



Deacon Willie Makently Andrews

July 5, 1935 - January 11, 2021

Willie Makently Andrews, a servant of God, was called from labor to reward on January 6, 2021. He was born July 5, 1935 to the late Lanxton McKinley and Rosa Sallie Andrews in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He was predeceased by his three siblings, Mary Andrews King, Martha Andrews Lambert, and Theodore Roosevelt Andrews, Sr.

Willie was educated in Lunenburg County Public Schools. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at nine years of age and was baptized at New Grove Baptist Church of Kenbridge, Virginia.

On October 14, 1955, he was united in holy matrimony to Ruth Marie Andrews and to this union were born two adoring and doting children. Willie and Ruth were happily married for 65 years.

Continuing in his commitment to serve God, after moving to Richmond in 1955, Willie joined, and became an active member of Sharon Baptist Church. In 1978, he joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church. He was a member of the Deacon Ministry and served two extended terms as Ministry Chairman. He also served as Church School Superintendent for which he was presented a plaque in recognition of his "Three Years of Dedicated Service". In 1997, Willie was recognized by the Men's Ministry for "Outstanding Fellowship Work". He also received recognition for his outreach service as a past president of the Men's Fellowship Bible Class of Richmond and Vicinity.

Willie nourished his spiritual mind through prayer, meditation, and regular church school attendance. His trademark comment was "Lord have mercy" and his favorite scripture is found in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him."

Willie was employed at Westvaco Printing Company in Richmond, Virginia for twenty-eight years. He retired as a supervisor in 1994.

As the result of his decades-long advocacy for his Churchill neighborhood, Willie received several commendations for his community service and leadership including: a formal tribute for outstanding service from the Unity Civic League; Andrews Row, a subdivision named for Willie and Ruth in recognition of their business venture promoting the development of better neighborhoods; and a 7th District Honorary Street Sign bearing his name, Willie Andrews Road. More broadly, Willie received a Community Heritage Award, and appointments to the Commission of Architectural Review, and Board of Directors and Project Committee for Interfaith Housing Corporation where he served as chairman. Willie was a Past Master of King David Lodge, No. 28 Free & Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliate.

Willie leaves to mourn and cherish his memory a devoted and loving wife, Ruth Marie Andrews; son, Earl M. Andrews, Baltimore, Maryland; daughter, Deborah S. Andrews, Richmond, Virginia; one sister-in-law, Wilma P. Andrews, Richmond, Virginia; one brother-in-law, Joe J. Lambert, South Hill, Virginia; one aunt, Susie A. Loperl, Kenbridge, Virginia; and a host of adoring nieces, nephews, other relatives, and devoted dear friends.

Cemetery

Riverview Cemetery
1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA, 23220

Events

JAN 15 **Walk through Visitation** 11:00AM - 04:30PM

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

JAN 16 **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Deaconess Ruth Andrews, Earl, and Deborah from the Johnson family. We were so deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Deacon Andrews. He was such a kind and loving person and we will miss him. We could always count on Deacon Andrews visiting our mother, Virginia, whenever she was in the hospital, a Rehab Center, or just at home recovering from an illness. When she could not be at church for communion, Deacon Andrews, Deaconess Andrews, and sometimes Deborah would bring communion to mom. It would always bless and brighten her day. We just want you know how much we appreciated Deacon Andrews and how thankful we are for all he did for our family. I pray God will strengthen, comfort, and give you peace during this period of loss. God bless you and may he rest in peace.

Love,
The Johnson Family
(Virginia, Pat, and Craig)

Patricia Johnson - January 22 at 12:41 PM



“ Sending our love and prayers to the Andrews family. My husband and I could always look forward to Deacon Andrews' kind, welcoming smile or strong handshake every Sunday morning at church. He was a kind and caring gentleman, and will certainly be missed.

Sonya Mallory - January 16 at 08:41 PM



“ Mrs. Andrews, Earl, and Deborah,

May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Bernard, Karen and Kimberly Brown

Karen S Brown - January 16 at 11:55 AM



“ Mrs. Andrews, Earl and Deborah,

It's been a few years since Anita and I saw Mr. and Mrs. Andrews working outside their home. That brought back fond memories of the years that we were next door neighbors. I was sad to hear of Mr. Andrews' passing and pray that the peace and comfort of God will cover you all during this time and forever more.

