



## Andrew S. Bitta, II

September 8, 1954 - May 22, 2023

Andrew S. “Andy” Bitta, II, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023 at his home in Libertyville, IL. He was born September 8, 1954 in Danville, IL, grew up in Morgan Park, IL & Mount Prospect, IL, attended Prospect High School and was currently living in Libertyville. He received his bachelor’s degree and played on the basketball team at Western University in Macomb, IL and later completed his master’s degree. Andy was a former health teacher at Libertyville High School and later Vernon Hills High School and a beloved soccer coach for both girls & boys soccer programs at both high schools, winning state championships at Libertyville H.S. in 1991 & 2017. Coach Bitta had also been an assistant varsity coach for boys’ basketball at LHS for a couple of decades and received many awards throughout his entire coaching career.

Surviving is his wife of 30 years, Ann Marie Larson Bitta; 2 sons, Andrew (Mary Graham) Bitta and Austin (Alison Urbanski) Bitta; mother, Ramona Bitta; sister, Michele (Fred) Montgomery; brother, Michael Bitta and also by many loving family members and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew S. Bitta.

A visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a service at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial donations would be appreciated to Morgan Park Academy in Chicago, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.b](http://www.b)

urnettdane.com.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

MAY 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EV

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bitta worked at Vernon Hills High School while I attended and played soccer. He was the friendliest, kindest, and funniest there. I saw him in the hall every day, and we'd always have the best conversations, especially when we'd talk soccer, and he'd joke about me moving to Libertyville to play for LHS. I looked forward to seeing him every day. He will be greatly missed but always in our hearts.

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**Erin VanDemerkt** - May 27, 2023 at 12:10 PM

KM

“ Thank you Coach Bitta for having such a positive influence on our entire family. You are missed. Prayers for Ann Marie, Andrew and Austin.

*The Mahoney Family*

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**Kathleen Mahoney** - May 27, 2023 at 11:41 AM

DK

“ Andy was such a good coach and influence for the Flames. We so enjoyed getting to know him and his family. Our prayers and thoughts are with Ann Marie, Austin and Andrew. Wish we could be there with you.

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**Donna Klein** - May 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM

DB

“ Coach Bitta was truly a memorable coach and loved by so many. He will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*He took a chance on me and I never forgot it.  
I posted the 1991 Libertyville Girls' State Champs picture. He led us there and to the win!*

*Thank you, Coach. You will never be forgotten.*

*Diane Rajca*



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**Diane Rajca Bierman** - May 26, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



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May 26, 2023 at 02:57 PM

DA

“ *Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Keeping you in our hearts!*  
*The Anheusers*

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**Dede Anheuser** - May 26, 2023 at 10:32 AM

MT

*Dear Bitta Family,  
Andy and I came to know one another through sports at Prospect High School and continued to play softball together with him after college. He was a great athlete but more importantly, just a very personable guy who was a joy to be around. His smile was contagious. He always was sensible, yet very fun-loving. He will be missed greatly! We all loved his great spirit! God bless him and all of you! With our love and respect. RIP, my friend. Mike Tolzien and family*

**Mike Tolzien** - May 27, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.*



May 25, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Ann Marie, Andrew, Austin and Allison, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, father and father-in-law. I have fond memories of your family from the Oak Grove days. My sincere condolences.*

**MaryAnn Gawlik** - May 25, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.*



May 24, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 24, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.*



May 24, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.*



May 24, 2023 at 01:56 AM



“ *I knew Andy growing up in Mt Prospect and was always fond of him....great guy and basketball player...he was in 7th grade when I was in 8th at Lincoln Junior High School....he was truly one the good guys in this world...so saddened by his passing....may you rest in peace Andy....you gave so much in your life to others in all your years teaching and coaching...  
GOD BLESS YOU*

**George Bauer** - May 23, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Andrew S. Bitta, II.*

May 23, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



May 23, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ I have always loved being around Andy at family get-togethers, and enjoyed taking with him very much. What a great man! I offer my most profound compassion and comfort to you, my dear cousin Ann Marie, and the entire Bitta Family for your tremendous loss. Paul Alan Rogers

Paul Rogers - May 23, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Mark Andersson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew S. Bitta, II.

Mark Andersson - May 23, 2023 at 06:07 PM



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“ My prayers are with the family! Coach Bitta was the best! It was a privilege to be part of his girls' team. I will always cherish the great memories we made at Libertyville High School. Wildcats class of 85. RIP coach!!!!

Roberta Schiavinato-Manley - May 23, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



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May 23, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Andrew S. Bitta, II.

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May 23, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



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May 23, 2023 at 04:07 PM



“ On behalf of the 1986 Varsity Soccer Team, we offer our deepest condolences to the Bitta Family. We were there when Andy first met Ann Marie at the beginning of our season and we saw how happy he was around you. Andy was such an inspiring coach and helped us get to the state championship for the first time in LHS boys soccer history. So many great memories of him bringing us together as a team and lifting us up to believe in ourselves to win each game. Rest in peace Andy.



Walt Melcher - May 22, 2023 at 11:33 PM



That year was the ride of my life. Coach Bitta molded a team of every personality...he met a girl that would be his wife and brought a dog, Duke, to christen the field. Coach, thanks for the memories.

Dusty Showers - June 12, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ LHS Boys Soccer Booster Club purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Andrew S. Bitta, II.



LHS Boys Soccer Booster Club - May 22, 2023 at 11:03 PM