

Speech for Andy by Maria Elena (Mama)

Andy, today I want to take a moment to tell you something very important, something that maybe you already know, but it never hurts to remember: you are the best thing that has happened to me in my life.

Watching you grow up has been the most beautiful adventure of my life. I close my eyes and I can still see you as a child, playing happily with your animals, talking about your dream of having a ranch, and then running after a ball, longing with your heart to be a successful soccer player.

Since you were a child you showed a unique nobility and immense passion for everything around you.

It's impossible to look back without remembering the beautiful moments you shared with your dad. It's been five years since he went to heaven, but I know that his love, his teachings and each of the experiences you both shared so closely are still alive in you. He was your great companion, and I'm completely sure that today, from where he is, he looks at you with infinite pride.

As the youngest of my three children, you have always been the treasure of the house. I am filled with immense gratitude to see the unconditional love and support of your two brothers. They have always been there to care for you, push you forward, and support you in absolutely everything. That complicity and unity that you three have is the greatest gift life has ever given me.

Never forget that, besides me, you have an army in your brothers that will always walk by your side.

Time passed, and that same sensitivity you had as a child turned into something magical: you discovered the beauty in the art of photography. Today, seeing that you have turned that passion into your profession fills my soul. Through your lens, you have a gift to capture the majesty of the world and show us life from your own perspective, a look full of art, patience, and a deep respect for the natural. Seeing your professional success is my greatest joy.

Life has its challenges Andy, but I want you to know that no matter what, your family will always be your refuge. In my arms you will always have a safe place to return.

I want you to never stop capturing your goals, creating great projects and freezing the soul of the world with your camera. You have a brilliant mind, unique talent and strong spirit. Always walk with firm steps, knowing that you have the love of your brothers, my unconditional support here on earth, and the light of your father guiding you from heaven.

I love you beyond words my youngest child my Andy thank you for teaching us to see the world through your eyes , for your big heart and for being the wonderful son and brother you are.

I will always believe in you.