



# Andrew Puryear

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**A** funeral service for Andrew Puryear, 58 of Newark will be held at the Bethel Rock House of Prayer, 219 E. Main Street Newark on Monday February 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Reecior M. Puryear officiating. Burial will be in Newark Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Puryear was born October 2, 1955 in Monroeville, Alabama to the late Albert Puryear and Reecior M. (Riley) Puryear of Newark.

Andrew was employed in the construction industry. He was a member of Bethel Rock House of Prayer. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially camping and riding motorcycles.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife, Diana K. (Miller) Puryear; children, Andrea Puryear and Jeremy Puryear both of Newark; grandson, Isaiah Puryear; step children, Krystal Smith, Curtis Smith, Chris Smith all of Columbus; five step-grandchildren; sisters, Marie (Nick) Wells of Newark, Ann Puryear (William Brooks) of Vooris, NJ; several nieces and nephews. Calling hours will be observed one hour before services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethel Rock House of Prayer, 219 E. Main Street, Newark, Ohio 43055-6220.



## Tribute Wall

**Andrew Puryear**

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RP

**Ralph Puryear** posted:

Andrew was a great man and a true cousin

October 13 at 11:39 AM

DS

**Derrick Smith** posted:

Andrew was named after our grandfather. He was a very active and bright little fellow when was a child. He was suffering quite a bit the last time I saw him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him!

February 1 at 4:07 PM

SW

**Sarah Wright** posted:

Not a day goes by that we don't miss you uncle Drew.

February 5 at 3:58 AM

GI

**Gwendolyn Nixon Iheme** posted:

to Pastor Puryear, and the family, may the Lord bless you and keep you at this time in our loss of cousin Andy. RIP

February 20 at 2:35 PM

FS

**Frederick L Smirh** posted:

Too all my cousins and my Aunt Reecier We are sending our love and our best wishes to family members Andrew is resting in peace and we will see him again

February 16 at 1:12 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am sorry for the loss of my cousin Andrew, could not be there for the services but my prayers are with Aunt Reecier and Ann and Marie and his wife Diane and the entire family we love you and God will comfort us

February 15 at 5:12 PM



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RS

**Renee Smith** posted:

We will miss our cousin, prayers for them family and love!

February 14 at 6:36 AM

DS

**Derrick Smith** posted:

I'll miss my cousin greatly. Yet we will always remember him! Our prayers are with his loving family.

February 13 at 12:10 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sorry for your loss, My prayers are with all. A smile he had for everyone and a gentle soul.GOD HAS HIS ARM AROUND ALL.

February 12 at 10:21 AM

DB

**David Berger** posted:

We signed the book but could not get into the service. Speaks well of a good friend and family. I was not Andrew's teacher but I taught at Lincoln and knew the family and many of his friends. My son was in his class for a few months. it was easy to see how he was loved and the family supported.

February 12 at 9:04 AM

EW

**Ebony Wells** posted:

As these days go by I can't stop thinking about you. I keep hearing your voice in my head & I still can't believe that you're gone away now. You were the biggest teaser ever & I don't think you ever told me NO, not even when I would call you at 6 am because I had just got to work & heard a noise on my car that I'm petty sure nobody else would hear, you always came through for me. My heart is so hurt, but I know you're watching from above, I love you so much Uncle Andrew...

February 11 at 12:42 PM



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JW

**Jim Weekley** posted:

My prayers to the Puryear family as they deal with their loss of Andrew. Andrew was a very special person and a great friend, I will never forget all the memories we shared from children into adulthood. Peace be to you my brother and long live your memories.

February 10 at 2:52 PM

MH

**Maggie Jewell-Hildebrand** posted:

May he rest in peace. I have known Andrew since I was a little girl growing up in the same neighborhood. I will always remember him as a kind and happy person. God Bless you (Andrew) & your family.

February 10 at 1:59 PM

DB

**Donald Ballwick** posted:

Jeremy and Dress family ..I'm sorry for your loss .Drew was a very nice and kind man. Both of my parents thought the world of them .he will be sadly missed! Gold bless this family in their time of sorrow And need.amen

February 10 at 10:49 AM

GL

**Gregory/ Tina Lewis** posted:

Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you.

February 10 at 10:38 AM

TS

**Teresa Mccollum-Shaner** posted:

May May, So sorry for your family's loss.

