



Andrew Davenport McWilliams

November 21, 1951 - February 16, 2017

Andrew Davenport McWilliams was born in Richmond, VA on November 21, 1951 to the late Morris A. McWilliams and Geshema Davenport McWilliams. Andrew was preceded in death by his younger brother, Ronald McWilliams. He was raised in Richmond and spent time during the summer in Enfield, N.C. Educated in Richmond Public Schools, Andrew enjoyed football, tennis and bowling.

Upon graduation, Andrew worked at several jobs; manager of Church's Chicken and Pizza Hut to name a few. He became interested in carpentry, commercial and was quite experienced.

He was a member of Local 388 where he furthered himself in becoming an instructor after retirement from work as a carpenter. He taught several classes in scaldfolding, blueprint reading and safety. He was affectionately known as Mac, Big Mac or Mr. Mac. He took great pride in his work and often would point out structures throughout Richmond and other areas.

Andrew was married for 37 years to Barbara Howard McWilliams. Time spent with Barbara and family was precious. His grandchildren renamed him "Handdaddy" which he would answer to as well as Granddaddy. He had a love of life and liked to tell stories and jokes.

As a member of Sharon Baptist Church for many years, he served with the

Men's Chorus, Mens' Fellowship Ministry and the H.W. Washington Choir. He also served as unofficial doorkeeper and could be seen assisting members from their cars and escorting them into church for service.

Andrew leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife Barbara; two daughters, Margaret Mirjah (Dennot, Jr.), Andreana Vesen (Seldon); son Travis Richardson (Salita); nine grandchildren: Jamar Thomas, Michael Clayborne, Alexis and Alicia Thomas, Alannah Blackwell, Michaela Clayborne, Amante' Richardson, Dennot Mirjah, III, and Amira Mirjah; 2 great-granddaughters, Madison and Aubrey; 2 brothers, Lynwood and Donald (Tracy) McWilliams; mother-in-law, Margaret Hinton; brother-in-law, Ellis C. Howard, Jr. (Patricia); nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **24**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

FEB **25**. 10:30 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew Davenport McWilliams*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Thank god for A man of integrity,A man who stood his ground. . He said what he meant and meantwt what he said , We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you the family , our prayers are with you. Love Wayne and Sharon Gilpin*

Wayne and Sharon Gilpin - February 24, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ *I remember Andrew from my elementary and middle school days and George Mason and East End Junior High School, as well as living in Churchill Richmond, VA. He was a whole lot taller than me but he always had a smile that made you feel comfortable around him. It is not our purpose to question GOD, nor to fully understand his Divine will, but we stand steadfast in the belief that He is a GOD who is too wise to error and too kind to be unjust, for He knows how much we can bear.*

Andrea Morgan-Keeles - February 23, 2017 at 02:47 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss.*

Ladies Ushers Ministry No. 2

Sharon Baptist Church

Helen Corbin, President

Queen Reed, Recording Secretary



Ladies Usher's Ministry No. 2, Sharon - February 22, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew Davenport McWilliams.*



February 21, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ *We are sorry to learn of your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences along with comfort from God's word at 1Pet. 5:7.*

Harris family - February 21, 2017 at 05:56 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 - February 17, 2017 at 02:26 PM