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# Guestbook for PFC Andrew H. Nelson



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**23.) 9/12/2008** Posted by June Miller (Standish, MI)

Dear Andrews Family;

Thank you for sharing Andrew's story. He will be forever in our hearts. He gave his all that we may live in freedom and feel safe; may he and all of our Heroes rest in peace with the Lord. Thank you for raising such a great Hero and son. We will pray for you and hope in time you will find solace in the memories you all shared together. Bless you all.

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**22.) 9/8/2008** Posted by David Dietz (Richland, MI/Formerly of St. Johns, MI) [davedietz22@yahoo.com](mailto:davedietz22@yahoo.com)

Alan... I feel like I have to say something, but my words feel cheap & insignificant. Regardless of the tears in my eyes right now, my paltry emotions certainly pale when compared to yours. I can't imagine enduring such a devastating loss. I am so sorry. May God continue to give you strength.

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**21.) 7/31/2008** Posted by Eze Adanne (Beverlyhills, CA) [eze@aol.com](mailto:eze@aol.com)

A very nice site... Keep it up.

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**20.) 7/11/2008** Posted by Sheila (Freeport, PA)

Dearest Andrew,

You were blessed to have such a wonderful family to love you and guide you into being the very special person that you became. Your dedication and sacrifice as a Soldier humbles me. Your commitment to Christ and love of your Country and fellow man puts me in awe; may you forever be held in the loving arms of our Savior. You are a true Hero. Continue on in God's Army, precious one. May all the blessed memories of you comfort and bring joy to your family and friends.

Sheila

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**19.) 5/30/2008** Posted by Alan Nelson (Andrews Dad, St. Johns, MI) [anelson@sunfirewireless.com](mailto:anelson@sunfirewireless.com)

Andrew, it has been 17 months now since you went to be with our Lord. In everything I have done in the past 17 months, I have tried to make sure that I am bringing Honor to your memory. Today is the real Memorial Day, but for us, everyday for the rest of our lives, will be Memorial Day. We will never forget you, and we will do everything in our power to see that America never forgets you and all the others that so willingly made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. My new mission in life is to educate people on "The True Cost of Freedom". I will speak out whenever I get the chance to remind people that there is a cost to freedom, and just because you have always known your lifestyle to be "free" doesn't mean it will always be that way. We can no longer take freedom for granted. Thank God that we have people like you Andrew, and all the other Military Men and Women that understand what is at stake. Our own way of life could be changed in an instant if we don't stand strong against these terrorist thugs. I know through our many conversations, that you believed that, and I will continue your fight in your absence, by helping people to understand the respect that we owe to all of our Military Men and Women that provide us the freedoms that we have, as my way of finishing what you started. I love you Andrew, and I really miss you a lot! And, I can't wait to be reunited with you someday. In the mean time, enjoy your fishing trips in Heaven with Grandpa!

Love Dad

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**18.) 5/30/2008** Posted by Cara Schultz & Family (St. Johns, MI) [carasshultz@comcast.net](mailto:carasshultz@comcast.net)

I will hug my children tighter tonight and every night because of your story. It was an honor to meet you tonight, thank you for sharing this website with me. I pray that you feel peace. Thank you for giving our world such a gift. I am glad that your son lived his dream, I am grateful that he did so to protect my babies. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**17.) 5/9/2008** Posted by Chuck and Norma Kueppers (DeWitt, MI) [normal114@4wbi.net](mailto:normal114@4wbi.net)

We feel so many emotions when we look at what a wonderful son you had. He helped give us all a little more freedom. God Bless our Heros and God Bless the Families that have given so much, so freely.

With all our love,  
Kueppers family

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**16.) 5/8/2008** Posted by Rebecca Wohlfert (Hinesville, GA)

You all will stay in me and Tim's prayers. Best of luck with the upcoming scholarships and fundraisers.

Take Care.

