



Lillian Douglas Andrew

November 19, 1921 - December 8, 2020

Lillian Douglas Andrew was born to Bettie Brown Board and Charles A. Douglas in Lynch Station, Virginia on November 19, 1921 and died December 8, 2020.

Lil was married to the late Wallace Franklin Andrew who died in 1996.

She was graduated from Altavista High School in 1937, and from the College of William and Mary in 1941. She worked for the FBI in Washington, DC, from 1941 to 1944, and then returned home to teach at Altavista High School. She taught at Altavista High School for thirty years, coached basketball, debate, forensics, and loved it.

She and Wallace were married February 23, 1946, after Wallace returned home from serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. They had three children, Lynn Andrew Hanson, Wallace Franklin Andrew, Jr., MD, and his wife, Kathy, and Charles Douglas Andrew and his wife, Suzanne; eight grandchildren, Ruth Andrew Ellenson; Rabbi Micah Samuel Ellenson and his wife, Sara; Ashley Andrew Silverman and her husband, William; Douglas Lanahan Andrew and his wife, Katherine; Megan Andrew Dunay, MD, and her husband, Matthew; Ross Gilbert Andrew, Ph.D., and his fiancé, Kaytlin Burton; Micah Grace Andrews; and Leah Marie Andrews; and nine great-grandchildren, Wally, Whit, and Andrew Silverman; Lily and Rose Ellenson;

Tatum, Harper, and Wise Andrew; and Teddy Dunay.

Lil was a lifelong member of her beloved Mount Hermon United Methodist Church where she served in various capacities.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Mount Hermon United Methodist Church by Pastor Jeongseung Lee.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Please visit the online tribute at www.finchandfinchfuneralservice.com to share a memory or send a condolence to the family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hermon United Methodist Church Cemetery

171 Mount Hermon Rd.
Lynch Station, VA 24571

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Hermon Church
171 Mount Hermon Rd.
Lynch Station, VA 24571

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ I dont' know why this pops to mind. Lil gave Choo Choo Justice and me a "bye" one day. We were in the very back of the class and Choo Choo decided to needle me by stabbing my hand with his pencil repeatedly to see if I'd react. I did with a backhand to his head that created such a loud SLAP sound that then entire class stopped and stared. I just looked forward as if nothing had happened which, of course, sealed my guilt. Lil looked at us for a moment and decided to carry on as if nothing had happened. (Whew!). Choo Choo stopped bugging me. A fond memory of a moment with a great lady who loved her students.
~Norm Barbee

Melvin Norman Barbee, Jr - October 20, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Service



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 20, 2021 at 01:46 PM

CM

“ You were such a unique person. Anywhere you were, at school, church , or any other function, you Always's influenced each one of us, in such a good way. You were difinitely a people's person. You were there to help anyone. Noone was any more special, than the next one. What a great influential lady you were. I know for a fact you will definitely be missed Cynthia Barber Marsh

Cynthia Barber Marsh - November 19, 2021 at 05:45 AM

CM

“ Cynthia Barber Marsh lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew



Cynthia Barber Marsh - November 18, 2021 at 06:17 PM

MC

“ Best teacher in history of four ahs. Every one loved her she was a people person. I know she is missed by every one

Mickey crouch - November 18, 2021 at 03:57 PM

CM

Lillian was a very unique person. She was someone if you met or knew, there was always a great warmth about her, you would never forget. She had love and thoughts for everyone, she come in contact with. She is someone, you will never forget, with her kindness and concerns for everyone. Sorry to hear of her passing. Cynthia Barber Marsh

Cynthia Barber Marsh - November 18, 2021 at 06:28 PM

BH

I will never forget every Friday was newspaper panel in Mrs Andrew's gov't class. Class was always interesting. It was exciting to talk to her once I graduated. Our prayers are with Spike, Frank, and the rest of the family. Bruce Harvey

Bruce Harvey - September 02, 2022 at 11:02 AM

BG

“ As a distant cousin of Mrs. Andrew through the Brown, Callaway, Arnold, Lee, etc. families of the Lynch Station vicinity, and having just learned (via findagrave) I was a distant cousin of Mr. Andrew as well via the Quaker Andrew and Holladay families of Chatham and Alamance Co., NC (small world), I give my condolences to her large family. I'm sorry she didn't make 100, but how neat her memorial service will be held the weekend of what would have been her 100th birthday. I was trying to solve the mystery of the origins of our ancestor Dr. Daniel Brown when I was put in touch with her daughter around 1997, and she encouraged me to contact her mother but it seems there was no answer and I did not keep trying. I wish I could have contacted her later to share the good news that Dr. Brown's origins and Long Island/ New England ancestry had been proved in 2001. Maybe she learned through mutual relatives that it had. At any rate, I will be glad to email the genealogy of her and her husband's families to her offspring or other relatives if anyone is interested. That includes extensive charts and reports. My email is bryangodfrey@msn.com.

