



## Verlean Andrews

October 2, 1946 - November 30, 2021

Lena Verlean Bell Andrews was born October 2, 1946 in Starkville, Mississippi to Dossie and Lena Moore Bell.

Verlean was baptized at a young age in Sessums, Mississippi. She was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where she served in several capacities: Sunday School teacher, Deaconess, Mission Ministry, volunteered with the Sunbeam Choir and Vacation Bible School.

She was united in holy matrimony to Hugh Andrews III on December 28, 1965, and their union was blessed with two children.

Verlean worked in sales at Catherine's for 20 years. She had also worked at Avenue and Montgomery Ward.

Affectionately known as Dear Baby and Auntie Dear Baby, Lena Verlean Andrews was loved by all. Her giving heart and spirit shined through her smile each and every day. She was a Godly Chef, baking such delights as homemade Mississippi Pound Cakes to cooking the best pinto beans, sloppy joe, fried chicken and Grandma' Sis Dinner Rolls. Her gift of styling clothes brought joy to many people during the course of her career in retail. Being able to help others was not only her prayer; it was her lifelong passion. She was a missionary for the Lord, and we will continue to love her dearly. She will

be missed by family, friends and all loved ones.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Hugh Andrews III of Kankakee, IL; her son, Kelvin (Camille) Andrews of Bourbonnais, IL; her daughter, Dr. Keenan L. Andrews of Chicago, IL; sisters, Carolyn Trammell of Cleveland, OH and Helen Jean (Rev. C. W.) Tutton of Memphis, TN; a sister-in-law, Rosia (Robert) Kershaw of Kankakee, IL; two grandchildren, Khendal and Kenton; three great-grandchildren, Phoenyxx, Mharlee and Maxwell, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Pearlie Mae Brooks and two brothers, Charles Bell and Dossie Bell Jr.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary  
187 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 935-0090  
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com  
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

## Visitation

DEC **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star  
570 N. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL

## Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Morning Star  
570 N. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Keenan L. Andrews lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews* ”



Keenan L. Andrews - December 10, 2025 at 12:01 PM

KA

“ *Keenan Andrews lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews* ”



Keenan L. Andrews - December 31, 2022 at 06:19 PM

CK

“ *Christy King lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews* ”



Christy King - July 13, 2022 at 07:24 PM

SF

“ *Samuels Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Verlean Andrews* ”



Samuels Family - December 16, 2021 at 03:52 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Mrs. Verla, she was my favorite sales lady at Catherine. Always gave me a call when there was a real good one. She will be greatly missed with that beautiful smile and the way she would greet you.*



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**Mary Gant** - December 10, 2021 at 02:57 PM

HC

“ *Hugh, I am sorry at this time for you. We will always remember Verleans baked goods. Coop.*

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**Harold Cooper** - December 10, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MA

“ *Verlean, you are loved and will be missed. You were such a dear friend. Prayers for your family. Mary Archie*

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**Mary Archie** - December 10, 2021 at 01:20 AM

MA

“ *Mary Archie lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



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**Mary Archie** - December 10, 2021 at 01:16 AM

AB

“ Praying God will continue to strengthen the family. My sincere condolences!!



Amanda Brooks - December 09, 2021 at 11:18 PM

DB

“ Dr. Naomii Brack lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews



Dr. Naomii Brack - December 09, 2021 at 08:58 PM

LS

“ Condolences to the family of Mrs Verlean Andrews, you will be sincerely missed.



LaJuene & Dwayne Sommerville - December 09, 2021 at 08:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verlean Andrews.



December 09, 2021 at 03:52 PM

CR

“*Hugh and family, Sending heartfelt condolences to you and yours in the homegoing of our beloved "Dear Baby". Will miss her. Love Carolyn*

carolyn Rice - December 09, 2021 at 03:21 PM

AA

“*Thank you for ALL the wonderful and tasty meals you provided for the Hillcrest families. You will truly be missed. Now Heaven will include you in the Spiritual kitchen. Love you so much. May God bless and keep your family. Love Always, Angie Adams*

Angie Adams - December 09, 2021 at 11:27 AM

RF

“*Renee Fulton lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



Renee Fulton - December 09, 2021 at 01:27 AM

RN

“*Ruby F Nelson lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



Ruby F Nelson - December 08, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Verlean Andrews.