Love to you all.
Kendra Atkinson Ellison

Kendra Ellison - January 16 at 11:08 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. Uncle blessed us with joy and inspiration
from :
THE KING FAMILY

Jessie King - January 16 at 10:43 AM



“ Aunt Ruth, Earl and Deborah we regret that we can't be with you today, but know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Bill will be greatly missed, a man of wisdom and a great role model to many. We loved him but God loved him best.
Love
Joe Frank, Cassandra and Family



Cassandra Lambert - January 16 at 10:24 AM



“ Mr. Randy Faulk and Rev. Blanche Faulk send our deepest condolences to Deaconess Ruth Andrews and family. May God continue to comfort you all.



Randy and Blanche Faulk - January 16 at 10:16 AM



“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your family, Deacon Andrews will deeply be missed.

Caronda - January 16 at 12:30 AM



“ To Mrs. Ruth Andrews, Earl, Deborah, and family:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. May you find peace in the fond memories of the life, love and joy that Deacon Andrews shared with family and all he came to know.

Carolyn (Neal) Morgan and Family

CAROLYN MORGAN - January 15 at 10:12 PM



“ We the Holmes family give our deepest condolences to Mrs Andrews Deborah and Earl we will keep u in our prayers.



THE HOLMES FAMILY - January 15 at 06:21 PM



“ Our condolences and prayers to Aunt Ruth, Cousin Deborah, and Cousin Earl. Uncle Bill looked lovely and at peace. He will be missed.

Love,

The Greens
Sye, Dennea, Courtney & Josiah

Courtney - January 15 at 04:29 PM



“ From the Jones and Gee families may he Rest In Peace , Terry Jones

terry jones - January 15 at 03:27 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Andrews Family for the loss of our dear friend Deacon Willie Andrews. My thoughts and prayers are with Ruth, Earl and Deborah.

Sincerely,
Joyce Lynch

Georgie Lynch - January 15 at 12:35 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Andrews family,
The Andrews Family embraced me many years ago. I appreciate their warm bright smiles and willingness to share a calming word. God makes no mistakes. He decided to call one of His angels home. What joy we will have in the morning when we all go to heaven.

Peace, blessings, and love
Lonnie & Renata Jones

Dr. Renata A. Hedrington Jones - January 15 at 10:49 AM



“ The Andrews Family

You have my sincerest condolences. May God bless you and keep you all. my condolences Fay Alston



Yvonne Alston - January 15 at 10:00 AM



“ The Andrews Family (Ruth, Earl & Deborah)

Our Sincere condolences are with you at this time. However we can't be with the family at this time. We will always have fond memories of bill. Charles knew bill as a young man in south hill V.a area. I met bill in the 60's when I married Charles Lee. Bill was a true man of God. Ruth, Earl and Debra we will be in touch
Our Deepest Condolences Charles & Lugenia Lee Fay Alston

Yvonne Alston - January 15 at 09:54 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Andrew Family. Mr. Andrews was such a strong role model to the kids in the neighborhood when we were growing up and such a strong community leader. He loved his family, church and community, He will be missed.

Blessings,
Andris Salter
Leona Salter

Andris Salter - January 14 at 08:44 PM



“ Karen Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Willie Makently Andrews



Karen scott - January 13 at 07:50 PM



“ Prayers of sympathy are with you debra and family at this time of your loss deacon andrews will be truly missed god bless karen scott rmz church family

Karen scott - January 13 at 07:48 PM



“ From Aunt Wilma Andrews,Cousin Ted&Keisha Andrews purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Deacon Willie Makently Andrews.



From Aunt Wilma Andrews,Cousin Ted&Keisha Andrews - January 13 at 04:38 PM



“ Bill Highsmith, 8 LZ '78 purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Deacon Willie Makently Andrews.



Bill Highsmith, 8 LZ '78 - January 13 at 01:13 PM



“ Deborah...

Sincere sympathy to you for the loss loss of your father. May God comfort and strengthen your family during this time.

With love Madeline

Madeline P. Living - January 13 at 10:40 AM



“ 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 - January 11 at 09:58 PM