



Andrew Johnson Jr

June 3, 1946 - September 3, 2016

Andrew Johnson, Jr.

Christian, Husband, Father, Scholar, Engineer, Genealogist, Writer, and Friend

“I have finished the race I have kept the faith”

Andrew Johnson Jr. of Austin was called to Christ on Saturday, September 3, 2016. Born June 3, 1946 in Gould, Arkansas, Andrew traced his genealogy to Cameroon, Congo, Benin, Togo, Ivory Coast, Ghana, and Nigeria. He is the descendant of great grandparents Walter Carter and Kitty Carter; grandparents Andrew B. Johnson, Sarah Carter Johnson, Ameila Sullivan, and Dan Sullivan; and parents Andrew Johnson Sr. and Bertha Sullivan Johnson.

A Man of Faith...

At an early age, Andrew began his Christian race and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. Under the loving guidance of his mother Bertha Sullivan Johnson and his brother H.P. Johnson, Andrew became active in various church organizations at St. Peter's Rock Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas emerging as a leader in youth activism and civil rights. Andrew developed a life long passion to serve God and God's people. He became a faithful trustee and Chairman of the Trustee Board of Beautiful Plains Baptist Church in Binghamton, New York in 1972 where he was instrumental in helping the church purchase a new edifice. After moving to Austin, 1980-83, he joined St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church and continued his Christian journey. From 1983 to 1994, he was a faithful member of Pilgrim Baptist

Church in Nyack, New York, where he was ordained a Deacon and served as Chairman of Deacon Board. After returning to Austin, he reunited with St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church from 1994-2008, and served as Chairman of Deacon Board and Sunday School Superintendent, and Building Committee member and his name is on the corner stone of St. Stephens. Later, he joined David's Chapel 2008-2012. He completed his Christian journey at Nevertheless, Community Church in 2012 and remained faithful until his passing. Andrew left a legacy that honors God through the Christian work he did and the life he lived. Throughout his life, Andrew continued his Christian education by regularly attending his bible study and Sunday school. He also attended class on the national level with the National Baptist Convention, USA.

A Man of Family...

Andrew married Helen Fleming in 1969 and became the devoted father of: Andrew Rafael and Heather Louise. He loved his family, and he taught his children the values of faith, fellowship, and friendship and encouraged them to pursue their dreams. In the early 70's, Andrew played fullback for the Triple City Jets in the Atlantic Coast Football League and the Seaboard Football League. After retiring from semi-professional football, Andrew played sports recreationally for many years and shared his love of sports and his love of God with his family. He never missed an opportunity to brag about his son, daughter or granddaughter. He was extremely proud that Andrew Rafael has a MFA in writing, was a college professor at University of Alabama, author of several books and has lived and traveled in Europe and Africa. He was elated that Heather graduated from Spelman, received M. Div. from Emory University Candler School of Theology and became a practicing attorney. The joy of his life was his granddaughter Nozomi. He was amazed at her artistic abilities and could not wait until she finished college.

A Man of Scholarship...

Andrew graduated with highest honors from C.P. Coleman High School in Pine Bluff, AR, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. At University of

Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Andrew joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Student Union, was President of the Junior class, and met his future wife and life long friend, Helen. He graduated with a degree in Chemistry in 1968. International Business Machines (IBM) immediately hired Andrew to help develop computer components, and he participated in continuous training in engineering. He also received an Executive MBA Program certificate from Northwestern University in Management. He has received numerous academic honors including Who's Who Among Black Americans and Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities. He received the Presidential Citation NAFEO from President Ronald Reagan in 1983. He eventually acquired six patents. Andrew moved from Pine Bluff to Binghamton, NY, Little Rock, AR, Brooklyn, NY, East Fishkill, NY, and Austin, TX. Andrew stayed employed with IBM until his retirement.

A Man of Civic Responsibility...

Andrew volunteered and served in various community leadership positions most notably, the American Cancer Society from 1996-2006. He also, organized and chaired the African American Awareness Committees on prostate and colon cancer, and assisted in the planning of the first "relay for Life" aimed at improving the health of the community. While in Nyack, New York he was also a member of the NAACP serving as chair of the Economic Development Committee. Later in Austin, he served on the Board of Directors for the Interfaith Care Alliance assisting individuals with HIV/AIDS, and he volunteered for the Health Clinic of Austin.

A Man of Creativity...

Andrew was also an avid writer. His literary achievements include a published memoir, Momma Slapped Jim Crow, plus a novel, and four inspiring books of poetry. He also worked as a genealogist writing the family heritage of many family and friends. Before his death, Andrew completed From the Cotton Fields to Carnegie Hall: The McKissicks of Phillips County.

Andrew was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Johnson and Bertha

Sullivan Johnson; his siblings Andy Johnson, Ernest Johnson, H.P. Johnson, K.D. Johnson, Dan Johnson, Helen Johnson Claxton, Lillie Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Deotis "Raymond" Johnson, and He is survived by his brother Donald Johnson of Canton, MI; his sister Jessie Turner of Detroit, MI; his former wife Dr. Helen Fleming Johnson of Leander, TX; son Andrew R. Johnson of Minneapolis, MN; daughter Heather L. Johnson of Atlanta, GA; granddaughter Nozomi A. Johnson; plus, numerous in-laws, nephews, nieces, relatives, and friend.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lane Cemetery

Pine Bluff, AR

Previous Events

Public Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St Stephens Baptist Church "The North Star"
12300 Amherest Dr
Austin, TX 78727

Tribute Wall



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“ *Thanks for sharing Andrew's life story. To know this man, what a special gift His search for self and true meaning is demonstrated well in his writing, travel, and love for family. The ancestors are rejoicing and saying job well done. Now my brother other omegas will welcome you to your final homecoming.
Mrs. Julius F. Brown(Brenda, Endwell, NY)*

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