

HERO ON A MISSION

EULOGY EXERCISE



Andy McCartney was a loving husband, family man, business leader and coach who sought to provide a positive example to all he encountered in his 92 years. Having played a variety of sports all his life, Andy developed coaching desires early and his outlook on activities was often related to Team sports. Whether it was the family, the business, or a charity group, Andy used the word “We” and engaged with “Teams” in almost every activity.

His favorite “Team” was the home Team – his family. For decades, he started each day with an email to his family members to help organize, encourage and entertain them. Always with photos, to encourage the reader to at least scroll to the bottom, his relentless effort to keep the family connected was also a collection of memories day in and day out.

Bowden was another “Team” that was high on Andy’s list. His coaching and leadership created an enduring organization with the intent to grow generations of Manufacturing Professionals and Engineers. With a training program as close to a school as a business might become, Bowden served an ever-growing contingent of eager college students and graduates. Their youthful enthusiasm helped keep Andy young. They learned the Business of Manufacturing and got a healthy dose of how to live productive lives as a bonus.

While many coaches and Teams can get caught up in winning and the scoreboard, that wasn’t true for Andy. He embodied the belief that how you play the game is more important than the external outcome. Through his foundation of faith, Andy knew he was already victorious in this life, and he knew that his daily example was the best way to demonstrate that doing the right thing was important, regardless of who was watching. He lived Colossians 3:23, doing whatever he did “heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”

One of Andy’s favorite accomplishments in his life was truly a Team effort that started on his 50th birthday. After receiving the book, America’s Best Day Hikes, he began a quest to complete all 50 hikes before turning 60. Each year, plans would fall into place and more hikes would get checked off the list. The variety and beauty of the landscapes made the time hiking together a pleasure and the sense of adventure that accompanied each trip provided new opportunities for the family to be together.

Andy will be remembered as a beloved Coach and Leader among the variety of his “Teams”. He set a positive example for all to follow, living life with enthusiasm, faith and thoughtfulness. We know he will enter the gates of heaven to hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”