Bryan Godfrey - November 17, 2021 at 08:39 AM

ME

“ Sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers.



Mary Edmonds - November 14, 2021 at 05:28 PM

MF

“ *Marguerite Finch lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



Marguerite Finch - November 13, 2021 at 03:19 PM

LA

“ *I have a few favorite memories of Lil but one of my top fave is getting to play bridge with her and her girlfriends. Super competitive, such a force of life. Lil was a great lady. She will be missed*

Lauren Andrew - February 19, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CJ

“ *Lil and her family were great friends of my family when we lived in Altavista. She was my best friend Spike's mother and she always treated me like one of her kids. Sweet sweet lady. My condolences to Spike, Frank, Lynne and their families.*
Carl Johnson

Carl Herndon Johnson - January 31, 2021 at 09:22 PM

BL

“ For many years, Wallace and Lil were the heartbeat of Altavista. They made a great team and everyone loved them. Mrs. Andrew was my history teacher when I came back to Altavista with a broken leg from football. Everyone loved Mrs. Andrew (including me). So when Mr. Cline called her to his office and she came back crying, and put her head down on her desk, it broke my heart! I didn't know what to do, but I went up to her desk (crutches and all) and said the only thing I could think of to say at the time. "Mrs. Andrew, would you like for me to go whip Mr. Cline for you?" Well she looked at me standing there on crutches and started laughing. Every time I saw her after that she would come up to me and say "Bozie, do you remember when you offered to whip Mr. Cline for me?" At that age I guess I never thought much about the consequences of my actions.

Beau Lane - December 24, 2020 at 02:11 PM

DC

“ My father, Courtney Wayne Coffey of Roanoke, Virginia, age 75 and formerly of Altavista, Virginia, wanted me to type this message for him because he is unable to use a computer. My dad graduated from Altavista High School in 1964. My dad said Ms. Andrew was his favorite teacher! My dad was in his Junior Class play ("Here's comes Charlie"), which Ms. Andrew was in charge of.

Dwayne Coffey

Dwayne Coffey - December 23, 2020 at 02:21 PM

KM

“ Kenneth R Martin lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew



Kenneth R Martin - December 22, 2020 at 07:15 PM

JT

“ Lillian taught me English when I was a freshman at Altavista High School. Her mother, Mrs. Douglas, was my fourth grade teacher and a friend of my family, who you may know as the “Flat” Hogan family. I loved them both. In sympathy for your loss, Jean Hogan Tanner, Vero Beach, Florida

Jean Tanner - December 22, 2020 at 10:22 AM

PD

“ Andrew Family, my sincere sympathy and love are being sent to you on the death of Ms. Andrew. She was one of the most influential people in my life. As my teacher, she showed me how much she cared for me and wanted the best for her students. She was a lovely lady! Pat deBernard

Pat deBernard - December 18, 2020 at 01:10 PM

GW

“ Dear Miss Lynn, Spike and Family
Miss Andrew instilled in me that it was certainly OK to just be myself! She taught me that if I could accept that I was Ok.....then everybody else would be ok with me. Doesn't sound like a lot but to me it was the world! She was an amazing teacher that truly "felt" for me as a student, and truly cared that everybody was different, but always treated everyone equally. No matter rich or poor, smart or challenged.....she NEVER saw that! She wanted her students to learn...not just for a class period...but for life. I can't say what Miss Andrew meant to me. She was such a genuine person....and she wanted you to be the same in return. Wow.....what a lesson she taught us all in her own life....her beliefs, her philosophy, marriage, parenthood, career and her God. She was real. I loved her and loved and appreciated the fact that she helped my parents when they were in need also as students of hers as well. I am so sorry for the family and the difficult days that's ahead.....but you have to be so proud of who your Mom was and the impact she's always made on her community.



GLEND A C WOOD - December 16, 2020 at 12:01 AM

PI

“ Paul And Jean VanKerckhove II lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew



Paul and Jean VanKerckhove II - December 14, 2020 at 10:12 AM

JB

“ With deepest sympathy on the loss of Mrs Andrews she was one of my favorite teachers and helped all her students be the best they could be.

