

t's been almost two months since we said goodbye to Andy Klee, and I think I'm still kind of numb. I guess I just can't believe he's gone.

I had the honor of attending his Celebration of Life service in his home in Albuquerque, NM shortly after his passing. His wife, Elise, did a wonderful job in selecting the friends and family that spoke at the service, because she knew exactly what she wanted to portray about Andy's life. Elise is a truly beautiful person, both inside and out.



Andy at 8 years old.

His brother told us of the struggles Andy faced from birth, and shared a lot of laughs on how Andy made the best of things. Apparently, the hearing aids that he had since he was 3 years old came with a transmitter kind of device about the size of a small transistor radio (for those of you who might remember such a thing!) Instead of hiding it under his shirt when he went to school, he hung it around his neck outside of his shirt and told the kids he was listening to a football game! And it didn't take his mother long to figure out he simply turned it off when he didn't want to listen to her anymore.

Yes, that was our friend, Andy! He struggled all his life and made the absolute best of it. No wait, he did more than that, he excelled at just about everything he tried. And if anything got in his way, either personally or professionally, he met it head on like a bull.

Andy loved music and flowers and his favorite color was blue. He loved good food, he loved to laugh and to joke, and he loved life. And he did get to see his Kansas City Chiefs win the super bowl for a third time!

Andy was so proud of his company, JDEtips, and in particular the publication he created called the Knowledge Express. As a tribute to Andy, and to put a smile on your face, we have enclosed the first ever

copy of Knowledge Express (The Journal). Please read on, enjoy, and think of Andy, friend and mentor to so many of us in JDE-land!

Cheers!

Penny Allen, President and CEO



Andy with his JDEtips team!



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