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**15.) 5/6/2008** Posted by A Fellow LightFighter (Norway – Land of Ice & Snow) [www.lightfighter.net](http://www.lightfighter.net)

I came upon this from lightfighter.net. Nelson – Rest in Peace – We will carry on!

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**14.) 5/6/2008 Posted by Normajean Ploof (Amite, Louisiana) [nploof67@yahoo.com](mailto:nploof67@yahoo.com)**

Only Heaven's Rewards can truly re-pay the debt we owe to these heroes. Only eternity can reveal all their selfless sacrifices and only then will we truly know the importance of their missions for our freedoms.

My son, Matthew Kolb leaves for BCT just a few days before his 19th birthday in just 8 days. Unlike Andrew, I never dreamed in a million years that my only child would come home to tell us that he enlisted in the Army (MOS 15T), "for it just felt like the right thing to do", he said. Upon graduating a Christian Private School he received a full scholarship of his choice between two universities. After attending one semester he said this just wasn't for him. He was lost in trying to find his place for the next semester until he found himself in the Army Recruiter's Office. As difficult as it has been, I have been supportive of his decision.

I ask that you add Matthew to your list of soldiers to pray for as we lift them ALL up to the Lord.

Thank you for sharing Andrew's story.  
God Bless you!

Norma Jean Ploof

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**13.) 5/3/2008 Posted by Diana Forester ( Tecumseh, MI) [proudmomdiana@hotmail.com](mailto:proudmomdiana@hotmail.com)**

Hi Tami and Alan and family,

Thank you for telling me about Andrew's memorial website. I read it with tears streaming down my face. I am so sorry for the loss of your soldier son - America's hero. My son served with your son in Iraq and hopefully at some time we can meet in person and talk. Thank you for your son's service. He is truly a hero.

Diana Forester

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**12.) 4/24/2008 Posted by Rod VanOrsdol (Lakewood Ranch, FL)**

Alan and family; I am very sorry to hear of your loss. You should remain proud of the ideals and philosophies that Andrew and the rest of our armed forces protect. All one has to do is read the newspaper to see what our lives might be like without that protection. God bless.

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**11.) 4/22/2008 Posted by Laurenza Pittman Riojas ( ) [laurenza@hotmail.com](mailto:laurenza@hotmail.com)**

God Bless All of You! What a wonderful Memorial to your son.

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**10.) 4/21/2008 Posted by Ron Springer (Michigan)**

Alan Nelson & Family

This is long overdue. My wife and I attended the memorial dedication as you know. As you also know our military personnel and families are very important to me. When someone loses a loved one, especially a "first son" (as I am one), it takes on a new meaning. Words cannot express my feelings. Andrew's photo is on my computer base at work and other Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen's photos are at home. I look at them every day. They are our best and America can never repay you for your loss. You and Andrew are always in my

thoughts and I will rejoice when you see him again.

Sincerely,

Ron Springer

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**9.) 4/10/2008 Posted by Kim Straker (Australia) [hildene@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hildene@optusnet.com.au)**

Dear Tami – Thanks for your kind message to me earlier today. That you took time to write to a complete stranger tells me a great deal about your care and compassion for others, something you clearly passed on to Andrew. I will stop by this beautifully presented site often and read more, but for now, my most sincere good wishes to you and your family for sunnier days.

Andrew, you were surrounded by love during your life, and it surrounds you still. Rest well.

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**8.) 3/29/2008 Posted by Ron Honda ( )**

God Bless The USA and all who serve, and keep us safe. Thank you for sharing Andrew with us.

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**7.) 4/3/2008 Posted by Roland Bowler (Lansing, MI) [rolandbowler4@yahoo.com](mailto:rolandbowler4@yahoo.com)**

Dear Andrew: Thank you for your bravery and your sacrifice to my freedom. You are a true American Hero, and I will never forget that.

Dear Nelsons: Each one of you too, you have sacrificed for my freedom the debt we all owe you is a great one. Thank you for opening your arms to Ruth and I and making us feel at home with you up in St. Johns.