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December 08, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ my cuz. love her so much.and will miss her, praying for the family,

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**Veda Malone** - December 08, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ I used to shop at Catherines all the time when they were in Meadowview. Ms. Andrew's was my go to person. She never failed to define me what I needed. She was awesome. May she rest in peace.

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**Virginia Shrove** - December 08, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Verlean's passing. I worked with her at Catherine's and we had so much fun. I am honored to have had her as a friend. She was such a wonderful Christian friend. We were sisters in Christ. My love and prayers go out to family. She is going to be so missed.💕🙏

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**Dee Bess** - December 08, 2021 at 04:54 PM

RS

“ Praying that God wraps his arms around you and the family a little tighter than usual during this time.



Racheal Smith - December 08, 2021 at 03:32 PM

RA

“ I will always remember her warmth. Her loving hugs that made you feel welcome. And can't forget her cooking!!! Her checking in on Tristyn. So much will be missed by this woman who was so full of life and love. I only hope she knew how much she was loved. She is missed dearly!! I Love and miss you Mama Andrews

Roseanna Autman - December 08, 2021 at 01:46 PM

VM

“ Verla ,we are missing you. But heaven is rejoicing and we are too. Peace be unto your family. The Holy Spirit is comforting all of us and your family as we move forward and upward til we all meet again at the Kings table. Love Valencia and Carl Moran

Valencia Moran - December 08, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Verlean Andrews.



December 08, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *I am so deepy sorry, Dorota purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Verlean Andrews.*



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**I am so deepy sorry, Dorota** - December 08, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verlean Andrews.*



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December 08, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Verlean you were such a beautiful person. I will miss you greatly. My condolences to the family. Your work is done here on earth, may you rest peacefully...*



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**Terry Wilson-Lloyd** - December 08, 2021 at 02:31 AM



“ *I love you.*



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**Keenan Andrews** - December 08, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Verlean Andrews.*



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December 07, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Auntie My heart is so heavy only a week has gone by and I already miss our 1:30 talks. I know that your in a better Place God needed you more. You Have reunited with my Granny and Auntie Pearl. You all laugh talk and Cook them Good old fashion meals. Rest Well My love Love you Love you  
Your Suga Suga Lena*

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**Lena** - December 07, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



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**minnie brewer brewster** - December 07, 2021 at 07:31 PM



“ *JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



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**JOANN FORD-BOX** - December 07, 2021 at 05:45 PM

LS

“ *Condolences to the family of Verlene Andrews*



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**LaJuene & Dwayne Sommerville** - December 07, 2021 at 04:51 PM

PJ

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Andrews family in the passing of Verlean. Rest in Heaven my Mission Sister.*



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**Patricia Jamison** - December 07, 2021 at 04:49 PM

DW

“ *Dana Washington lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



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**Dana Washington** - December 07, 2021 at 04:03 PM

CS

“ *Verlean was so fun to work with at Catherines. She was funny and energetic, and her people-skills -- wow! So sad to hear that she's gone. The world has lost a great one, but it's Verlean's and Heaven's gain.*

*Condolences to Hugh, Kelvin, Keenan, and her extended family and friends.*

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**Connie J Styck** - December 07, 2021 at 12:28 PM

PB

“ *PATSY TUTTON BRADFORD lit a candle in memory of Verlean Andrews*



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**PATSY TUTTON BRADFORD** - December 07, 2021 at 12:23 PM

CW

“ *Verlean was a beautiful person outside and inside. Always had a kind word to say. RIP*



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**Cheryl Wilson** - December 07, 2021 at 09:36 AM

DT

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Andrews' family. As you already know, Mrs. Andrews is the sweetest and the most loving person, my family will truly miss her.*



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**Dawn Thomas** - December 07, 2021 at 08:52 AM