



## Andrea C. Travis

January 3, 1949 - February 20, 2021

Our beloved, Andrea Christine Bland-Travis departed this life on February 20, 2021 due to complications from surgery. She was born in Baltimore, MD on January 3, 1949 to William "Bill" Quincy Bland and Lottie "Willia" Bland. She graduated from Western Senior High School in 1967 where she learned sewing and singing. In 1997, Andrea received a Bachelor of Science Degree in political science from Coppin State University. She began modeling at the age 10. At the young age of 24, she signed with The Patricia Stevens Modeling Agency. She was one of two African American models hired to work with former high-end department stores such as Woodward and Lothrop and Hecht Company. She was acclaimed as one of the area's topflight fashion models. She also has modeled for fashion greats; Bill Blass and Oscar De La Renta.

Shortly after mother began Flair Modeling Studio in 1968 (Maryland's only licensed black modeling agency). Andrea joined the agency as Vice President. She and Mrs. Bland empathized working with their students and models to teach them charm, etiquette, self-esteem, self-confidence and how to market themselves. This institution was founded to help women of all ages develop and maintain a positive self-image. Many of Maryland's most professional models received their training at Flair. In later years, A dance program was added to the agency which became Flair Dance and Modeling Studio. In 1983, Andrea was influential and instrumental in the launch of Flair Cosmetics.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Andrea was always fashion -forward and could command any room. Andrea was always one of few selected to model "the hot pieces" in the Flair Fashion shows, which always featured local designers and mostly models trained by Flair. Andrea also created and coordinated Flair Fashion productions and pageants along the east coast; facilitated youth outreach programs in dance and modeling throughout the state of Maryland; and in later years, Daughter, Mari and Noel were brought on board to keep the family business running.

Andrea was also active with the screen actors guild (SAG) for many years and can be seen in Clara's Heart, Enemy of the State, The Wire, and numerous commercials.

Beyond Andrea's physical beauty, she was strong and sincere, had a great sense of humor, and loved to laugh. She had a mellifluous singing voice and took an interest in writing. She had a knack for cooking and baking. Andrea was a God-fearing woman and attended Grace Presbyterian Church where she was baptized and served as a Deacon in recent years.

Andrea Christine Bland-Travis was preceded in death by her mother, Lottie Willia Bland; father, William Quincy Bland; brothers, Jeffrey Bland and Harold Mitchner.

She is predeceased by her sister, Diane Brown; brother-in-law, Michael Brown; daughters, Mona Hanson, Willia Noel Montague, and Mari Andrea Travis; aunt, Gwen Patillo; uncle Anderson Ward; grandsons, Nolan and Harper McCormick; nieces, Courtney Bernal Mallick and Misty Drummond; nephews, Michael Patrick Brown and Jeffrey Brown; a host of cousins that were very dear to her; former husband and friend, Gino Travis; friend Marvin Montague; and many other friends, students and the families of the students she taught.

# Events

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The Sanctuary

202 East Madison Street, Baltimore, MD, US

# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Andrea C. Travis, Please Click the Link below.



**March Funeral Homes** - March 02 at 10:54 AM

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“ Tracey lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Tracey** - April 12 at 02:24 PM

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“ Words are hard, at times like these. This day as these days, that we have feared all of our lives will never be forgotten. Kindly accept my deepest condolences family, and especially you Mari. I hadn't know you very long before it was apparent how important you Beloved Mother was in your life. And how important it was for you to be that "Good Daughter". You have succeeded. Thank you for allowing me to meet her in this life, and to meet your sisters, and to know your GrandMother.



**Rahn Coleman** - March 04 at 03:21 PM

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“ April Gill lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**April Gill** - March 04 at 01:45 AM

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“ Anaya Chapman lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Anaya Chapman** - March 03 at 09:26 AM

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“ Florence Chapman lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Florence Chapman** - March 03 at 09:25 AM

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“ Jacqueline Taylor lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Jacqueline Taylor** - March 02 at 04:33 PM

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“ To my Cousins Diane, Mona, Noel and Mary  
Your loved one has left a added legacy that will always be treasured and remembered.

"Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal,  
love leaves a memory no one can steal."

In your time of sorrow, May you find comfort in those gathered around you and may our warm memories bring you peace.

Donna R. Clark Flythe and family

**Donna Clark Flythe** - March 02 at 02:26 PM

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“ Mrs. Andrea Travis was such a large part of my childhood and young adult years, and I will always remember her style, poise, tenacity, and grace. She lives on through all of the lessons she taught us!

Love to Mari, Noel and Mona; I know she is proud of each of you and I hope that your memories of her will keep you during this time.

Love,

Kamaria Boyd

**Kamaria Boyd** - March 02 at 12:03 PM

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“ Andrea would always greet me with a smile and then pull me aside and have these very interesting observations with me. She could make me laugh even when I didn't want to. We didn't meet often but when we did I would always walk away saying "She did it to me again". Thanks for those wonderful moments Andrea. You will be missed.

**Donald Owens** - March 02 at 11:57 AM

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“ Monique Johnson lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Monique Johnson** - March 02 at 11:48 AM



“ "Always moved with so much grace and beauty.!" Sending so much love and healing vibrations to my family/extended family and all that loved Andrea.

**Monique Johnson** - March 02 at 11:51 AM

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“ Jonelle Hooks lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Jonelle Hooks** - March 02 at 11:00 AM



“ Andrea Travis was a Special Spirit. Every person she touched  
Was lifted by HER LIGHT!!

**Leon Shade** - March 03 at 01:05 AM

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“ R I P my friend. We shared many good times together, in yur lil purple convertible. God bless. Extending condolences to yur family. Love RITA



**Rita Rogers** - March 02 at 10:40 AM

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“ Mona, Noel and Mari so sorry for your loss. Please know the Armstead family is praying for you all. God Bless you.

**Linda Armstead** - March 02 at 10:08 AM

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“ My Condolences to the family, I remember when I was so excited to model and Andrea was my very first mentor! She glided down the floors with style and grace! May she rest in glory!

**Rhonda McDonald** - March 01 at 07:50 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Andrea's passing. I will always remember her beauty whenever she stepped into a room. Sending love and prayers for Noel and the family.  
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**Alfreda Ribinson-Dawkins** - March 01 at 09:39 AM

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“ Chanelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Andrea C. Travis



**Chanelle Williams** - March 01 at 08:38 AM

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“ I am so filled with love for the memories that Andrea, Willia and I shared over the years and I am so thankful to God that our paths crossed. We all go back many years of friendship and through it all, God was always a part of our lives. I thank Him for all the joy that Andrea and her mom Willia brought into my life and my husbands. Rest in peace my beautiful friend until we see each other again.



**Beverly Holman** - February 27 at 08:00 PM

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“ Mona's Co-workers in RP Operations: NCQA purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Andrea C. Travis.



**Mona's Co-workers in RP Operations: NCQA** - February 25 at 11:40 AM

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“ Andrea thank you so much for including me in you Fashion Team. Spending time with you and your mom were the best times of my life! Thanks for accepting me with an open mind.you were truly talented smart classy and beautiful and I shall never forget you.

FAITH BROOKS

Faith Brooks Evans - February 24 at 07:41 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - February 24 at 02:28 PM