



Andrea Woodward

February 22, 1954 - July 9, 2025

Andrea was born February 22, 1954, attending Greenwood Elementary, Central Jr., and graduating Central High School, Class of 1972. She went on to study at the newly opened Penn Valley Community College and continued her education at UMKC with a bachelor's degree in social work and went on to receive a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from KU.

Her career began as a paralegal at a prestigious Kansas City law firm, however, her entrepreneurial spirit and love for helping others, led to her own counseling practice, specializing in counseling children.

Andrea "Ann" Janice Woodward loved Jazz, plays, the symphony, and The Nelson-Atkins Art Museum. Her interests were as varied as they were many, including the love of Black History, Art and Culture, including starting her newsletter in the early 1970's called "Onyx."

She was also into cat rescue and care. She volunteered and mentored many in the greater Kansas City area in community activism, representing the underserved in education, housing, and mental health awareness.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Sylura Cherry Woodward; and leaves to cherish her memory her father, Andrew Woodward; four sisters, Sharon Woodward Carter; Joan (Ernest) Lightsey; Marian Woodward; Cynthia

Moore; and one brother, David (Jessie) Muhammad; Mary Bryant, close family friend, a host of nieces; nephews; great nieces; great nephews; other relatives; and friends.

Visitation Only will be held on Saturday July 19, 2025, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel 1800 East Linwood Blvd. KCMO 64109. Private Disposition. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com.

Previous Events

Visitation Only

JUL 19. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Lawrence A. Jones Funeral Homes & Cremation - Missouri

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ To Andrea's family - I had the pleasure of meeting her during the summer of 1980 when I was working as a summer intern for the Commission on Civil Rights' KC office. She also worked in the building in which the Commission was located. But for her friendship that summer, I would not have enjoyed so much of what KC offered, and I remain grateful for her friendship during that time. We were penpals thereafter as she wrote me letters while I was home in Chicago and in school in Iowa City. She always included small gifts of tea or something by which to remember her. I was able to get together with her again when I visited KC years later. However, I eventually lost contact with her. I thought about her recently and decided to check Facebook. I was very saddened to find that my vibrant, go-getter friend over the miles was gone. Please pardon my lengthy acknowledgement but I wanted to let you know that we shared a great friendship when I was in KC. May Andrea rest in sweet peace.

Avonne M. Seals - September 03, 2025 at 12:32 PM

SC

What a beautiful memory of my sister Andrea ! I truly appreciate your dear kind words, thank you so very much. Sharon F Woodward Carter

sharon faye woodward carter - January 23 at 05:24 PM

JB

“ I have known Andrea for over 40 years, serving as her mentor in the field of Social work. I was singularly impressed with her desire for academic and professional growth. She willingly accepted assignments and meticulously followed through on them. She will be deeply missed as my friend and colleague.

Rev. Jim Bridgeford, MSW.

james Bridgeford,MSW. - July 22, 2025 at 10:25 PM



Thank you Rev. Jim Bridgeford, MSW, your gracious and heartwarming condolence is so greatly appreciated.

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 23, 2025 at 07:36 AM

JL

“ *Just want to THANK YOU to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, condolences, calls and visits. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and plants sent in memory of our sister Andrea. They brought such an added peace and beauty to the service and continues to bring comfort to our hearts each day. It meant so much to us for your remembrance of Andrea, as she loved beautiful flowers and plants. Thank You again and God's blessings to you all.*

Joanie (Woodward) Lightsey - July 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *Andrea loved beautiful ! I know she wants to gracefully thank you Joy Fellowship Church Pastor Jesse Robinson and his wife Marie Robinson for the beautiful flowers they sent my friends and your Central HS classmate! Also Aunt Vergie, Our Robinson Family in Anniston Al sent you beautiful flowers and plants and planted a tree in your honor! So beautiful! Our brother David and his beautiful family honored you with love of a beautiful spray, an amazing anonymous person sent a gorgeous plant and Harriet our cousin sent you a beautiful plant! I thank you all for your wonderful gifts and prayers and compassion for our sister. So many calls for you ! You're remembered dearly! Thank you Everyone!❤️💕❤️🙏🙏*

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 18, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ As your sister Andrea ! Thank you for allowing me to practice on you and do your hair through our years together! Going to lunch and shopping afterwards I’ll miss! Yesterday I went to do your hair , no conversation but we had had so many deep conversations and “debates” lol! My goal was to make YOU beautiful for Your Day to honored on YOUR Homegoing to your heavenly home with our savior! I worked hard on you , I was sweating! Your cats told me to get you a pretty scarf from them! You have on your earrings, a ring on your beautiful hands, polished pretty! Your hair is still so gorgeous and long! I gave you your last Press and Curl! You face is real pretty like it was when you went to your senior prom! Say Hi 🙌 to our Mama in heaven ! You’re beautiful!

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 18, 2025 at 12:58 PM

JL

“ My sister Andrea (she would certainly tell you it was pronounced Aun'dray'a) was a life-long learner who very accomplished in her work and education.

