



Andrew Glenn LaMothe

January 22, 1948 - December 2, 2018

Obituary

ANDREW GLENN LAMOTHE

Andrew Glenn LaMothe 70, a longtime resident of Grandview, Missouri entered eternal rest in the early morning of December 2, 2018 in Raytown, MO. Andrew was born on January 22, 1948 in New Orleans, Louisiana to parents, Norman B LaMothe Sr and Ruth LaMothe. He was raised in a Christian home with strong spiritual beliefs and morals as a child. Andrew attended College at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics in 1970. At Dillard he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. He was dedicated member eventually serving as Polemarch for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Kansas City Alumni chapter from 1979 to 1981. In 1970, Andrew was recruited from Dillard University to the Teacher Core Program Teaching Math to students in the Des Moines, Iowa public school system. This program provided a fully paid scholarship for which he successfully completed a master's degree from Drake University in 1972. Upon graduation, Andrew was offered a job as a Systems Analyst for IBM in Kansas City, MO. He was one of the few African Americans hired at that time in his field. Over his 33-year career, he had many roles and received numerous promotions and recognition, however he was most proud of his ability to hire and advocate fairness on behalf of other African American Employees. As a Managing Principle, he managed support engineers for his

biggest account, Walmart for which he was best known for the roll out and support of the Point of Sale System for Walmart based out of Bentonville, Arkansas. Much of this implementation is used in Walmart stores across the nation. Andrew loved his family. He enjoyed taking road trips to his hometown of New Orleans. He was a Mathematics genius, intelligent and had a charismatic laugh. He had a passion for music, singing, hosting family and friends and cooking his native foods. He was an avid recreational player of Dominos, Pinochle and Darts. Most importantly he enjoyed being surrounded by family, his Fraternity brothers and Friends. Andrew impacted many lives and was respected by his peers, employees and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman B LaMothe Sr. and Ruth LaMothe. He is survived in death by his children; Tiffany S Washington and Edward A. LaMothe by Robby L. Warren and Lorenzo Dillard, Reno Dillard and Ryan Dillard by June Dillard; His brothers and sister, Lloyd B LaMothe, Norman B. LaMothe Jr and Winnifred Green; 13 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Watkins Heritage Chapel. Visitation 12:00 P.M. KAPPA Service at 2:00 P.M. Interment Monday, December 3rd at 10:30 A.M. at Forest Hill Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall

HD

“ I deeply regret that I lost touch with Andrew when I moved from Kansas City 20 years ago. He was a kind and gentle man of great intelligence and wisdom. I first met Andrew when I was his customer. I knew him then as a valued consultant and service provider to my employer, Forrest T. Jones & Co. When I later joined IBM, he was a treasured friend and mentor. Now that I find I could have reconnected with him after I moved back to Kansas City a year and a half ago, and failed to do so, it reminds me of how important it is to be sure be sure people know that you love them while you have the opportunity. Andrew, I love you and regret not having reconnected when I could have.

Howard Dolginoff - September 03, 2019 at 08:32 PM

GA

“ To this family, My deepest sympathy to you all at the loss of your loved one. I will keep you all in my prayers. Gloria Allen-Brown

gloria allen-brown - March 03, 2019 at 11:43 PM

VW

“ A candle was lit in remembrance

Vivian Williams - December 09, 2018 at 08:39 AM

ES

“ A SPATHIPHYLLUM was ordered on December 7, 2018

Expression of Sympathy - December 07, 2018 at 02:30 PM

MH

“ We are so sorry for you loss Ed and Jennifer. Mark and I continue to pray for your family.

Mark and Jackie Harper - December 07, 2018 at 02:26 PM

TS

“ I am saddened to learn of Andrew's Homegoing. I did not have the pleasure of working with Andrew at IBM but remember his always pleasant smiling face. We would talk about our daughters being roommates at KU and how we looked forward to their graduation. The family have my deepest sympathy.

Tina Sparks - December 06, 2018 at 06:50 PM

KW

“ I WILL MISS ANDREW FOR HIS LAUGHTER AND EXCELLENT CARD PLAYING. HE ENCOURAGED ME TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY. A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS IN NEW ORLEANS FOR MARDI GRAS. WE HAD A BALL. REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND.....KAREN(AKA OPRAH).