Psalm 5:11-12 --- I read it and thought of all of you:

11 But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them; that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

12 For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

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**6.) 3/31/2008 Posted by Alan Nelson (Andrews Dad, St. Johns, MI) [anelson@sunfirewireless.com](mailto:anelson@sunfirewireless.com)**

**Happy Birthday Andrew!** I love you and I miss you so much. I wish you were here to celebrate your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday! I'd even buy you a cold beer, even though I don't drink. I'm sure the birthday parties in Heaven are a glorious event! I know you are happy where you are and that you are watching over us. I love you Son and I can't wait to be with you again!

Love Dad

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**5.) 3/31/2008 Posted by Tami Nelson (Andrews Mom, St. Johns, MI) [tami517@hotmail.com](mailto:tami517@hotmail.com)**

Happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday Andrew! I miss you so much everyday. Some of my greatest birthday memories are...

The day you were born, I had to have an emergency C-section and you could have died then with the umbilical cord wrapped around your neck so many times, but God had plans for you to be an American Soldier and to be a Hero! Dad and I were so happy when you finally got here!

On your 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday it was the first time you ever had the flu. Yuck, it wasn't much fun for you.

On your 5<sup>th</sup> birthday all you wanted was a Police uniform, so Grandma Moore made you one, and you wore it to your birthday party at McDonalds.

On your 7<sup>th</sup> birthday you got another baby sister two days before your birthday. You were very happy and even picked out her name, Stephanie!

Birthdays 8 – 12 there were many of them at Chuck E. Cheeses and the Ranch Roller Rink.

On your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday we had a PT Cruiser Limo pick you and some friends up at school. You were very surprised! Then you and your friends drove around for awhile and then ended up at Hooters in Lansing. Of course Dad and Tom Stinnett were there to chaperone.

On your 17<sup>th</sup> birthday all you wanted was Oakley sunglasses. You loved those glasses!

On your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday we had Wes, and Kristi and her family over for cake and gifts. Then after that you kids left for Myrtle Beach for Spring break. Good times!!!

We have had many good memories with you and family and friends, and we all love you and miss you very much. Have a good birthday in Heaven!

Love Mom

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**4.) 3/25/2008 Posted by Tami Nelson (Andrews Mom, St. Johns, MI) [tami517@hotmail.com](mailto:tami517@hotmail.com)**

Andrew it has been 15 months since you left us, and it is still hard to believe that you are not coming back. I wish you could, but I know you're with Jesus now and you're happy, and that helps us get by everyday. I miss you and love you so much. Love Mom

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**3.) 3/23/2008 Posted by Tami Nelson (Andrews Mom, St. Johns, MI) [tami517@hotmail.com](mailto:tami517@hotmail.com)**

Happy Easter Andrew! I know you're having a celebration in Heaven. I love you and miss you. Love Mom

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**2.) 3/21/2008 Posted by Jessica Nelson (Andrews Sister, St. Johns, MI)**

Hey Andrew! Happy Easter! We all miss you so much and we wish you could be here with us. Your 21st birthday is coming up and that's fricken sweet, but I'm pretty sure you got all your drinking in over in Germany! LOL! I'm having a baby girl, so you're going to have a little niece named Bailey Marie. I'm going to teach her to be brave and strong like you. You would really like Mike (the daddy) he's awesome and treats me good. I love you and miss you so much everyday. Love Jessica

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**1.) 3/19/2008** Posted by **Alan Nelson (Andrews Dad, St. Johns, MI)** [anelson@sunfirewireless.com](mailto:anelson@sunfirewireless.com)

I have created this guestbook not just for friends and family, but for anyone who would like to leave a comment to Andrew, or any member of his family or friends. We thank you all in advance for your kind words of love and support, and just ask that everyone continues to pray for the safe return of all our men and women who are in harms way. God Bless You All!!!

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