



Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon

May 28, 1941 - December 13, 2017

André M. Bohannon, 76, of Peoria peacefully passed away at 10:46 pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

He was born May 28, 1941, in South Bend, IN, to Frederick M. and Precious Mae (Hesiben) Bohannon. He graduated from Washington High School in 1959

and in 1963, received a Bachelor's degree in Education from Ball State University. He was well known in the community as a musically gifted student and later a community activist. He was well-respected as among the first African American high school teachers in South Bend Schools. André was active in the local teachers' union. While teaching English at Washington High School, he completed a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame.

In 1964, he married Irene Kimble, they had one daughter, Ché Andrea. The family moved to Montgomery, AL when André was sought after to become principal of a high school. Following that tenure, he moved to Peoria, IL and served at the Tri-County Urban League as Deputy Director. Being recognized for strong leadership skills, in 1974, André became an administrator for the City of Peoria and rose to the position of Assistant City Manager from which he retired in 1986. He then started his own management consulting firm, Urban Diversified Services, which specialized in the areas of human service development. In 1992, André was elected Peoria City Councilman to the First District. He became the host of CAPtions Broadcasting where he continued to

broadcast this television program until he became ill.

Having a passion for helping people, he was actively involved in numerous community and civic organizations to include Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. Over his lifetime, he has received numerous awards and honors including being featured in the Peoria Riverfront Museum African American Wall of Fame and being named Man of the Year by the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association of Peoria.

André leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Ché A. (David) Glover of Manassas, VA; son, William Bohannon of Atlanta, GA; 3 grandchildren, Gabrielle E. Glover of Manassas, VA; Brandon M. Glover of Manassas, VA; Brittany N. (Willie) Truitt of Snellville, GA.; and two great-grandchildren, Chase and Carsin Truitt. André was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sharon Bohannon, and his wife Anne Bohannon.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church. Host Pastor Adrian Johnson and Rev. Arthur Williams, Sr., will officiate. Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church
511 N Richard Allen Dr.,
Peoria, IL 61605
<http://www.wardchapelame.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon*



Simons Mortuary - April 13, 2018 at 06:04 PM



“ *Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Researching teachers from my years at Washington High School 1963 - 1967 and saw this obituary. Mr. Bohannon was definitely a favorite teacher of mine. His personality and love for teaching was apparent in every English class he taught. I will never forget the time he jumped up on the desk and did the greatest impression we had ever seen of Mohammed Ali. He had our class in stitches. So knowledgeable and so caring. God bless. Sue Coleman Matthys. Class of 69*

Sue Matthys - January 04, 2021 at 08:52 PM

DS

“ *DEBRINA SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon*



DEBRINA SMITH - April 16, 2018 at 10:22 PM

CC

“ *God now has one more angel with Him. Andre was an angel on earth to many, many people and will be truly missed. I know I'll miss him. I worked with Andre for many years at the City of Peoria. Such a lovely person. May God bless his family and keep them in His loving arms during this time of loss.*

Connie Colvin - April 11, 2018 at 08:36 AM

CG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Che Andrea Glover - March 10, 2018 at 12:47 PM

DM

“ *Dignity. Intellect. Wit. Charm. Talent. Friend.*

Dennis Molnar

Dennis Molnar - January 16, 2018 at 02:21 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Che Glover - January 08, 2018 at 02:58 PM

VB

Twins. I'm so sorry Ché. Love Jeff and Virginia

Virginia brown - January 26, 2018 at 10:02 PM



“ *To the Bohannon Family: Your husband, father, and grandfather's legacy lives on through both you and the service he gave to so many throughout his life. May God keep him forever and be with all of you as you grieve.*

Tim and Juana Shadid and family

T - January 05, 2018 at 06:05 PM

SW

“ *To the family, sorry to hear of Andre's passing. Our families lived on the same street (Walsh) for many years.*

Please let your memories of Andre comfort you.

