



Andrew (Andy) Shor

December 7, 1953 - October 17, 2018

Andrew (Andy) Benjamin Shor of Oak Ridge died October 17, 2018 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 64.

Andy was born December 7, 1953 to Arthur and Roberta Shor in Chicago, Ill. and moved to Oak Ridge when he was four years old. He attended Cedar Hill Elementary School, Jefferson Junior High and Oak Ridge High School.

Andy was a person of many unique talents. He became a licensed amateur radio operator at age 8 and was the amateur chess champion of the state of Tennessee at age 15. Andy was a National Merit Finalist and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and computer science.

As an adult, Andy operated his own business, repairing and selling computers and other scientific and electronic equipment. Andy loved to hike, walk with his dogs, play chess and discuss politics. He was a passionate member of the Oak Ridge Chess Club and a member of the Rationalists of East Tennessee since the inception of that group.

Andy is survived by his brother, Joel Thomas Shor, his sister in law, Susan Grodinsky Shor, his nephew, Alexander David Shor, his niece, Emily Roberta Shor and his cousins, Becky Wagner, Les Wagner and Ginger Jones. His special friends included Melissa Allen and Craig Kirslis. A memorial for Andy will be planned for a later date.

Comments



“ Dear Shor family,
I wish you comfort in this time of loss of Andy. I enjoyed getting to know him and appreciate the friendship he shared with my sister, Melissa. I loved seeing a photo of him with Arthur and Max. He was very good to them!

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robert poling - October 22, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Shor family. Andy was a very smart person and I always enjoyed seeing him at the chess club each Monday evening. He was also my neighbor and would see him around from time to time. He will be very much missed by all who knew him.

Scott Julius

Scott Julius - October 19, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ Andy was a lifelong member of our chess club in Oak Ridge. Anyone who attended our club recognized his strength not only at chess; he had an incredible command of science and technology; an interest in history, politics, economics, current events. He was one of those people who could discuss anything with a fresh, interesting, viewpoint. Our club will sadly miss these discussions and I am sure we will be recalling and discussing these past remembrances for years to come.

Andy was a 5-minute speed chess specialist and In the early 1980's The Tennessee Open Chess tournament was held at the Hoilday Inn (now Outback Restaurant) in Oak Ridge. Andy did not play in the open tournament with long time controls but he entered the half day long speed tournament. He won convincingly, defeating a future IM (international master) in the final round. I still remember the howl from the IM when he blundered or misplayed in that final round against Andy.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Shor Family.

Robert Poling

Robert S Poling - October 19, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ Thank you for the memories, much appreciated

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