



Deaconess Ruth Marie Andrews

April 20, 1938 - August 5, 2021

The Obituary

Ruth Marie Andrews

Ruth Marie Andrews, a devout servant of God, quietly and peacefully departed this life on August 5, 2021. She was born April 20, 1938, to the late William Edward Andrews and Myra Sue Andrews in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Due to the demise of her biological mother shortly after giving birth, Ruth was fondly and lovingly reared by the late Cynthia Robinson and Charlie Stone. She was the youngest of, and predeceased by her siblings, Naomi Wilson, Thelma Hutcheson, Gertrude Stone, Gladys Stuckey, Joseph Andrews, Albert Andrews, Charlie Stone, Aubrey Stone, Richard Stone, and Allen Stone.

Ruth received her education in Mecklenburg County Public Schools and graduated from East End High School in 1955. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at North View Baptist Church in South Hill, Virginia.

On October 14, 1955, Ruth was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life, the late Deacon Willie M. Andrews, and to this union were born a son, Earl, and daughter, Deborah. Ruth and Willie were happily married for 65 years.

Driven by her lifelong commitment to serve God, after moving to Richmond in 1955, Ruth joined and became an active member of Sharon Baptist Church. In 1978, she joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church. She was faithful in her service to the Deaconess Ministry where she served three terms as president, Hospitality Ministry and CARITAS, Kavansa Smith Ushers Ministry, and Pastor's Aide Ministry. She also served as a Church School teacher, New Members Class teacher, Director of Church Activities, Church Clerk, and Contributing Editor for the Rising Mount Zion VOICE Newsletter. In 1997, Ruth was honored as Rising Mount Zion's "Woman of the Year."

Ruth nourished her spirituality through faithful prayer, bible study and unwavering service to God. Her trademark comment was "Help Us Lord" and her favorite scripture is found in Romans 10:9, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Ruth was employed by Richmond Public Schools for twenty-five years. She retired in 1998 as a Student Information System (SIS) operator.

As a result of her decades-long advocacy for her Churchill neighborhood, Ruth received numerous commendations for her community service and leadership including Andrews Row, a residential subdivision named for Ruth and her late husband Willie, in recognition of their business venture promoting the development of better Richmond neighborhoods. She participated in the East End Beautification Project and served on the Roland D. "Duke" Ealey Memorial Fund Committee. She received citations of merit from John F. Kennedy High School in recognition of her commitment to excellence in education. Ruth was an active member of the Unity Civic League and volunteer with Hospice of Central Virginia. She was a founding member of Sisters United of Richmond, Virginia.

Ruth leaves to cherish and honor her memory a 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 admiring nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear devoted friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 13. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

AUG 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Celebration of Life

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deaconess Ruth Marie Andrews*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and Earl on the passing of your mother. She will be missed but continue to pray and hold to God's love for you* ❤️



Barbara McWilliams - August 14, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Deaconess Andrews will be missed and Deborah and Earl y'all have our deepest condolences and y'all are in our prayers Paul and Pam Holmes and the Holmes family*



Pam and Paul Holmes - August 13, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *Bill Highsmith, 8 LZ '78 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deaconess Ruth Marie Andrews.*



Bill Highsmith, 8 LZ '78 - August 13, 2021 at 11:59 AM

MB

“ You will always be in my heart, my mind and my prayers. Thank you auntie for loving me and my family. I will always cherish you and my uncle. God gave me two of the best people to call family. My prayers are with Earl and Deborah. I know the family is back around the table all together.

Monica Barnette - August 13, 2021 at 10:37 AM

TK

“ Good Afternoon, Deborah!

I just heard the news of your mother's passing and saw that you had lost your father January. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I have warm memories of your parent providing us with refreshments we we had departmental meetings. I also remember your father's words and the funny stories he told about you when you retirement. May your mother Rest In Peace.

Tricia

Tricia Kohlbeck - August 12, 2021 at 04:57 PM



GR

“ Gwendolyn Randolph lit a candle in memory of Deaconess Ruth Marie Andrews



Gwendolyn Randolph - August 12, 2021 at 12:26 PM

MT

“ *Melvin Taliaferro purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Deaconess Ruth Marie Andrews.*



Melvin Taliaferro - August 11, 2021 at 09:33 PM

AW

“ *Dearest Deborah Sue and Earl,*

*We are so very sad to hear of the loss of your beloved Mother! May the special memories that you shared with your Mother give you much comfort and strength today and the days ahead. We will certainly keep you and your family in our daily thoughts and prayers.
Love and sympathy, Adelaide (Garnell Carter's sister)*

Adelaide Weeks - August 11, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TM

“ *Deborah and Earl,*

We are sorry for your loss. We know your mother is in a better place with the Angels, and her beloved husband, Deacon Andrews. May you find comfort and peace in knowing you have tons of wonderful memories, and know that others are thinking of you. May God continue to watch over you and bless you!

Harold and Terry Mayo

Terry Mayo - August 08, 2021 at 10:36 AM

BA

*Min Earl and family,
I REMEMBER YOUR PARENTS VISITING DOUGLAS MEMORIAL
COMM CHURCH. HOLD TIGHT TO THISE AND ALL MEMORIES TO
COMFORT YOU.
PEACE AND BLESSINGS,*

Babs @ DMCC

Barbara Alston - August 10, 2021 at 08:40 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 - August 06, 2021 at 05:44 PM

PA

Sending our deepest condolences to Early and Deborah from the Atkinson Family. Keeping you in our prayers.

Past neighbor 60 yrs. Ago. - August 09, 2021 at 02:41 PM

PH

*To the family of Deaconess Andrews,
Condolences and prayers goes up for the family. Mrs. Andrews was a sweet person.*

Pauline Holmes - August 12, 2021 at 07:54 AM

TJ

Earl and Deborah,

Lami and TJ (Thomas James) send huge virtual hugs to the two of you. Your parents gave the world the gift of two exceptional citizens and loving friends...their children. They poured all their love into the two of you hence they will be with all of us through you. We personally thank them for doing such a wonderful job of parenting. They are resting peacefully together again.

Thomas James - August 14, 2021 at 06:45 AM

RW

My Condolences Min. Earl and Sister Deborah,

Peace be with you family and continue prayers. Min Earl as we spoke the day before, another page of life has turned my friend.

Romaine Wise

Romaine O Wise - August 14, 2021 at 11:31 AM

CC

My Condolenses to Deborah Andrews and Family, Continued thoughts and prayers. Both your parents and you Ms. Andrews were Blessings to me during my time working in Richmond. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Truly Blessed by the Andrews Family. May they both rest in peace. Carla Clark, SLP

Carla Clark - August 16, 2021 at 11:53 AM