



Mr. Andrew C. Payne

May 27, 1955 - March 3, 2024

On May 27, 1955, a brown-eyed, bouncing baby entered into this world through the bodily vessel of his parents, the late Mr. James Lampkin and Mrs. Annie Ruth Payne Banks, named Andrew C. Payne, affectionately known as Drew and An-C. Drew was born in Opelika, AL but almost had dual residency between his birth place and Middletown, OH. There he learned gymnastics from a cousin and grew his talents as a child landing him the nickname “Flip”; His talents even landed him on The Col Chic & Bozo Show in the 1960s, a broadcasting program out of Columbus, GA, while a student at Carver Elementary School. His love of sports extended beyond gymnastics, including track, swimming, and his most beloved, basketball. He joined the OHS varsity basketball team in the 9th grade and excelled throughout school to earn various scholarships, including a full scholarship to Washington State. As much as he loved the game, his love of family was bigger. Andrew graduated from Opelika High School in 1973 and started work at Uniroyal Tire Plant to support his family. And soon a young woman, Lindie, caught his eye. He later went to Opelika Technical College, currently known as Southern Union Community College, and graduated in 1982 as an electrician. He continued his passion at Uniroyal and was one of the starting members of the basketball team which turned into a traveling, industrial league, winning numerous

championships. He never missed a day from work, except for his honeymoon. Andrew was united in holy matrimony to Lindie Bryant on August 23, 1986. To this 37.5 year union one daughter was born, Amanda, who he affectionately called Sweet Pea and Sweets.

He went on to retire from Uniroyal in 1993 and started a new career or careers over the next 25 years. As many knew, Andrew had a high drive and entrepreneurial spirit that started shortly before retiring. Some of his businesses included a Clothing & Print store in downtown Opelika, a Sports Bar and Lounge in Auburn, Trucking company, and Tire/Mechanic. With his photographic memory, he operated on the philosophy of really thinking things out first to work smarter. As well as, someone else's trash is another man's treasure and could build and make anything work again. Andrew was truly a provider and helped anyone he could to start jobs and entrepreneur journeys of their own.

At an early age, he accepted Christ and united with the St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika. And later attended Shiloh #2 AME Zion Church in Opelika as an adult. He was truly a kind, gentle, spirit that would do all he could for his family, friends, and community.

On Sunday, March 3rd, Andrew quietly transitioned at home to eternal peace in a new home.

He is preceded in death by one sister Kimberly Lampkin of Kettering, OH. While he will truly be missed he leaves treasured memories of his life to be shared by: his loving and supportive wife, Lindie; his devoted daughter, Amanda; adoring mother, Annie Ruth Payne Banks; three brothers, Carl Henry Payne, Timothy (Delphine) Payne, and Willie James (Sonja) Payne all of Opelika, AL; two sisters, Joe Ann Bess of Opelika, AL, and Tracy Lampkin of Dayton, OH; one uncle, Ben Payne of Opelika, AL, five aunts, Ezela Torbert of Beauregard, AL, Lorine Hodge, Lula Pearl Payne, Cheryl Payne all of Opelika, AL, and Edna "Toot" Lampkin of Middletown, OH; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Legend

Cemetery Details

Garden Hills Cemetery

1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, AL 36801

Previous Events

Service

MAR 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2000 S Uniroyal Road
Opelika, AL 36801

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Reggie Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew C. Payne*



Reggie Strickland - March 13, 2024 at 10:06 AM

RS

“ *We are saddened to hear of the passing of our Dear Brother Andrew C Payne (Flip). We are praying for comfort and peace for the Payne and Bryant Family during this difficult time. Andrew was a good friend and great Basketball player as I was growing up. Please accept our deepest condolences. Reggie and Priscilla Strickland*

Reggie Strickland - March 13, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SV

“ *Our prayers and condolences to Miss. Annie Banks and the entire Payne family.
Rev. Venson and Suzanne (Suzie Pruitt) Vaughn 🙏❤️*

Suzanne Vaughn - March 10, 2024 at 07:05 PM

WA

“ *Praying that God comforts you and family in these trying times.*

Winford Ashmore - March 09, 2024 at 01:04 PM

ST

“ *Stinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew C. Payne*



Stinson - March 09, 2024 at 11:48 AM

CF

“ *Cytina Milner and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Andrew C. Payne.*

