

Deputy grand marshal
Andrew Israel

Andrew Israel, a devote Irish Catholic and like many Brooklyn natives, spent his childhood summers in Breezy Point. After Graduating from Marist College, he decided to make Rockaway his home. A life long athlete, he represented Xavier High School on their 1985 National Championship Rugby Team. During his time at Marist College, he was captain of both the football team and the Marist Rugby club, which he helped to establish. His love for the Fishhead's RFC.. It was his work in developing a rugby program for the community's youth that was his passion. . Andrew lost his battle to cancer on Auguspassion for rugby lives on in the Rockaway Rugby Youth Program tht 8th, 2016. His at continues to introduce young men to the sport. It gave him tremendous strength and hope as he bravely game of rugby continued throughout his life, playing for both OMEX RFC and his beloved Rockaway battled cancer. Andrew was a dedicated Math teacher in the NYC Public School System at IS 77 in Ridgewood, Queens where he was an inspiration to many of his students

Accepting this Posthumous Honor ...

His wife, Teresa and his three children Mary, Julia and Andrew who are proud to call Rockaway Park their home. His parents Bob and Jeanette reside in Breezy Point. His brother Ross Israel, sister-in-law Christine; nieces Thalia and Roisin from Acton, Massachusetts and his sister-in-law Annmarie and niece Caitlyn from Manhattan.