



Andrew Wesley Hull

February 22, 1947 - January 13, 2024

Andrew 'Andy' Wesley Hull, 76, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on January 13, 2024, after a short illness.

Andy was born on February 22, 1947, to Harry and Virginia [Burns] Hull in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received a Bachelor of Arts (with honors) degree in Political Science from Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan, in 1968 and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky's William Andrew Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1973.

He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1972, conducting counterintelligence assessments supporting the U.S. Army's Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence. After his Army service, he worked at Battelle Memorial Laboratories from 1973 to 1980, examining the former Soviet Union's military-industrial complex. In 1981, Andy joined the BETAC corporation, where he examined a number of strategic warfighting capabilities of the former Soviet Union until 1984.

He spent the majority of his professional career at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) in Alexandria, Virginia, where he provided 37 years of dedicated service to the Nation. He was an internationally recognized expert on military technology available on the world's arms markets and traveled extensively, covering defense exhibitions in over 30 countries. He provided the

results of his research to senior leadership in the Department of Defense, and his work contributed significantly to the Nation's security. He served as a valuable mentor to others, selflessly offering his time and experience so that they may grow as people and professionals.

Andy was also a published author of numerous magazine articles and books, including one of the first English language histories on "Soviet/Russian Armor and Artillery Design Practices: 1945 to Present," which he co-authored with Steven Zaloga and David Markov in 1999.

In 2021, he retired and spent his time following the University of Kentucky's basketball and football programs, collecting watches, colonial furniture, cufflinks, and fashionable ties, and going to Walt Disney World in Florida.

Andy was predeceased by his parents, Harry and Virginia Hull. He was survived by his cousins Caroline [McMeekin] Daggitt of Bethesda, Maryland, and John McMeekin of Northville, Michigan. Andy had many lifelong friends who were his extended family and who were a great joy to him throughout his life: Robert 'Bob' and Rosalind Bovey, David Markov, Jason Dechant, Theresa 'Tiki' Mitchell, and James 'Jim' Fleury, all from Virginia and his long-time friend and fellow soldier Peter Mather from Arizona.

A memorial service will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel in Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, February 12, 2024, 11AM. After the service, interment will occur at 1:30PM at the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico, located at 18424 Joplin Road in Triangle, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Andy assisting currently serving servicemembers and wounded veterans through the United Service Organization (USO) [<https://secure.uso.org/>] and Wounded Warrior Project [<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/>], both organizations Andy supported throughout his life.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Graveside Service

FEB 12. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew Wesley Hull*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 31, 2024 at 01:16 PM

SH

“ *Memories long ago....
Climbing over a Soviet/Russian Tank and Armament at Fort Knox, KY. Just to see the tooling....
His briefings for the Nixon China Trip 🇨🇳 & debriefs after the return.
[Also Jack Anderson quoted another analysis he did]
Chairman Mao Zedong's Little Red Book on the bookshelf
[smuggled out of China]*

The Naval Institute Proceedings Awards, various years, meeting attaché across the World. [Have read some of his papers now on the web over years. His father was an "Ad Man" who could write well. Andy took the writing to a level Harry would have been proud of with analysis for good measure]

The IFGA Black Guppy Championships over the years. He understood generics but the blacks were a very hard line to work with. They were just gorgeous color....

SB Hull - February 07, 2024 at 10:53 PM

CD

“ Andy was family - my brother's and my only first cousin. I knew Andy as a son, a nephew, a cousin, a beloved presence at our holiday table for many years. A significant age difference naturally resulted in us drifting apart after our parents passed on, but I am comforted by the fact that we had recently reconnected and were enjoying bi-monthly lunch dates. I found that Andy was just as full of humor, opinions, stories - and life! - as I'd remembered him, and I was stunned to hear of his sudden passing. I will miss you, Andy ... RIP. ❤️🇺🇸

Caroline Daggitt - February 01, 2024 at 08:57 AM

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“ Andy was not just a friend but also a mentor to me. I met him at IDA and since then we have been connected even after I left IDA. His sense of humor, his stories from Disney and his business trips are all humorous, enlightening and educating at the same time. He will always be in my thoughts and prayers.. miss you Andy!!

Zeeshan Saleem - February 01, 2024 at 08:53 AM

SS

“ My wife and I lived next door to Andy for over 30 years. And while we spend most of our time during the winter in Florida, we were shocked to hear of his passing. I can't say we were very close; however, we always enjoyed his upbeat personality and those long conversation when we met at the mail box. Andy was a true patriot that loved his country. He always paid attention to Kentucky sports and was always had a positive outlook in all he did. He will be missed!

Scott Spitzer - January 22, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MB

“ We were very saddened to learn that Andy had died. He has been a part of my brother’s extended family for years. He was a "favorite " person to my mother. Andy’s kindness was extraordinary. He drove my husband and myself to Dulles International Airport to save us a chauffeur cost. Andy will be dearly missed.

Mary Jean Blumenstock - January 18, 2024 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ Andy was one of our Kentucky connections from many years past. He was always with us on Holidays and for Special Occasions. He was a much welcomed part of the family. He and Bob looked forward to their discussions about the "State of the World". Although we had different views on a variety of subjects, we never let it interfere with our friendship. He was a kind, generous friend -- always remembering us at special times with gifts from his international travels. He will be missed at our family table. Rosalind

Rosalind Bovey - January 17, 2024 at 09:36 AM

ZS

He shared his stories of delicious cuisine and his stay at your farm at Boveys with delighted and excitement. He was a great fan of your family and your hospitality.

Zeeshan Saleem - February 01, 2024 at 08:54 AM