



Mr. John "Tiny" Vanderbilt Andrews

November 7, 1951 - June 5, 2015

Reverend John V. "Tiny" Andrews died peacefully June 5, 2015 at the age of 63.

Johnnie is survived by his mother, Magdalene Lewis Andrews, daughter Ayana Dia Andrews, son Kobie' Karee Andrews, one granddaughter Ayanah Monique Andrews, three sisters Asenath Andrews, Anita Alef (Walter) and Pandora Andrews along with a host of beloved cousins, nieces, nephews 2 maternal uncles Oddis Lewis Jr, Alvin Lewis Sr. 1 Paternal Uncle David Smith of Chicago Ill., 2 paternal aunts, Mary Lewis Chicago and Sadie King Memphis Tennessee.

John was born on November 7, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Magdalene Lewis Andrews and John Andrews Sr. John Jr. graduated from Mumford High School in 1969 and earned his Bachelor of Science from Morgan State University in 1973. In that same year he was drafted by the Miami Dolphins as a defensive tackle. Never one to be satisfied with the status quo, he took the chance and went to play with the Birmingham Americans, of the then newly formed World Football League. After the demise of that league he joined the Detroit Lions. A knee injury forced him to retire from his career in professional football. He married his college girlfriend Diedre Talley and had 2 children who remember him as a kind, patient, gentle and loving father.

John was accomplished at counseling and organizational planning. He worked

for many years in residential settings with at risk youth. He also worked for a time with Boy Scouts of America and was very proud of being one of the first black scout leaders to take a delegation of troops to a month long experience in Australia. He was a gregarious, friendly and welcoming man who specialized in making people feel at home in his home or the homes of anyone else. He loved reading nonfiction, was an avid Coltrane, Last Poets and Gil Scott Herron listener.

John accepted Christ as his savior at an early age and was baptized by his grandfather, Oddis Lewis Sr. the founding pastor of the Second New Hope Baptist Church. John was called to the ministry and was passionate about preparing to teach the Second New Hope Men's Sunday School and would regularly enlist the consultation of both uncles and colleagues in other states.

Did John-Johnnie-Tiny-Mr. Andrews, change the world and leave it a better place for his having been here? Ask the many boys, now men whom he mentored, guided, and helped redirect their lives. Ask his fellow Mumfordites whose friendships he nurtured and maintained until death. Ask his teammates and friends from both College and seminary. Ask his children, sisters, family and friends. Ask the recipient of his corneas. A giver even in death John V. Andrews' memory will be cherished.

The family would like to thank Providence Hospital Cardiovascular ICU staff for their extraordinary care and compassion. Special thanks to Pastor Eric and Leading Lady Odetta Burr, the Second New Hope Family for all of the acts of kindness, caring and support during this time of sorrow. Please keep us in your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Cemetery

10755 Gratiot
Detroit, MI 48213

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Jun. **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Second New Hope Baptist Church
21250 Bethlawn Blvd.
Ferndale, MI 48220
(248) 548-0120
<http://www.2ndnewhopembc.org>

Funeral Service

Saturday, Jun. **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Saw him on YouTube playing for the Dolphins on Monday Night Football opener in 1975. Reading here Mr. Andrews had a life well lived. My condolences to his family.*

Mark Heaney - February 14, 2024 at 12:53 AM



“ *Mr. John "Tiny" Vanderbilt Andrews*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I just happened to look up his name. He was my best friend while he was in Baltimore. RIP my friend*

Joe Kirk - May 20, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ *He is a classmate of two of my older brothers and I remember how elated he was when Mumford beat Pontiac Central his senior year.*

John Wright - September 02, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ *He was a friend and coworker in Baltimore. He barbecued and made great burgers. He is missed*

Marguerite Allen - May 20, 2017 at 06:38 PM

EH

“ I knew Rev. Andrews and his family only through Second New Hope Baptist Church. I admired the devotion and care that he endowed on his beautiful mother. Whenever I saw him he had that warm smile on his face. I will miss that and his presence at church. My heartfelt prayers go out to his exceptional family. Especially Mother Andrews. Love you all in Jesus name

Evelyn Harrington - June 13, 2015 at 06:54 AM

D'

“ In life, sometimes you meet people for the first time and forget them immediately. Then there are some people you meet once and immediately know they are a part of your family forever!



Our "Tiny" was everybody's family member. His warm smile and boyish laugh, made you always feel at ease. His huge size reflected the size of his caring heart. We met at Morgan, and no matter how many miles we drifted apart over the years, every time we spoke it was like we just saw each other a few minutes ago.

We often tried to take pictures together, but the top of his head would always get cut off!. (I'm a "little shorter" than Tiny), He will always be in my family and in my heart. It's a comfort to know he is with our Most High right now, and I know he is chuckling I Heaven, telling us to get our lives together. My prayers are for peace and blessings for all that loved John "Tiny" Andrews.

Denise "Nesie" Alexander Smith

Denise Alexander Smith '73 - June 12, 2015 at 02:37 PM

KW

“ I knew Tiny through his beautiful second wife Gwendolyn. I see she wasn't mentioned. As an AKA I definitely would have thought that Asenath of all people would have followed proper protocol. I must say I'm shocked Soror. Skee wee



Karen Webb - June 11, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John "Tiny" Vanderbilt Andrews.



June 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

DM

“ Through the years I always had to look up to Johnny because of his height. But, I enjoyed his tender heart. He had such a sweet smile that he shared with all along with his quick wit! May he rest in peace. I hope family and friends will continue to support all of his family in this time of grief.



Doris M. Marino - June 09, 2015 at 05:58 PM