

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

A portrait of a middle-aged Black man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dramatic sky with a bright sunburst on the right, golden and white clouds, and two white doves in flight at the bottom corners.

ANDREW
Hoffman

Sunrise: July 26, 1942 - Sunset: July 26, 2024

Saturday, August 10, 2024 - 4PM

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OBITUARY

Andrew Junior Huffman was born on July 26th, 1942 from Andrew Huffman and Pauline Taylor Huffman in the commonwealth state of Virginia. He was the first of 3 children. His younger siblings Charles (Tommy) and Raymond affectionately nicknamed Andrew "Pappy" because he always acted like their father instead of a big brother. At a very young age Andrew was a rebel; always wanted things to be done his way.

Andrew lived his life in 2 places; Virginia and New York. He wore New York on his sleeve, but Virginia was worn on his heart. The majority of his education and life experiences was in New York, but Virginia gave him a sense of peace. He always went back to where he felt he belonged.

Andrew had a knack for working with his hands, so it was natural for him to be drawn to auto mechanics, He found it rewarding to work on cars. He also worked as a chauffeur. He was an advent believer in having 2 incomes; on the books and off the books.

A milestone in Andrew's life was in 1965 when he met Betty Jane Cofield at a dance in Harlem. They were married the following year. Andrew said later on in his life that Betty was the most stable thing that ever happened to him. Six years after they got married, Andrew had his only son Andre.

During his early mechanic days he was introduced to motorcycles and it changed him forever. The thought of riding on the open highway was intriguing. He yearned for freedom and independence and riding was the conduit to find what he was looking for. He joined the Black Unicorn Motorcycle club in the early 1970's where he was a member until he was no longer able to ride.

Some of Andrew's passions were fishing, softball, and listening to music. He was known for having an extensive collection of records, cassettes, and 8 track tapes.

Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Pauline, brothers Charles and Raymond, and nephew Charles Jr. He is survived by his son Andre, daughter-in-law Euretta Dawn, grandchildren Daja and Jaiden, sisters-in-law Michelle and Jennie, Nieces Andrea, Era, and Sabrina, nephews Raymond, Kevin, and Christopher, and a host of cousins, great nieces and great nephews.

He will forever be remembered as "the cool guy" who did things on his terms.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

Rev. Leroy Thomas

Music Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Leroy Thomas

Music Selection

Prayer for Family

Kordelia Wiggins

Old Testament

Job 19:25-27

New Testament

Roman's 8:26-28, 4

Acknowledgments and Condolences

Euretta Hoffman

Obituary

Andrea Huffman Stukes

Music Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Leroy Thomas

Recessional

Final Disposition:

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

MY LAST RIDE

Author Unknown

My hands are clenched around chrome bars

the engine's rumble sounds so sweet.

I twist the throttle with my palm and roar off down the street.

The slapping of my leathers and raging winds on either side,

drum a beat of sweet contentment as I ride this, my last ride.

Alone on my tin pony, to the heavens I've been called,

but fret not my dear loved ones, I'm not lonely here at all.

The speedometer is just a blur as tears blow from my eyes,

the bike and I roll forward off into the calling skies.

I hope I touched your lives one day, and left a treasured mark,

now I'll ride on to forever, with your memory in my heart.



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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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