



## Mr Andrew Dawkins

August 10, 1960 - July 23, 2020

On Thursday, July 23, 2020, “Paul” Andrew Dawkins, beloved father of three children and friend to many, passed away at the age of 59.

Andrew was born on August 10, 1960 in Old Harbour, St. Catherine, Jamaica to Sebert Dawkins and Adassa Prendergast. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Methodist Church in St. Catherine. He attended St. Jago High School. While in high school, he wrote an anthology of poetry, *Only the Strong Survive*, and he presented it to former First Lady of Jamaica, Mrs.

Beverly Manley. As a boy, he dreamed of being a child psychologist, and departed Jamaica to attend Western Carolina University to pursue that dream. While at university, he became the editor of the student paper, which reaffirmed his love writing. He received his bachelor's

degree in Psychology in 1987. He moved to Fayetteville, NC in 1988 and to be the Editor of *The Fayetteville Black Times/Recap*, a weekly, minority-oriented paper. In 1993, he created, hosted and produced a weekly talk show for teens called *YouthTalk*, which aired locally until 1995. In

1995, he began working as a mental health specialist in an inpatient psychiatric facility associated with Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. In 1999, he created a series of books under the title name, *CeLEBRATIONS*. In 2009, he graduated from East Carolina University with Masters of Art in English with concentration in Technical & Professional Communication. He

went on to create another book series, *A transformative DAY IN THE LIFE OF*. Always an entrepreneur dreamer and philanthropist, in 2012, he began to refurbish furniture that people no longer wanted. He used this growing business model to donate furniture and household goods to families who had experienced trauma. His last creative works was revamping *My Sweet, Sweet Pumpkin Head Asks ...*, a set of four children's books he wrote and built by hand to sell at the weekly Community Market in Fayetteville.

Andrew had a passion for helping people, and was always creating new ways in which he could invest in his local community. He had a deep love of writing and wanted to pair that love with his philanthropy endeavors. He loved a good meal, especially a fresh fruit salad and food from his homeland. He had the best laugh. It was a laugh so deep that you could

feel it down to your toes. He gave the warmest hugs. He loved comedies. He adored his three children and grandchildren. He often made up nicknames for them, and would call just to hear to the sound of their voices. He spoke fondly of his homeland, Jamaica, and his childhood there. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Sebert Christopher. He is survived by his brothers Delroy Dawkins, Neville Dawkins, Richard Dawkins, Peter Dawkins and Stanley Dawkins; his son, Jedediah Douglas (Joni) and daughters, P-Terr Anne Dawkins and Ryan

Mangrum (Daniel); grandchildren Austin Roush, Evan Douglas, Kaitlynn Mangrum, Caleb Douglas, Shelby Mangrum, Hayden Douglas, Matthew Baker, David Douglas, Thomas Mangrum, Maddison Dawson and Mason Dawson; and many dear friends and extended family. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 at Colvin Funeral Home and Crematory at 2010 Murchison Road at 1 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to St. Jude's Hospital. Due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions, his memorial service will be

livestreamed <https://www.facebook.com/ColvinFuneralHomeCORP> .

# Events

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**AUG** **Livestreaming** 01:00PM

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2010 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC, US, 28301

**AUG** **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

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Colvin Funeral Home Chapel

2010 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC, US, 28301

# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**H. M. Colvin Funeral Home** - August 21, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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“ Condolences to the family of Andrew Dawkins. He was truly a special person and will be missed. Andrew, I don't know why, but I don't have a choice but to accept the loss. I remember the days of us going to church, when you, Adaire and I formed the Youth Club at our church. Our youth group walk to Colbeck Castle, your art wall at your house, the garden. I remember when you adopted P-terr Anne and how you wanted her name to be spelled and how elated you were. The has lost a great person you will always be in my heart.

**Jacqueline Singh Ferguson** - August 22, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ Dear Andrew, I remember the first time we met, our souls bonded instantaneously as our poetic pens ignited paper with passion and fire! I was a little girl who was mesmerized with your poetic flamboyance and gird. I never forgot you. I dreamt of you, and you stood the test of time, time has come, sleep on my beloved mentor. My condolence goes out to the bereaved family, children & grandchildren. From Jackie Davis-Harris & Hector & the Davis' & Harris' families and people of Old Harbour. RIP.

**Jackie** - August 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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**Jackie** - August 22, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Ex-coworker always friend. Miss you Drew.



**Thomasina Byrd** - August 21, 2020 at 11:45 PM

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“ Thomasina Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr Andrew Dawkins



**Thomasina Byrd** - August 21, 2020 at 11:38 PM

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“ Missing you!!! Missing you!!! Missing my brother Paul Andrew



**June Walker** - August 17, 2020 at 06:34 PM

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“ Sorry I lost a very dear friend Andrew will be in my heart for every we used to work together very kind Young man and funny.

**Willie young** - August 12, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ The look on his face the first time I ordered the title "daddy" from my 12 year old I know everything mouth

**Jedediah Douglas** - August 10, 2020 at 07:07 PM

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“ I'm gonna truly miss my "Andy Pandy." Andrew always had a kind word for anyone. He always called me CT or Cassie Wassie. I met Andrew while I was at Fayetteville State University. He's been a great friend to me ever since. I remember he traveled all the way to Hopkins, SC just to say hello when I was living there. He called it his gentle lazy day. I'm sitting here crying. This is the second hardest day that I can remember of my life. Losing my father, and now my dear friend.

May the God of peace and mercy comfort and keep you in this time of bereavement. May his loving arms gently hold you and rock you gently. May his peace be with you until we met Andrew again.

Lovingly submitted,  
Cassandra Tillman-Scales



**Cassandra Scales** - August 10, 2020 at 06:54 PM

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“ My condolences to Andrew's friends and family. Andrew was a kind man and I cherish the memories I have of him. He had one of the most caring hearts I knew.



**Shelley Roush** - August 10, 2020 at 06:39 PM