

Jean-Marc Andrié

Complete name: Jean-Marc Andrié

Birth date: 16.May.1955

Birth Place: Nîmes, Gard, France

Death date: 09.Apr.1999

Death Place: Paris, France

Nationality: France

Gender: male

Notes:

In the 1980s and 90s Jean-Marc Andrié was recognized as one of the world's top rally co-drivers. Alongside Jean Ragnotti, he won the 1981 Rallye de Monte-Carlo and the 1982 Tour de Corse, in a Renault 5 Turbo. In 1989 he won the European Rally Championship co-driving to Yves Loubet in a Lancia Delta Integrale.

Nîmes, southern France, born Jean-Marc Andrié had his debut in regional rallies in the early 1970s. In 1976 he joined the ten years elder French rally star Jean Ragnotti, with which he raced for more than a decade. By the time their partnership developed into a great and faithful friendship. In 1977 the pair scored a class win, 18 place overall, in the Rallye de Monte-Carlo at the wheel of the new Volkswagen Golf GTI, at its rally debut. In the same year Ragnotti-Andrié were signed up by Régie Renault, and one year later they scored an astonishing 2nd place in the 1978 Rallye de Monte-Carlo, driving a small Renault 5 Alpine, close behind the winners Jean-Pierre Nicolas-Vincent Laverne in a more powerful Porsche 911S.

Co-driving to Jean Ragnotti, Jean-Marc Andrié achieved great results in the next three seasons, including a 3rd place in the 1978 Rallye Bandama-Côte d'Ivoire, 4th place in the 1979 Acropolis Rally and 2nd place in the 1979 Tour de Corse. Finally, when team Renault presented the new Renault 5 Turbo, Ragnotti and Andrié scored outright wins in the Rallye de Monte-Carlo, in 1981 and in the Tour de Corse, in 1982.

In the mid 1980s Jean-Marc Andrié was hired by Renault to work as a member of their Formula 1 team and Pierre Thimonier joined Jean Ragnotti as factory co-driver, replacing him. But Andrié always preferred his beloved rallies and soon came back, competing in Renault works cars alongside the likes of Philippe Bugalski, Alain Oreille and Bruno Saby. In 1986 he finished 3rd in the Tour de Corse in an Alfa Romeo GTV6 co-driving to Yves Loubet, with which he then won the 1989 European Rally Championship, in a Scuderia Grifone-entered Lancia Delta Integrale.

During his career Jean-Marc Andrié guided great French rally drivers, such as Didier Auriol, Bernard Béguin, Patrick Bernardini, Fabien Doenlen, César Baroni and even the Formula 1 ace Alain Prost, with which he took part in the 1982 Rallye du Var in a Group B Renault 5 Turbo. He was in activity until the end of 1998, when he received a call from François Chatriot who was planning a full season in the French Rally Championship, for team Peugeot.

The body of Jean-Marc Andrié was found dead by his sister at his home in Paris, France, in April of 1999, a few days before his 44th birthday. He had passed the winter alone, suffering from depression and committed suicide on 09 April 1999. He was a single. His mother and one elder sister had already killed themselves several years previously.

In the last years of his life Jean-Marc Andrié worked as a journalist for the French newspaper L'Équipe.