Stephanie Jones Wheeler

Stephanie Wheeler - December 27, 2017 at 04:09 PM

KM

“ *The Delta Iota Chapter (Ball State University) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. offer our prayers to the family and friends of our dear Brother Andre' Bohannon.*



Kenneth G. McCain - December 26, 2017 at 01:19 PM

DD

“ *David and Che' - Keeping you and your family in our prayers. So sorry for your loss.*

Dan D'Ambrosio

Daniel D'Ambrosio - December 21, 2017 at 10:52 AM

EN

“ *To the Bohannon Family~All of you have my Deepest Sympathy. A great person, gone too soon but will never be forgotten. His huge smile lit up the room with his special ambiance and personal flair!*
RIH Andre'!

Nell Warren Brown

Portland, OR

Etta Warren Brown AKA Nell - December 20, 2017 at 10:54 AM

TH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Bohannon and Glover family. Mr. Bohannon left a wonderful legacy in both family and service.*
Colonel Tamara Henderson, USAF.

Tamara Henderson - December 20, 2017 at 09:30 AM

MH

“ *My Dear Sister and friends Che and David. You are in my prayers. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and peace during these difficult times.*

Mirza Henderson - December 19, 2017 at 09:48 PM

HH

“ *Che` and David. Please accept our deepest condolences. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Harley Horner - December 19, 2017 at 03:05 PM

PR

“ *My prayers and deepest condolences to your family. May he rest in peace.*

Patrick Rabin - December 19, 2017 at 01:22 PM

VK

“ *To the Bohannon Family - may God bless & keep you through your time of bereavement. Rest in Peace Andre'. I'll always remember his smile and those panama hats.*



Vickie King - December 18, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ I was a classmate of Andre's from the 6th grade through high school. I think all of us knew that Andre was going to be something special. I don't know anyone who didn't like him. Just a few years ago, he came to South Bend to help celebrate our 50th year class reunion. I was glad to learn of his great strides in life, but it was not unexpected...after all, he was Andre'. Georgiana Vercolio Bennett

Georgi Bennett - December 16, 2017 at 08:46 PM

DA

“ Dawn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon



dawn - December 16, 2017 at 08:02 PM

RJ

“ Rose Jackson-Hopson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon



Rose Jackson-Hopson - December 16, 2017 at 06:16 PM

ME

“ Mona J. Eskridge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon



Mona J. Eskridge - December 16, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ *Andre will be missed by the Peoria community that he faithfully served. To his family I say look to the hills where your help comes from. Deepest condolences to all family & friends*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - December 16, 2017 at 12:51 PM

IA

“ *Our sincere condolences. Prayers for you and your family in this time of need. May he Rest In Peace.*

Ivan Acosta

Ivan Acosta - December 16, 2017 at 09:13 AM

KA

“ *Andre --- you will be greatly missed! Words are really challenging to describe what you have done for our community and the impact for good that you have had in so many peoples' lives. You showed great leadership as the District 1 Councilman --- a great listener, honest, fair, balanced in your decision making, sound reasoning as a public servant and passionate about doing what is best for your constituents. We could agree or disagree on any given issue and then we could still easily talk about the next issue and solutions to get the job done. Thank you to your family for sharing you with our community and their sacrifices to let you serve her people.*

Karrie E. Alms - Peoria IL

Karrie E. Alms - December 15, 2017 at 05:05 PM



He was a great man in my life and I miss him more than anyone will ever known or believe He will always be in my heart and mind Dante Kittrell from South Bend in

Antoine Kittrell - December 17, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andre' Marcellus Bohannon*



Annette Lucy - December 15, 2017 at 03:47 AM

BK

Although Andre and my sister divorced, I have always considered him my brother-in-law and a brother of mine. I loved him and will truly miss him. As a South Bend native, I have known him most of my life. MAY God Bless his soul. May he Rest in Peace! Bobbie J. Kimble - Waldorf, MD

Bobbie J. Kimble - December 16, 2017 at 12:11 PM

DS

Andre you will be missed by us and all that you did for the Peoria community. I will remember you by the great daughter, Che, who you loved so dearly. Your legacy was a good one! Doris Symonds, Peoria, IL

Doris Symonds - December 19, 2017 at 04:56 PM

SW

Sincere condolences to Che and the Bohannon families. Andre was a smart and very witty man. One had to be quick to get his jokes. He was playful but was a serious advocate for human causes in the Peoria Community

simone wright - January 05, 2018 at 10:15 PM