



Andre Rigaud

January 31, 1935 - February 18, 2022

Dr. Andre Rigaud was born in Cap-Haïtien, Haiti on January 31, 1935 and after suffering a severe stroke on February 14, 2022, passed away surrounded by friends and family at Delnor Hospital on February 18, 2022. Dr. Rigaud is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dr. Marie-Claude Rigaud, 5 children - Carl-Andre (Bobby) Rigaud of Naperville, Illinois, Jean-Philippe (Maria) Rigaud of Steubenville, Ohio, Cassandre (Donald) Anderson of Rockford, Illinois, Joseph (Kari) Rigaud of DeKalb, Illinois, and Claudine (Marcel) Rigaud Dulaney of Phoenix, Arizona. He leaves behind 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, his brother Claude (Denise) Rigaud, sisters Marie-Maude Rigaud and Rose Cornelius. And finally, he leaves behind a large community with relatives, friends and colleagues who are saddened by his loss. Andre was preceded in death by his son, Ralph Rigaud, and his brothers Gerald Rigaud and Lyonell Rigaud.

Andre's family started in Haiti, where he met and courted Marie-Claude Saint Jean. They married on September 30, 1961 and remained inseparable until 60 years later, with Marie-Claude staying at Andre's bedside until his body gave its last breath.

Dr. Rigaud attended medical school in Haiti to become a pathologist. He greatly enjoyed his career and his colleagues in Haiti, in Baltimore, Maryland, and in Aurora, Illinois. His involvement in the medical profession extended to his work with AMHE (Association Médicale Haïtienne à l'Étranger) where he served terms as President of the Baltimore and Chicago chapters and as the

AMHE Treasurer. He also volunteered his time and donated medical equipment on trips to Haiti to help where he could.

Andre and Marie-Claude's family expanded to 6 children by 1978, when they moved to Aurora, Illinois. Andre was always involved in his children's activities; attending so many of their plays, dances, concerts, games, meets, and outings. He was often found cheerleading on the sidelines of Marmion and Rosary sporting events and was even gifted a golden megaphone so the crowd could better hear his "Let's Go Defense" chant. He served as the de facto team doctor and bandaged up quite a few Cadets and Royals.

Andre's gentle and loving spirit was only outmatched by his sense of humor and joy of life. In varying degrees and in various ways, he passed these along to his children and their children and their children - a beautiful tapestry of people brought close by his example and his life, and now even closer by his passing.

Although we grieve for our husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, we grieve with the hope of seeing him again and for eternity in heaven.

Please join us in celebrating his life at a Visitation to be held from 3:00 - 7:00 pm on Friday, February 25, 2022 at Daleiden Mortuary, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL and at a Funeral Mass, to be celebrated at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at Marmion Abbey, 850 Butterfield Rd., Aurora, IL. The funeral Mass will be streamed on Facebook live: <https://facebook.com/events/s/funeral-of-dr-andre-rigaud/1167854007081436/>

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rebâti Santé Mentale (<https://rebatisantementale.org/about/>), AMHE (amhe.org), and/or

The Haitian Project/The Louverture Cleary Schools Network (<https://haitianproject.org>).

Arrangements were handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500 or visit our website at www.daleidenmortuary.com.

Hotel Information:

Comfort Inn & Suites Geneva - West Chicago

1555 E Fabyan Pkwy
Geneva, IL (630) 208-8811

ALSO:

My Place Hotel
1000 Kilberry Ln
N. Aurora IL 60542
630-256-8485

Please ask for "Rigaud Memorial" for the block rate.

Previous Events

Wake Service

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Marmion Abbey Cemetery
850 Butterfield Rd.
Aurora, IL 60502

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Andre Rigaud



Daleiden Mortuary - February 21, 2022 at 05:30 PM

KL

May you rest in peace! We are going to miss your beautiful smile dear cousin. With our deepest sympathy, Ketty and Patrick

Ketty Ledan - February 21, 2022 at 07:09 PM

BE

My sympathy and prayers are with the Rigaud family.
Beverly Erickson

Beverly Erickson - February 22, 2022 at 04:49 PM

AH

The joy Dr. Andre Rigaud brought in to our lives will never be forgotten. His spirit and smile will live on through family and friends. Wishing you strength and comfort through this difficult time.
Alexandra, Earnest and Marshall Hoover

Alexandra Hoover - February 23, 2022 at 08:22 AM

FC

Andre was my friend- one of my best friends. He and I shared many passions - love of our families, mentoring boy scouts on camping trips in the North woods, cheering the boys on at football games. He was a true role model for all. He never had an unkind word. His smile and laughter were as grand as his generosity. He would give you the shirt off of his back if you needed it.

