

**Dear Andrews Family,**

As pastor of Antioch North, I wanted to be sure to convey my deepest condolences to you and your family upon the passing of Brother James Andrews. Not only was he a member of a family whose history at Antioch stretches back to her founding, our families go way back. Sister Ché Andrews and I attended Vacation Bible School together as children. It is, therefore, with the most profound sorrow that I cannot be at the service in person to express my heartfelt sympathy. Please know that I and the entire Antioch family were saddened to learn of his passing, and we are praying for you.

The pandemic that we are continuing to experience has been extremely challenging in many ways. It is even more difficult when a loved one transitions to his heavenly home, and we have to remain distanced and cannot gather as a church family to celebrate in a glorious Home Going Worship Service.

Brother Andrews' spirit has touched many people's lives in the church and beyond. Under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. C.M. Alexander, he was frequently called upon to implement special projects, which he completed masterfully each time. His presence on the Finance Committee will be sorely missed. His strong faith and positive spirit were infectious. I have no doubt that he is now scoring a double eagle on every hole on heaven's golf course.

Isaiah 57:1-2 (NIV) states, "The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. 2 Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death." Please find some comfort knowing Brother Andrews is at peace with God. Salvation ensures that we will see him again as we stay faithful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our hearts at Antioch go out to you as we trust that our Lord will be a source of comfort and strength to you, for "the Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed (Psalm 34:18, NIV). Brother Andrews will be forever remembered. I pray that the outpouring of love you have received since Brother Andrews' passing will serve as a loving reminder to you and your family of how much he was loved by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy and love are extended to the entire family as we keep you in our prayers.

In God's service,



Rev. K. L. Alexander,  
Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church North



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The flowers you sent this day,  
The card you mailed along the way,  
The service you stopped by to render,  
The love you brought with thoughts so tender;  
The prayers you said which played a part  
In easing the pain that was in our hearts  
Each helped us find the strength to bear  
The loss of the one so dear.  
It was to us a great comfort indeed  
To see you in time of sorrow and need  
So, from our heart which you tried to mend  
We THANK YOU sincerely, again and again.

