daughters. Alongside his professional career, Andy explored his artistic talents as a musician, visual artist, and self-published author of the novel *Worthwhile* (1999). He loved music, beer, tennis, and pickleball, but his greatest joy came from his family and the many friendships he cherished and nurtured throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Michael “Mickey” Lax. He is survived by his wife, Jude Starrett of Cornelius, NC, daughters – Jordan Meyers Lax of Charlotte, NC, and Austen Michelle Lax (Sam Issermoyer) of Denver, CO – and sister, Susan O’Brien of Roanoke, VA.



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A Celebration of Life will be held at October 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Davidson UMC with a reception to follow.

Online condolences may be left at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com or on Andy's CaringBridge page. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation, American Cancer Society, or to the charity of your choice.

The family extends their gratitude to the doctors and staff on the Oncology Team at Charlotte's Atrium Health Hospital in Charlotte and Atrium Health's palliative care team at the David L. Conlan Rehabilitation Center for their excellent care.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.



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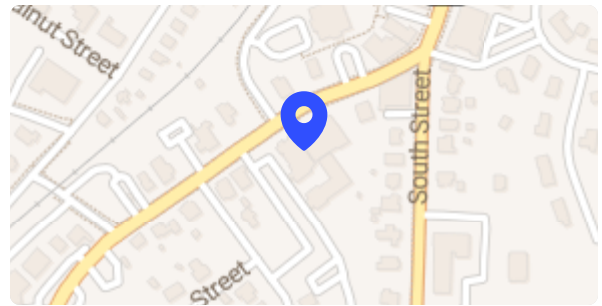
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Celebration of Life Service

 **Friday**, October 4, 2024

 1:00 PM ET

 **Davidson United Methodist Church**
233 S. Main Street, Davidson NC 28036





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Martha Odom posted:

What a wonderful guy, wonderful professional, wonderful family. Tommy and I just found out about this today. So sad and disappointed to miss the service. Love to all.

October 4 at 4:34 PM



Genon Murray & Angie Ridings sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Lax family.



September 7 at 10:15 AM



Parag posted:

Andy was not only a skilled and respected neutral in our Charlotte office, but also a kind and compassionate individual who brought warmth and dedication to every case he handled. He will be deeply missed by all of us here at Miles.-Parag Shah Miles Mediation & Arbitration

September 5 at 1:32 PM



Tom Ainsworth posted:

I knew Andy for almost 40 years, initially when he and I would try injury cases against each other when he was a defense lawyer at Golding Meekins way back in the day. He was ALWAYS courteous and professional in litigation, and a great trial lawyer. Although we were not close friends, he would respond to something I would post on Facebook with humor and insight. I was so saddened to hear of his passing and my deepest sympathy to Jude and his whole family. Truly a professional and gentleman at all times, with a wonderful sense of humor. Tom Ainsworth

September 5 at 9:19 AM



Courtney Speicher posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Lax family. We were saddened to hear the loss of Andy on Sunday. We always enjoyed seeing him and catching up at PAC and even though my training with him was short lived, I enjoyed getting to know Andy much more and hear him speak so highly of his family. He was such a sweet man and loved his tennis! Courtney & Jeremy Speicher

September 5 at 6:52 AM



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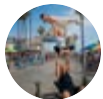
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MD

Margaret Dorn posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Andy's passing. I grew up in Orange, Va. And lived not far from him. He and my sister were good friends, and I got to know Andy through her. I always thought he was so humble. I will be praying for y'all! Blessings, Margaret Dorn 🙏

September 5 at 4:48 AM



David Han posted:

Deepest condolences to the Lax family. Andy was such a great guy, I have many fond memories of playing tennis with Andy, then shooting the breeze with him over a few cold beers. One of my favorite memories is going to the USTA singles league state championships with Andy where he defeated players almost half his age, which he would deservedly wear as a badge of honor. We actually reminisced about that experience the last time I saw him earlier this year. Rest in peace Andy.

September 4 at 2:25 PM

GE

Gynn Eller September 4 at 3:13 PM

I owned the gym where Andy and a bunch of us guys played for years every Monday and Thursday nights!! What a great guy and teammate!! And we know he loved his family!!! I'm sure he will be missed!! Always very even tempered!! Great guy!

KC

Kevin Carwile posted:

Andy was not only a great guy but multi-talented. Lawyer, musician, author, tennis player, etc. The good ones often go too early. My deepest sympathy to Jude and the rest of Andy's family. He will be missed. - Kevin Carwile

September 4 at 7:23 AM

JG

Jennifer Grippa posted:

I'm shocked and saddened to hear this. I had the pleasure of working with Andy at Miles. He was an outstanding lawyer and mediator and will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences go out to the Lax family.

September 3 at 5:40 PM



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Dan Pliszka posted:

There are no words...if we could give your family more time with Andy, we'd gladly give up some of the good times we've had in our lives (and there have been many). We're so sorry for your loss and we send love and hugs to all who knew and loved Andy. Dan and Molly Pliszka

September 3 at 2:22 PM



Mayor Woody And Sharon Washam posted:

We are so sorry for Andy's passing. He served our neighborhood and town well. Our sympathy goes out to Jude and family. Andy will certainly be missed...Woody and Sharon Washam

September 3 at 10:00 AM



Lewis Leonard October 3 at 3:02 PM

We are so sorry to hear about Andy's passing. We played tennis for many years at PAC. We send our prayers for the family and friends. He will surely be missed. Lewis and Brenda Leonard



Memories only last if you share them

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



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