I loved Andre and will sorely miss him as will so many others.

To you, Marie, you have our most heartfelt condolences. To the rest of his family, you have the same. May he rest in peace.

Fred Conforti and Leona Conforti

fred Conforti - February 23, 2022 at 05:32 PM

RM

My deepest condolences to the Rigaud's family. May Andre gets the celestial rest he deserves. Raymond Bernardin.

Raymond Bernardin MD - February 24, 2022 at 09:32 PM

AV

My sincerest condolences to Marie-Claude and the Rigaud family. Rest in peace André.

André Vulcain, MD February 27th, 2022

andre vulcain - February 26, 2022 at 10:19 AM

EP

My deepest condolences to Marie Claude and the family. Andre was a faithful member of AMHE and his life of service and dedication to his community will always be remembered. May he rest in Peace. He fought the good fight!

Affections

Elizabeth Philippe, MD

Elizabeth Philippe - February 26, 2022 at 10:25 AM

AM

I regret the passing of Dr. A. Rigaud, a remarkable compatriot whose smile and demeanor were contagious among those who had the privilege to have known him. My deepest condolences to his spouse, his family and friends for whom a star is born in heaven.
Aliette Marcelin

Aliette Marcelin - March 04, 2022 at 11:22 AM

AV

“ *Andre and Elizabeth Vulcain purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



Andre and Elizabeth Vulcain - February 26, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*

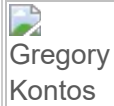


February 26, 2022 at 12:25 AM

RS

“ *It was an honor and a privilege to know and work with Dr. Rigaud at Copley Memorial Hospital for many years. Such a brilliant physician and true gentleman, who's personal interest in and kindness to both those around him and those afar will be incredibly missed. Well done, good and faithful servant! Thank you for your friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Marie-Claude, and your family.*
Rev. Dan Sullivan

Rev. Dan Sullivan - February 25, 2022 at 07:07 PM



Gregory Kontos

“ Our sympathy, love and prayers go out to Dr. Andre's entire family. May his memory be ever eternal.

-Gregory, Anna-Marie, Gregory Paul and Marianna Kontos

Gregory Kontos - February 25, 2022 at 03:47 PM

MR

“ André was our cousin but to me he was not just my cousin. I considered him like an older brother: since Papa Eddy and Manman Nelly had five daughters and no son. I the oldest daughter felt closer to my cousin André. I did consider him as an older brother living close to each other at la Ruelle Riviere. I thank God for this brother who was so affectionate to his cousins.

Marie José Rigaud Richard

Marie Jose Richard - February 25, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ Dave & Becky Brink purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Andre Rigaud.



Dave & Becky Brink - February 25, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.



February 25, 2022 at 10:03 AM

TH

“ *Marie-Claude and your children:
You have our sincerest condolences in your sudden loss of such a truly wonderful husband, father and grandfather. And Andre was a superb pathologist, too. It is so appropriate that the photo shows him with a smile on his face. We never saw him with any other countenance. We deeply regret that we are unable to join you at his funeral celebration as we are out of the country but we want you to know that in our minds Andre was truly a prince. He has been a model for all of us and we are all fortunate indeed for having shared the journey with him. God Bless you all.*
Tom and Trudy Huberty

Tom Huberty - February 25, 2022 at 06:59 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 24, 2022 at 11:43 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 24, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 24, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about André's passing. Sincere condolences to you Marie-Claude and your family. André was responsible for launching me into my career in pathology and blood banking by introducing me to Dr. Farrales, Medical Director of Heartland Blood Centers (now Versiti Illinois) in Aurora in 1985. I worked there for 30 years until I retired! André was one of the most modest, generous, caring and kind man I have ever known. He will be missed by all.*
Dominique Bazile M.D.