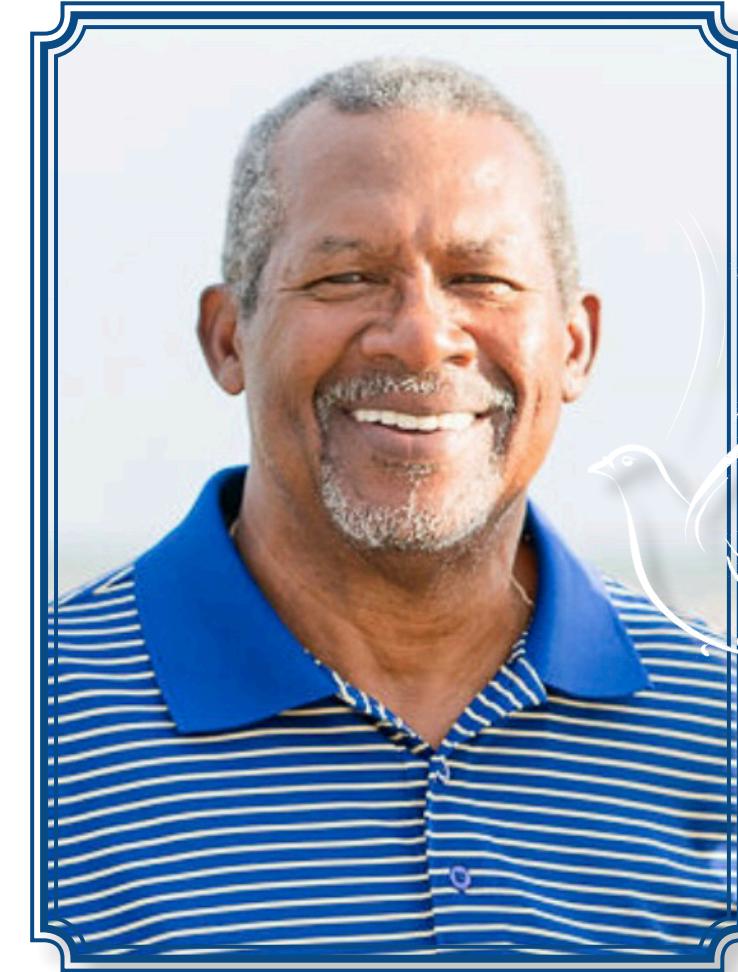
**The Family**

# **Celebration of Life**

**for**

## **James Franklin Andrews, Jr.**

**Sunrise - February 8, 1948 • Sunset - August 19, 2021**



## **Private Service**

**Saturday • August 28, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.**

**Carl M. Williams Funeral Chapel**

492 Larkin Street, S.W. • Atlanta, GA 30313

### **Public Viewing:**

**Friday, August 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Carl M. Williams Funeral Chapel**

# OBITUARY

James Franklin Andrews, Jr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather, made his heavenly transition on August 19, 2021. James was born on February 8, 1948, in Atlanta, GA, to the late James Franklin Andrews, Sr. and Mary Delores O'Kelley. As a child, James was a member of Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. James later joined Antioch Baptist Church North in 1988, where he served on the Finance Committee. James grew up in Atlanta and attended English Avenue Elementary School and Henry McNeal Turner High School before volunteering for the Army in 1967. James served one tour in Vietnam and received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Purple Heart, and a Bronze Star Medal. James later attended Shaw, Clayton State, and Georgia State Universities.

James was united in marriage to Paulette Hall and to this union three children, James Franklin Andrews III, Chenette Rockelle Andrews, and Cory Antonio Andrews, were born. In later years, James was united to Ché Williams and to this union two children, Destiny Andrews (Langford) and Kia Cherie Andrews were born. James loved his children with all his heart, and he was so proud of them and all their many accomplishments.

James's career took many paths. After returning home from Vietnam, James worked for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier. He later worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an Air Traffic Controller. James also worked briefly as an insurance salesman, restaurant manager, record store owner, and even worked concession sales at the old Fulton County Stadium. In 1984, James began his career at Bank of America serving as a supervisor and manager of Operations. James ended his career at BOA in 2008 as a Senior Vice President of Operations. During his retirement, James enjoyed working part-time at his church, gourmet cooking (including his famous Seafood Gumbo), traveling, gardening, enjoying his kids and grandkids, cheering on The Atlanta Falcons, and playing golf with his beloved buddies.

James's faithful, courageous, and fun-loving spirit will long be remembered and cherished by his loving family which includes his devoted wife, Ché Williams Andrews; five children, James Franklin Andrews, III (Es-sie), Chenette Rockelle Andrews, Cory Antonio Andrews, Destiny Andrews Langford (Joe), and Kia Cherie Andrews; grandchildren, Kori Andrews, Edonis Andrews, Antonio Andrews, Briona Andrews, E'sis Andrews, Jack Langford, and Evangeline Langford; a loving mother-in-law, Angel Ann Taylor; golfing buddies, Charles McGregor, Bernard Knight, John Etheron, and a host of other relatives and friends.



*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:  
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day:  
and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8



# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Reverend Jermaine Lane, Officiating

Processional ..... Minister, Family

Musical Selection ..... ***Going Up Yonder*** ..... Miss C.C. La Flor

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament - ***The 23rd Psalm*** ..... Briona and E'sis Andrews

New Testament - ***John 3:16*** ..... Kori Andrews

Poem ..... Jack Andrew Langford

Reflections (*2 Minutes, Please*)

Musical Selection ..... ***I Won't Complain*** ..... Miss C.C. La Flor

Words of Comfort

## COMMITTAL

Acknowledgements ..... Carl Williams Funeral Directors

Closing Prayer

Recessional Hymn ..... ***I'll Fly Away*** ..... Miss C.C. La Flor



# I AM FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back, and left it all.  
I could not stay another day to laugh,  
to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
oh yes, these things, I too, shall miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