February 10 at 8:30 AM



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**Liz Wright** posted:

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say...but first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.Here, there's no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through, God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you." It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were gone.As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on.I need you here badly; you're part of my plan.There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.And when you lie in bed at night, the day's chores put to flight.God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night.When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving yearsbecause you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain.Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain.I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.But if I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;but together we can do it by taking one day at a time.It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too...that as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain,then you can say to God at night....."My day was not in vain."And now I am contented....that my life has been worthwhile,knowing as I passed along the way, I made somebody smile.So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low,just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.When you're walking down the street, and you've got me on your mind;I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.And when it's time for you to go.... from that body to be free,remember you're not going.....you're coming here to me. Ruth Ann Mahaffey (author)©Copyright 1998

February 6 at 4:20 PM



**Charlay Bay** posted:

I met Andrew through my brother years ago. He was really good friends with Rodney Coble my brother, He was always a blessing to be around. He will be well missed by alot of people. Rest in peace my friend.

February 9 at 8:15 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

sorry for your lost from Melvin bettie Shawna and shawn shipley

February 9 at 2:53 PM



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SR

**Summer & Joe Grooms, Kim & Rick Rice** posted:

Jeremy and Family, We are sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May Drew Rest In Heaven.

February 9 at 8:32 AM

GD

**Gail Yvonne Jefferson Davis** posted:

Mrs. R. Puryear, Marie and Ann, Sorry to hear about Andrew. We all grew up together in the same neighbor. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

February 9 at 4:26 AM

AC

**Annie Dolch (Coble)** posted:

Andrew was a great guy. My dad Rodney Coble & him have been friends for as long as I can remember. Please know that the Coble family is thinking of you all. My dad & Drew started out in the lobar hall together. The dog as Andrew called him sending his best wishes.

February 9 at 4:00 AM

DH

**Diana Heron** posted:

Dear Reecior to you and your family, I send my love and heartfelt prayers at the death of your son. Please know that you have always been in my prayers. I ask God to bless you now as much as you have blessed so many with your love and and comforting care. You are my precious sister in Christ. I love you. Diana

February 8 at 5:17 PM



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February 6 at 4:20 PM

RS

**Rhonda Shaner** posted:

Prayers are with you and family..R.I.P Andrew

February 8 at 10:42 AM

BP

**Beverly Puryear** posted:

To Puryear family so sorry for your loss I pray that God will bring comfort to the family and you will always be in my prayers love you all!!

February 8 at 7:49 AM



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MC

**Molly Carder** posted:

Sending prayers for family and friends.

February 8 at 3:45 AM

TM

**Tim Miller** posted:

To Andrews family I am so sorry for your loss. Andrew was a one of a kind person that this world could stand a lot more like him, always waved or went out of his way just to say Hi. Andrew, fly high my friend I'll see you on the other side !!

February 8 at 3:13 AM

DH

**Dennis Holman** posted:

you will be missed immensely. had a lot of good times with you and all the friends out on the farm. will miss you a lot. Dennis Holman

February 8 at 3:13 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

A sweet man...with a heart of gold.

February 8 at 2:04 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Andrew, aka 'Drew', was a very special man and I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know him personally. He had a beautiful spirit and exchanged a smile to everyone he crossed paths with. Yes, a very respectful man, indeed! He loved his mother deeply and greatly honored her! He will be missed by so many in this community. Prayers for the Puryear's. Fly high with the angels, Andrew!  
Angie Harris

February 7 at 10:40 PM

KH

**Kathy Robb Howell** posted:

Puryear Family - We are so very sorry for your loss. From all the Row and Robb Family

February 7 at 8:54 PM



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JM

**James Mcmillian** posted:

To the Puryear Family,we are our heavenly father children,He loves each one of us for He knows how much we can bear,remember He said I won't put no more on you than you can bear,We can say it not good bye, but see you later,we all will see each other again.you have my condolence and prayer.

February 7 at 6:58 PM

EP

**Etna Puryear** posted:

My precious cousin you have been so sweet and your smile we had some good times when i came to see you and i talk to you and you heard me it melt my heart your in Gods hands now i will always remember the special name you call me and smile and the time we was on the farm and was on the horse and the snake in the dog house good memories you touched my heart we have a special bond you will always stay in my heart and will be sadly missed i love you cousin Andrew. Puryear family you all in thoughts and prayer i love you all my heart goes out to you. My heart is broken you will never ever be forgotten i will always dwell on the good time we had and the time i stuck up for you no one mess with my Drew cousin Faye fought anybody who messed with you smile and lots of hugs R.I.P. Cousin Andrew Puryear!!!