Her post high school education began at the then almost new Penn Valley Community College, she went on to achieve dual undergrad degrees from UMKC, several certificates in learning from KU (including a medical certificate), she was a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Counselor, holding a Masters in Social Work, and started her own practice called "Counseling Network Associates" in the Location 1 (Citadel Building) in Kansas City.

An accomplished woman in so many aspects, she also loved interior design, and was very good at it! She was a self-taught in culinary cuisine, could have been a chef!

I remember all of her swanky culinary works of art that would surely now have gotten her a spot of Top Chef show! This was back when she was mid-20's (so late 1970s) and all I wanted her to cook for dinner was fried chicken, mashed potatoes and green beans (hahaha!) and she would tell me that we as Black people need to expand our food palate. Her meals were masterpieces of culinary design and taste, which was hard to appreciate as a teenager.

She lived Black history, arts, culture. She also loved the arts, Alvin Ailey, Nelson-Atkins, Black Archives, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, KC Jazz Museum, enjoying the Kaufmann Center, the KC Symphony and so much more! She had so many diverse passions and talents.

A couple of my most fondest memories are: going with her to the Happy Hour Buffet at Harry Starkers on the Plaza; and back in the early 1980's when we stood in line for hours at the Nelson Art Gallery, to view the original Emancipation Proclamation document signed by President Abraham Lincoln!

She was a mentor to many in the community, representing the underserved in education, housing, mental health, to name a few; and also did consultant work across many agencies, educational policy institutes, and community committees and advisory boards.

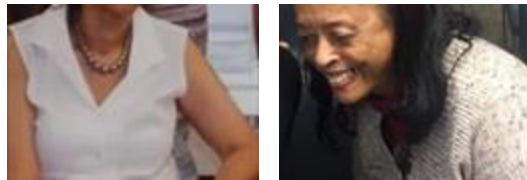
Adnrea's love, wisdom, and unwavering dedication touched the lives of so many through her mentorship, her kindness, and her tireless work.

I pray that her enduring legacy be a testament to the countless lives she touched and the meaningful contributions she made throughout her life.

She will be missed by us all.

Rest in Heaven

Love from your younger sister Joanie



Joanie (Woodward) Lightsey - July 17, 2025 at 02:05 PM



Thank you Joanie that was so very beautiful work of art you wrote for our sister. ❤️

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 17, 2025 at 03:36 PM

RJ

This is to Andrea Woodward family. My name is Rebecca Johnson. I have known Andrea since high school. Her and my sister Laura were very close friends. People used to think that they were sisters in school. Laura, Andrea and I went to the movies and concerts together which will always be fond memories for me. I will be praying for your family. Take care. Love you all.

Rebecca Johnson - July 19, 2025 at 04:19 PM



Thank you Rebecca for this very beautiful memory , i remember you guys!

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 20, 2025 at 02:52 AM



Hello Becky! Such a beautiful remembrance. Yes, you and Laura were so special to Ann, best friends, and yes... looked liked sisters. Thank you for your prayers!

Joanie (Woodward) Lightsey - July 22, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ *Robinson Family Oxford, AL& Katy, TX purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Andrea Woodward.*



Robinson Family Oxford, AL& Katy, TX - July 17, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Robinson Family Oxford, AL& Katy, TX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrea Woodward.*

Robinson Family Oxford, AL& Katy, TX - July 17, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *David, Jessie, Madison, Naomi and DJ purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Andrea Woodward.*



David, Jessie, Madison, Naomi and DJ - July 16, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DM

“ RIP my lovely sister. I love you.

David Muhammad - July 16, 2025 at 06:10 PM



You're the best and only brother , my brother , God blast you and your beautiful wife and children for such a gorgeous gift of flowers to honor our sister " Ann"

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 18, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ Joy Fellowship Church purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Andrea Woodward.



Joy Fellowship Church - July 16, 2025 at 06:10 PM

HL

“ Harriet Lewis (Daughter of Harold Lewis) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrea Woodward.



Harriet Lewis (Daughter of Harold Lewis) - July 16, 2025 at 04:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrea Woodward.



July 15, 2025 at 10:43 PM

DC

“ *My condolences for your loss. Praying for your family*

drea Nycole carnes - July 15, 2025 at 06:42 AM



Thank you so very much. I appreciate your kindness

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 15, 2025 at 10:57 AM



Thank you so very very much Harriet!! You were one of Andrea favorite people! Mine too! I appreciate you so much . That is so beautiful of you to send the beautiful plant ! I love it ❤️ I thank you it will make the service beautiful. It means so much.

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 16, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this painful time. We remember her as a very kind and generous person. John and Wanda James.*



Wanda James - July 14, 2025 at 10:57 PM



Thank you so very kindly , I appreciate your beautiful words of comfort and compassion for my sister.

Sharon Woodward-Carter - July 15, 2025 at 12:21 AM

NK

Sorry to hear Ann went home. I use to talk with her via phone. We had lots in common. I will miss my cousin. RIP..Nate Kimbrough and family.

Nate Kimbrough - July 15, 2025 at 11:13 PM