

Dave Andre



Courtesy of Ben (Brighton) Brettner [written on Dave's demise]

People choose different paths in life. Some seek fortune, adventure, knowledge. Perhaps the best life is one in which you have an impact on others. That was the case of Dave Andre, who, by this definition, led an exemplary life.

For four decades Dave was a fixture at the famous West 4th Street handball courts. By trade Dave was a guidance counselor already trying to steer young people in the right direction. A handball player in his youth, he chose handball as a means to reach young people, keep them physically healthy and have them strive for goals as they would strive to win games. Under his supervision champions such as Ruben Gonzalez, Angel Marquez, and Buddy Ganitt flourished.

Dave would often sponsor tournaments and take money out of his own pocket to cover expenses. Whether it was a kind word or a helping hand, he was there for anyone in need. A memorial tournament is being planned [editor's note: was held] in his honor.

Abraham Lincoln was said to have played handball. He has been sent a doubles partner – Dave Andre.