Dominique Bazile - February 23, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 23, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ *Claude Charles et famille purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



Claude Charles et famille - February 23, 2022 at 09:03 PM

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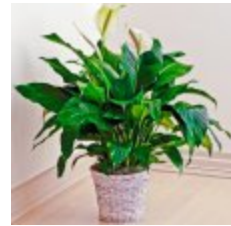
“ *The Silva, The Joyner, & The Martin Fam purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



The Silva, The Joyner, & The Martin Fam - February 23, 2022 at 06:14 PM

TC

“ *The Holy Family School Community purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



The Holy Family School Community - February 23, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 23, 2022 at 01:53 PM

NA

“ Our hearts are joined with you all as you mourn your loss. We loved Pop! we loved that he didn't mind that we adopted him as Pop. we loved his calm demeanor and pace of life. His rich smile and loving heart. Thanks Pop for enriching our lives with your joy. Pray for us, we will pray for you!

*we love you all and know we join you through our many daily prayers for you all. Give mom a big huge hug from us.
love jay and Nancy<><*

nancy - February 23, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.



February 23, 2022 at 12:24 PM

MB

“ Sending heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the Rigaud family. With much love, Marie Brix, Alice Dutka, Sue Main and Cherise Dutka

Marie Brix - February 22, 2022 at 03:25 PM

CM

“ Christine M. purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Andre Rigaud.



Christine M. - February 22, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 22, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Andre Rigaud.*



February 22, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ *My love thoughts and prayers are with the whole Rigaud family. Papi's spirit and love of life will truly be missed.*

Kim Jaroszewski - February 21, 2022 at 10:25 PM

JS

“ J'ai connu André quand il était étudiant à la faculté de médecine en Haïti. Lors j'étais encore en classe au Lycée Anténor Firmin et habitait à Bourdon. Les Rigauds habitaient pas trop loin au coin de la ruelle Rivière , cette grande maison de style colonial près du market Sputnik et du bazar Excelsior. Les garçons Rigauds étaient plus âgés, seul Lionel était de notre âge et nous fréquentait, nous les jeunes du quartier. Je voyais André le soir revenant de ses cours à la faculté, toujours avec son allure fière mais sereine, sa blouse blanche sur un bras et son tome d'Anatomie sous l'autre remontant calmement la route vers son domaine. Mon admiration à l'époque pour ce jeune homme n'avait pas de limite et je pensais que je voudrais comme lui un jour cadencer ma marche avec ma blouse sur le bras.

Par la suite je l'ai revu aux annuelles Conventions de l'AMHE quand j'ai pu assister à ces Conventions. L'homme n'avait pas changé: Toujours calme, très assuré, attentif aux autres et surtout à son épouse. Quel admirable exemple!

Que son âme repose en Paix!

Dr. Jacques S. St. Julien

Jacques St.Julien - February 21, 2022 at 06:10 PM

JD

“ I worked with Dr. Rigaud professionally for over 25 years at Rush Copley Medical Center. As a staff pathologist, Andre was deeply respected by the medical staff and by Rush Copley administration. He was a mentor and friend to me throughout my professional development. Prior to our professional relationship - I remember being a Marmion student and watching/hearing Andre cheer on our teams with his golden megaphone. What a great man. My deepest condolences to Marie-Claude and his children - many of them I remember from high school.

*John Diederich
President & CEO
Rush Copley Medical Center*

John Diederich - February 21, 2022 at 05:37 PM



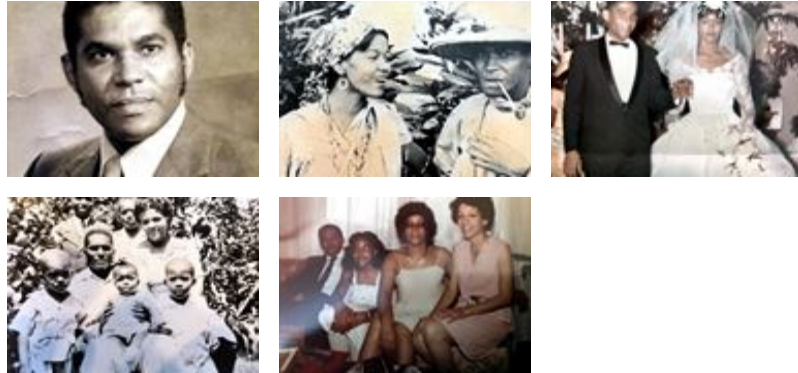
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February 21, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - February 21, 2022 at 04:36 PM

CD

I will always remember André as a nice, soft, gentle soul who devoted his life to his wife and kids. Dear André, may you find eternal peace and rejoice in the company of your “departed” loved ones. You certainly will be missed by many 🕊️🙏💔

Carole Depestre - February 21, 2022 at 05:24 PM