KAREN M WILIAMS - December 06, 2018 at 05:21 PM

LH

“ Andrew was a great guy with great character. He was a classmate of the Class of 1965 at L. B. Landry Senior- High School in New Orleans. His accomplishments certainly attest to what a great person he was. Certainly, his memory will not be forgotten.

Leroy &Janice Pierce Hughes - December 06, 2018 at 04:20 PM

JH

“ Andrew was a great guy as a classmate at L.B. Landry High School in New Orleans, Class of "1965". He was a person of great character. I am sure he will be greatly missed.

Janice Pierce Hughes - December 06, 2018 at 03:45 PM

WJ

“ My husband, Winfield & myself met Andrew in K.C. in 1994 doing what he loved, playing pinochle and talking 'stuff' among friends at the Epicurean Club. We used to challenge each other's brain remembering words to old songs and just having fun. He welcomed us readily into his heart and home and we will be forever grateful for his friendship. Goodnight, our Friend 'Drewsky'!

Winfield (Winnie) & Gwen Jobes - December 06, 2018 at 03:33 PM

RH

“ I'll always remember Andrew for several things. He had a fabulous laugh! He loved music, dancing. Cooking seemingly was a passion even before we used the word passion for describing things people really liked. Andrew was always welcoming people to his home, which was always neat and clean. Just a side note: Andrew really had beautiful penmanship! Regina Harris

Regina Harris - December 06, 2018 at 12:28 PM

JC

“ I met Andrew in Des Moines, IA at Drake U when he was in grad school; I remember the parties, dancing & singing that we all so enjoyed; His spark in life resonated to all who knew him; God has now received his interjectic son and Andrew is at peace. Condolences to his 5 children and grandchildren and other family members & friends. God Speed My Faithful Friend. 🙏🙏🙏

Jennifer Bethel Carson - December 06, 2018 at 12:02 PM

GJ

“ Andrew was someone I always admired. I admired him mostly for his intelligence, his determination, and lightheartedness. When I was a young high-schooler in the sixties, Andrew was one of my first real-life heroes, whose academic success fueled my college aspirations. I recall that he started college in the mid-1960s, just a few years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed; the result of the Civil Rights Movement. What an exciting time in history; and Andrew... equipped with an exceptional mind, and the Christian values instilled in him by his parents... stepped into his future, determined to earn a college degree and succeed. I also recall Andrew having a jolly disposition. Growing up, I remember he was always smiling and making everyone laugh. As the years passed by, the times we saw each other became rare. But, every encounter... every memory of him... up to the last time I saw him... is a memory of Andrew smiling. As I read the brief biography of his life, it is no surprise that, out of all his achievements and successes, the most important thing to Andrew was being surrounded by his family, friends and others whom he endeared. It touches my heart to learn that he was a voice for other African American professionals, at a time when we needed those few, lone, accomplished, and respected Brothers and Sisters to advocate on our behalf. No doubt... over the years, Andrew impacted many, many lives. It is clear he was a man who understood the purpose of life... and that is to live a life of purpose. To my beloved cousin Andrew's children and grandchildren; to Lloyd, Norman, Jr., Winnifred and the entire LaMothe family... God blessed and graced your/our lives with Andrew. May The Lord's comfort and grace pour down on each of you... and give you peace, at this moment in time... and always. With love, hope, and sweet, sweet memories of Andrew. Your cousin, Gwen & Family

Gwen Colin James - December 06, 2018 at 09:23 AM

RB

“ It was my pleasure to work with Andrew (he was my manager) at IBM in the time frame of 1988 to around 1994. He was one of the best managers I worked for at IBM. He always gave me enough space to direct my own work yet never hesitated to rearrange my priorities when he needed them rearranged. I think his greatest attribute as a manager was that he put the interests of the people he managed on an equal plane with the interests of others external to our department. He was compassionate and fair and always looked out for his people. I miss working for him.

Rich Bireta - December 05, 2018 at 08:23 PM