



Robert Andrews

September 15, 1954 - September 15, 2012

Robert Franklin Andrews, 58, of Powhatan, passed away, Saturday, September 15, 2012 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Born December 24, 1953 at Blytheville, son of Charles and Ada Joe Hatcher Andrews. He was a member of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Jonesboro. He was preceded by his father, Charles Andrews.

Robert earned a Bachelors degree from Vanderbilt University followed by a law degree from the University of Memphis. He practiced law in Lawrence and the surrounding Counties in Arkansas before moving to Fort Worth, Texas, with his wife Jane Silvey Andrews. Robert received a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Robert's law practice focused on civil right law and psychiatric health care. He represented over 100 adolescents who had been fraudulently committed to psychiatric facilities winning a multimillion dollar settlement for his clients. He did this at a great personal loss for himself. Robert was invited to testify before Congress in 1997 regarding mental health care fraud. He moved to Austin, Texas in 2001 where he and Barry Mitchell became life partners. Robert was proud of his service as a volunteer chaplain during the Katrina Relief effort in Austin. Robert and Barry retired to Powhatan, Arkansas in 2010.

Survivors include his partner, Barry Mitchell, his mother Ada Joe and husband

Charles Conway Weir of Powhatan; two sisters, Cindy Owen of Powhatan and Regina Bourland of Little Rock; a brother, Charles Andrews of Powhatan; three sons, James Byron Andrews of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Zane David Andrew of Austin, Texas and Banning Lyons Andrews of California; his children's mother, Jane Silvey Andrews of Ft. Worth, Texas; four nephews and three nieces; and many other relatives and friends.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **17.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home
415 NW Texas St.
Hoxie, AR 72433

Funeral Service

SEP **18.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Epicopal Church
531 W. College Ave.
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tribute Wall

TF

“ I greatly admired Robert, he was a great man with an even greater soul. He will be missed. Hugs from Boston.

Terry - Boston, MA - friend - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Thank you for letting me into your life. You are such a loving and caring person and i know that where you are going, you will be greeted with open arms.

To Barry and Ada: Words cannot express the sorrow I have for your loss. Robert will live on in all of our hearts.

My love to Robert and to you all.

RIP Robert. I will Miss you.

Betty Lanier - Raleigh, NC - Friend - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ When all is said about the life of a human being, we leave few things to really treasure behind. If you have left memories of love, kindness, support, you have made a wonderful impact on another human being. Robert certainly did this and more. I wish that I had the opportunity to have know him beyond the internet, but Robert was a man who shared with people no matter how superficial the relationship.

My deepest sympathy and condolences to Barry and all who loved and respected Robert.

Susan Pashkoff - London, UK - friend - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Robert possessed such beauty and glory and though I knew him for such a brief time, I am forever grateful to have known him at all.

Faith ~ Emily Dickinson

You will not see me, so you must have faith. I wait for the time when we can soar together again, both aware of each other. Until then, live your life to its fullest and when you need me, just whisper my name in your heart...I will be there.

Mary Ann Segars aka JaxDem - Jacksonville, FL - Friend - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Robert and Jane Silvey Andrews were friends of our when they were dating and Jane was teaching at Williams Baptist College. We enjoyed Robert's sense of humor. Our daughters, Julie and Sarah, liked both Robert and Jane very much.

Jerry and Barbara Gibbens - Walnut Ridge, AR - Friend and Colleague - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Remembering his kindness.

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered; Accept our prayers on behalf of the soul of thy servant departed, Robert, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anne Noble - Alexandria, VA - Friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I know Robert is in a better place. All of our prayers are with your family

Brenda Redburn and Jackie Pierce - Pocahontas, AR - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dearest Robert and Barry! What an inspiration you were and are for all of us. Our small world was forever increased tremendously by your presence. Robert, dear, you will be SO missed. Peace be with you Barry! We love you!

tbear and Alex

Teresa Bear and Alex Thornburg - Madison, WI - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I will miss you every day Robert. You brought such joy in my life and loved listening to your stories. I love you.

Tricia Andrews - Powhatan, AR - Sister-in-law - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Thankyou fo being an inspiration who enjoyed a great life. RIP. Gone too soon..

Sheila Oxford - jaluco - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I will always remember Robert as a genuinely kind man who made each day a little brighter just by sharing his thoughts and caring.

Kate Eberle - Scottsburg, IN - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I never had the privilege of meeting Robert but I know that he was a wonderful giving person.

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Look for me in Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.

In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,

Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.

In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,

Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then

My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.

Every waking moment, and all your whole life through

Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,

And I'll be there with you.

pam swearengin - pocahontas, AR - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ We are all better for having known this dear man with the brilliant mind and gentle soul. He has a place in my heart forever. Rest well, dearest friend. your very own "Saint" Nan of Meridian.

Nan Gardner - Madison , WI - Friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *I feel very fortunate to have been included among the many, many people with whom Robert shared his wisdom, kindness, generosity and humor. The world is a much better place for his having graced it.*

Lynn Martin - Caldwell, ID - Friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Robert was a kind, sweet, funny man and I feel privileged to have known him. I will always carry him in my heart and remember how his gentle soul touched my life.*

Allison Jewell - Dallas, TX - Friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Goodbye sweet Robert. The world is darker and colder without your warm, beautiful, bright presence. You are very much loved. I will miss you! This poem has always comforted me:

What is Dying?

I am standing on the seashore,

A ship sails in the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.

She is an object of beauty and I stand watching her

Till at last she fades on the horizon and someone at my side says:

"She is gone."

Gone! Where?

Gone from my sight that is all.

She is just as large in the masts, hull and spars as she was when I saw her

And just as able to bear her load of living freight to its destination.

*The diminished size and total loss of sight is in me,
not in her.*

And just at the moment when someone at my side says,

"She is gone",

*There are others who are watching her coming, and other voices
take up a glad shout:*

"There she comes"

• and that is dying. A horizon and just the limit of our sight.

Lift us up, Oh Lord, that we may see further.

~Bishop Brent

1862 - 1926

Michelle Fistek - Ashland, NH - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“((Robert))))))))))))))))))))))))))))))
*I will always remember your sense of humour, your intelligence, and
the way you stood up for what you believed in, and the way you
used your training for good. I will miss you.*

((Barry and Family and Loved
Ones))))))))))))))))))))))))))

I'm very, very, very sorry for your loss.

*Love and Hugs,
Heather*

Heather Stecher - Ottawa, WA - Friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“*Barry and Ada Joe and all,
I was so sorry to come home and see this sad news. My thoughts
are with all of you who loved him and had him near you every day.*

He was so good to me on dkos, and I will miss him too.

I will include your family in the prayers at church in the morning.

jenn

Jennifer Miller-Smith jlms qkw - Salt Lake City, UT - friend - September 16, 2012
at 12:00 AM

SF

“*Robert, you were a wonderful man with such a kind soul. I enjoyed
getting to know you online and wish I'd had the privilege to meet
you in person. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Susan Estinson - Portland, OR - friend - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Robert introduced me to things that have since remained steady interests throughout my life. He was a master storyteller with a fantastic sense of humor and imagination. He was the perfect listener during difficult moments when I was young and badly need one. I've seen and done so many things that I never would have without him, and I'm very grateful to have had him for an uncle.

Daniel Cole - Memphis, TN - Nephew - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM