

Andrew L. Graham

April 27, 1927 - November 10, 2018

Andrew L. Graham, also known as OC, was born April 12, 1927 to Rosie Lee Shelby and Alonzo "Lonzo" Graham in Arkansas. For nearly 30 years Mr. Graham was a member of Bayview Fellowship Church in Oakland. He owned two businesses in Oakland, Andy's Custom Tailoring and Andy's World of Records and Tapes. His work history also included: Key System Transit, where he was a bus driver; the United States Postal Services, where he was a letter carrier; and during his extensive tenure with Lucky/Gemco Retail Stores he was the first African American District Supervisor.

Mr. Graham was a proud War World II Veteran with the U.S. Navy; a lifetime member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the NAACP; a charter member, vice president and past president of the Fruitvale Lion's Club; founder of the Andrew Graham Scholarship Awards Corporation; vice president of the Diamond Business Association; and a member of the San Francisco Commonwealth Club.

Both his first wife Jearlean Jefferson Graham, and his second wife, Dorine Dotson Graham preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn: a sister, Jean Golden; seven children, Anthony Graham, Otis Graham, Leslie Graham, Andre Graham, Perry Graham, Ray Graham, and Tami Graham Warren, with one son preceding him in death, Vonzell Graham; two step children Ernest Logan, and Melody Logan; two daughters-in-law, Diane Crump Graham and Maria Lupe Alvarez Graham; and five previous daughters-in-law, Sylvia Butler Graham, Terri White Graham, Janice Lynn Owens Graham, Vanessa Nash Graham, and Christina Rodriguez Graham. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, plus a host of other beloved relatives and friends.

Comments



Dear great grandfather, I miss you so much, already! Why did you have to leave me in the middle of all this craziness I had in my life!! But you will never be forgotten!!

Amethyst - November 23, 2018 at 01:06 PM



A good strong example man a father and friend who lived a wonderful life and left a beautiful legacy

Linsy malone - November 21, 2018 at 06:46 PM



Thanks to everyone who attended and supported grandpa's service, and to everyone who sent beautiful flowers, condolences and well wishes.

Angelina Graham - November 21, 2018 at 04:50 PM



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From the the first time we met, Andrew showed me nothing but love, kindness, and respect. He always greeted me with a smile and a hug saying, "how is my favorite daughter-in-law?" (I'm sure he told the other daughter-in-laws the same thing,) but I know he meant it just for me at that time. I appreciated how he treated me and the children through the hardships and changes of our family, never blaming, just loving us all no matter what. "Pop pop," you will always remain my "favorite father-in-law." To the Graham family, I've never stopped loving you and will continue to pray for you. Do your father proud and live the life he knew was in you. Look pass what wasn't done. Continue his legacy by doing what should be done.