Cytina Milner and Family - March 08, 2024 at 11:49 PM

CF

“ *Cytina Milner and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Andrew C. Payne.*



Cytina Milner and Family - March 08, 2024 at 11:49 PM

EI

“ *Lindie and family,
We are so sadden of the passing of Andrew C. We extend our sincere condolences and prayers of comfort to you and family.*

Ellen Ingram and sisters. 🙏

Ellen Ingram - March 08, 2024 at 10:22 PM

TW

“ Praying For Lindie/Amanda And The Entire Family 🙏 GOD Will Cover And Keep You 🙏 We Love Yall ❤️ Tyrone And Joye White

Tyrone And Joye White - March 08, 2024 at 06:35 PM

TW

“ Tyrone And Joye White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew C. Payne



Tyrone And Joye White - March 08, 2024 at 06:28 PM

NH

“ Praying for Lindie and All of the family during this most difficult time. Blessings in Him.

Nancy Lynn Haynes - March 08, 2024 at 10:37 AM

CM

“ Praying for the Payne family 🙏🙏🙏



Carolyn Burton McCurdy - March 08, 2024 at 04:13 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew C. Payne.



March 07, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ Sylvia and Alex Johnson (Tracey's Friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Andrew C. Payne.

Sylvia and Alex Johnson (Tracey's Friend - March 07, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ Lindie my prayers are with you and your family. Cousin Andrew C will be truly missed.

From: Diane Kindred-Heard & Family

Diane Kindred-Heard - March 07, 2024 at 08:16 PM



*My prayers are with my cousin Lindie and the Payne Family Family. May God bring comfort and strength in the coming days weeks and months
Timothy Woodson*

Timothy Woodson - March 09, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ Chelsea, Daphanee, and Kala planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Andrew C. Payne.

Chelsea, Daphanee, and Kala - March 07, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew C. Payne.*



March 07, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ *So sorry 😞 for your loss. We pray that God continue to keep you close. May His comfort and love continue to be ever present with you all! The Colquitts*

Viola Colquitt - March 07, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ *To the Payne Family sorry for your lost, we are praying for you all , Drew stand up Guy , too many memories to list playing basketball, advisor, Friend. W Bryant/ Calloway Family*



Winston bryant - March 07, 2024 at 05:02 AM



“ *Lindie, Amanda & family, praying for your comfort, peace & strength during this hour and for the days ahead... Keep the faith. Love, Jimmie, Atoska “Joyce” Gentry & family*



Atoska Gentry - March 06, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ *Lindie, Amanda & family, we’re praying for your comfort & peace during this hour and the days ahead....
Keep the faith.
Love, Jimmie, Atoska (Joyce) Gentry & family*
🙏❤️



Atoska Gentry - March 06, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ *Julia Finley sent a virtual gift in memory of Andrew Payne*



Julia Finley - March 06, 2024 at 08:56 PM



“ *I think back to high school and rec days, watching Andrew or Aaaaaan C as we called him, playing basketball. He played with a smoothness like none other. Rest on my friend. Thanks for the memories.* 🙏🙏

Marvin Dowdell - March 06, 2024 at 05:28 PM



PRAYERS GOING UP 🙏 FOR LINDIE AND FAMILY 🙏

Deborah Buckhannon - March 09, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ *Fly with the Angels Andrew C. May our Heavenly Father wrap his arms your family in this time of sadness. Sincerely James Driver and family.*

Christine Driver - March 06, 2024 at 04:27 PM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God strengthen you and your family.

Margie Maddox



Margie Maddox - March 06, 2024 at 10:43 AM

HP

“ Praying for your family

hattie parker - March 06, 2024 at 09:23 AM

DS

May God give the family strength.

Deloris Summer's - March 06, 2024 at 10:33 PM

MP

Lindie, Amanda and the family, I am praying for your comfort and peace in days ahead.

Marilyn Calloway Pittman

MARILYN C. PITTMAN - March 09, 2024 at 12:26 PM

MP

I am just recently getting the news of Andrew C 's passing, but would still like to extend my sincere condolences to the family with hopes that God will sustain all through your loss. I have many fond memories of him. One heck of an athlete (swimming, gymnastics and basketball), a good person and kind spirit. May he rest in peace.

Mikeal Pinkard

Mikeal Pinkard - March 18, 2024 at 06:58 AM