

## To Remember Me

*At a certain moment, a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.*

*When that happens, do not attempt to install artificial life into my body by the use of a machine, and don't call this my "Deathbed", call it my "Bed of Life" and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.*

*Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face, or love in the eyes of a woman.*

*Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.*

*Give my blood to the teenager who has been pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.*

*Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.*

*Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body, and find a way to make a crippled child walk.*

*Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that some day a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her windows.*

*Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.*

*If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all my prejudice against my fellow man.*

*Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you.*

*If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.*

*Andrea*