Jan Deese Bryant and family

Jan Bryant - December 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - December 12, 2020 at 09:28 PM

NA

“ Deapest sympathy to the family
Nancy Mitchell Ashwell



Nancy Mitchell Ashwell - December 12, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ *Spike, Lynn, Frank and Families, Mrs. Andrew was one of the best teachers at AHS and I was blessed to be in her classroom where she made learning fun! A class I always enjoyed attending. She was always patient and kind with a quick wit and smile! Thoughts and prayers to all! Sincerely, Debbie Shelton*

Deborah Shelton - December 12, 2020 at 07:20 PM

KA

“ Lynn, Wallace (I still want to call you Frank), Spike and your families, my deepest condolences on the loss of a treasure to you, Lil’s friends, education and the Altavista community. She was a marvelous teacher, and I was fortunate to have her as my government teacher at AHS in the mid’60s. She sparked an interest in local, national and international affairs that has lasted all these years and nudged me into the field of journalism for 35 years. She also was a dear friend of my mom’s and spoke at her funeral. What a smart, funny and very wise woman. How lucky you were to have her with you until she was 99.

Kay Tucker Addis - December 12, 2020 at 09:47 AM

SK

“ What wonderful memories I will hold in having Lil has my teacher at AHS and my Dad sharing memories of going to school with her and then she being his teacher his last year in high school. It was always so great to see her and that smile. Thinking of all the family in your loss.



Susan Krantz - December 11, 2020 at 07:31 PM

LT

“ Lil was amazing. We taught on the same hall at AHS. She was so kind to me as a new teacher. Her wit, intellect and generosity made her very special to all who were privileged to know her!!

Laney Thompson - December 11, 2020 at 01:16 PM

ER

“ Sending up prayers for the family Mrs Andrews was a wonderful teacher and a blessing to us all love Erma jean

erm reynolds - December 11, 2020 at 11:50 AM

LA

“ *My very special Aunt with a heart of gold, her grace and wisdom, her love of family and life, and love for her fellow man. We all miss you Lil.*

lon andrew - December 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM

DW

“ *Don And Dale Webb lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



Don and Dale Webb - December 11, 2020 at 11:12 AM

DR

“ *Darlene M. Robertson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



darlene m. robertson - December 11, 2020 at 09:46 AM

DR

Sincere prayers of sympathy to Lynn, Frank, Spike and your families in the loss of one so dear to all she met these past years. No greater friend, neighbor or teacher as heaven gained an angel. Darlene & Billy

darlene robertson - December 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

KG

An amazing woman, teacher and friend. All loved and respected her. Thanks Mrs. Andrews for your work.

Kyle Goldsmith - December 11, 2020 at 01:46 PM

JY

I have such fond memories of playing golf with Lil when I was just a beginner and she always found nice things to say. All of us should be such encouragers! A life well lived!

Jane Young - December 11, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CW

It's like the end of an era with the passing of Lil Andrew, an era of a teacher whose love for students, dedication to their successful futures is known by many who were fortunate enough to have her as their history teacher. My sincere sympathy to her family. Carol Brown Willis

Carol Brown Willis - December 11, 2020 at 05:27 PM

RG

To Spike and the Andrew family, I as many more had the great pleasure of having Mrs. Andrew as a teacher. She was one of two that stuck in my mind as being super good teachers. Please know you all are in my prayers as you grieve the loss of your precious mom. She was LOVED by HUNDREDS and missed by each of them in their way.

Ray Guill - November 13, 2021 at 12:24 PM

TB

“ *Remember her growing up. Friends of my parents. Her infectious smile and laugh.
Regards and prayers to family.*

Tobie church Bentz - December 11, 2020 at 07:38 AM

JT

“ *Such a wonderful and inspiring teacher.
Prayers for comfort an strength to the family.*



Janet Thurman - December 11, 2020 at 07:21 AM

KC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family.*



Kay and Ray Caldwell - December 11, 2020 at 07:20 AM

AM

“ *April Milton lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



April Milton - December 11, 2020 at 07:07 AM

DD

“ *Dear Andrew Family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Andrew. She was such a compassionate and understanding teacher. She was one of my favorite teachers of all time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mrs. Andrew, May you Rest In Peace.*

*Sincerely,
Dennis DeLappe*

Dennis B DeLappe - December 11, 2020 at 06:00 AM

PP

“ *Pamela Painter lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



Pamela Painter - December 10, 2020 at 10:02 PM

ST

“ *The sweetest person I ever knew she loved everyone made no difference in any one Rest on Mrs.Andrew 🙏❤️*



Shirley Taylor - December 10, 2020 at 09:42 PM

BB

“ *Lil was such a great teacher and a friend to everyone she taught . She was the best of both .*

Bud Brown - December 10, 2020 at 09:24 PM

RD

“ *Rhonda DeVercelly lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



Rhonda DeVercelly - December 10, 2020 at 08:55 PM

ER

“ *Edna Robertson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



Edna Robertson - December 10, 2020 at 08:31 PM

ER

“ *She was a beautiful lady with respect for every one.i love her with all my heart.i will never for get her coming to Vista me after my mom got killed.this sweet lady is in heaven with God and very misses.I love you and you will always be in my heart.*

Edna Robertson - December 10, 2020 at 08:29 PM

SW

“ *What a wonderful, loving, caring and genuine legend we have lost. She was so special to so many throughout her life. Prayers to Lynn, Frank, Spike and extended family. May these memories of such an extraordinary woman remain in your heart forever.*

Susan O West - December 10, 2020 at 07:13 PM

KW

“ *Kathy And Ray Walker lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



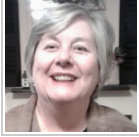
Kathy and Ray Walker - December 10, 2020 at 06:59 PM

VC

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Virginia Clark - December 10, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ So sweet ! Prayers for the family .

Vickie Cocke - December 10, 2020 at 06:51 PM

JD

“ Such a wonderful soul. ❤️ My favorite teacher.
Many prayers to her family.
With love, Joey & Ray Dalton



Joey Dalton - December 10, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SD

“ Lillian Andrews was a special lady and great teacher. Never forgot her Lynch Station roots. Her government class was my favorite.
Deepest sympathy to her family.

Sue Reynolds Doss - December 10, 2020 at 06:46 PM

RL

She was one of my favorite teachers. A real sweet woman an an asset to her community

Rudy Logwood - December 10, 2020 at 10:54 PM

GW

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers She was a special person.

Gwenda Willard - December 10, 2020 at 06:41 PM

MC

“ Mrs. Andrew was by far the best teacher in the history OF AHS SHE WAS MY GOV. TEACHER. MY HISTORY TEACHER AND MY DEBATE COACH. BUT MOST OF ALL MY FRIEND ALL. WHO KNEW U WILL MISS U .RIP

Mickey Crouch - December 10, 2020 at 06:36 PM

TC

“ I am among thousands of lucky students taught by Lil at Altavista High School. I graduated in 1975 and the passing years have helped me realize the many lessons, in and out of the classroom instilled by Lil. No doubt, an angel has arrived in heaven.

todd carter - December 10, 2020 at 06:34 PM

Rich Johnson

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to family of a wonderful teacher and person. Her classes were always enjoyable with a excellent learning experience. She came to all 5 of my reunions and both of Avie's. We always looked forward to seeing her again.



Rich Johnson - December 10, 2020 at 06:04 PM

LH

“ Everyone who knew Lil loved her. She will be missed by her family, her church and the community.
Lynne Huskey



Lynne Huskey - December 10, 2020 at 05:59 PM

BG

“ Lynn, Spike and family - We are so sorry for the passing of your mom, a legend. We never think of Altavista High without thinking of Lil Andrew. Such a special gift and she will be missed. You are in our prayers.

Bill and Betty Gillespie

Betty Gillespie - December 10, 2020 at 05:58 PM

BC

“ Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew



Butch & Glenna W. Carr - December 10, 2020 at 05:54 PM

BG

“ Betty Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew



Betty Gillespie - December 10, 2020 at 05:54 PM

CR

“ My Thoughts an Prayers are with the family



Carol Rowland - December 10, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Jay Rice lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew



Jay Rice - December 10, 2020 at 05:09 PM

RJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. She was a very special person who made class interesting and informative. She truly cared about the people she taught. I always looked forward to class reunions as I new she would come to all of them.

Richard & Avie Johnson - December 10, 2020 at 05:06 PM

RG

“ Mrs . Andrews was one of the most respected, and loved teacher ever walked into Altavista High School. She touched so many lives in her 30 years in teaching. Her family can rest knowing she is in Heaven with her loved ones that went before her. And please know you all are being in the thoughts and prayers of hundreds of people whose lives she touched.



Ray Guill - December 10, 2020 at 04:50 PM

PP

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Lil was my favorite teacher and loved her. She was a friend as well, after high school. She always came to our class reunions. She will be greatly missed.



Pat Puckette - December 10, 2020 at 04:34 PM

VH

“ *My heart is broken. I absolutely loved Lil--and Wallace too. My thoughts are with the entire family-- and know that I share in your loss.*

vicki hoskins - December 10, 2020 at 04:27 PM

JM

“ *Jimmy And Anne Marr lit a candle in memory of Lillian Douglas Andrew*



Jimmy and Anne Marr - December 10, 2020 at 03:53 PM