February 7 at 6:44 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

andrea and jeremy im so sorry for your loss you dad was a great man he will be greatly missed but never forgotten my prayers go out to you and your family

February 7 at 5:29 PM

ZW

**Zamariah Wils** posted:

I love uncle Drew , he was a good uncle even though he teased me when he took me to school.

February 7 at 4:31 PM

ZM

**Ziah Mcmillan** posted:

Worlds best uncle. I'm going to miss you alot . You mean the world to me . We had some great memories .. I will always cherish them. Your now and angle and your in a better place now .fly high .

February 7 at 4:28 PM



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DM

**Deborah Matthews** posted:

to the Puryear family I send a special prayer of comfort....may memories provide moments of joy in the days & months to come....childhood friendships are never forgotten....

February 7 at 4:24 PM

SO

**Sharon Shipley Oliver** posted:

Dear Puryear Family, My heart is breaking for you at this sad time. Andrew was such a kind person always with a smile and good word for all. He used to sit our front porch on 4th St. with my Dad (Mr. Shipley). Dad told Andrew you can call me Dick but Andrew always called him Mr. Shipley out of respect. They had many long talks and laughs together on that porch. If Andrew saw Dad sitting on the porch he would stop and talk. This meant so much to my Dad. I'm sure they'll find their new porch in heaven. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry we cannot join you Monday for his celebration of life as we will be out of town but you will be in my heart. Loving Thoughts for you all, Gary & Sharon Oliver

February 7 at 4:07 PM

EW

**Ebony Wells** posted:

Uncle Andrew, the worlds best uncle. I'm going to miss you so much.. You were so much more than a uncle and I always enjoyed being with you and around you.. I

February 7 at 4:04 PM

KR

**Kathy Ramsey** posted:

I've known you for a long time from the south end, and you have always spoken or waved. i went to school with your sister Marilyn. You will be missed. R.I.P. Andy

February 7 at 2:21 PM

BS

**Bertha Stigger** posted:

May GOD Bless and keep you. May HE give you peace in your time of sorrow.GOD Bless!

February 7 at 1:36 PM



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BO

**Bill & Barbara Ogilbee** posted:

To Andy's family-What a privilege to know that such a sweet man was a part of your life. We grew up with him in the southend and often ran into him through the years. That smile was never denied us, and we will miss it.Barbara(Goodin) and Bill Ogilbee

February 7 at 1:24 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

hi im tim pettibone from sister badley chuch so sorry for loss god is with you

February 7 at 12:58 PM

MB

**Mike Brokaw** posted:

Andrew, we had some great times together. I will miss you, but will have great memories. RIP MY Friend

February 7 at 12:52 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

With love and care for Brother Andrewloving family,my heart goes out to you.Andrew was a gentle soul. Tina Slaughter

February 7 at 11:40 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss. The Walker Family

February 7 at 11:11 AM

SB

**Sharon & Dan Barnhart** posted:

Drew was a sweet and gentle man. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. RIP Drew. Jeremy & Andrea, keeping you in our prayers

February 7 at 10:29 AM



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MM

**Marty Miles** posted:

Prayers go out to Family and Friends. We pray that you find the strength to pull together and comfort one another with love. You have lost a good father,son,UNC. Miles Family....R.I.H.

February 7 at 9:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sister Reecie so sorry to hear of your loss, you are in our prayers and thoughts. I know you have great comfort in knowing he is rejoicing with the angels and basking in the SON shine of glory! Be blessed in Jesus name. Sister Bertie Sebastian of Emmanuel Praise Church , Alexandria.

February 7 at 9:33 AM

JB

**Jessica Braunbeck** posted:

Sorry for you loss Drew was such a great guy and father keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers

February 7 at 9:25 AM

JG

**Joyce Goodman** posted:

My prayers for the family, I grew up knowing Andrew.

February 7 at 8:38 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest Sympathy goes out to His Family,He always had a smile on His Face.He will be missed by a lot Of People,Who knew Him such a loving Person. Skip & MaryLou Miller

February 7 at 7:37 AM

ES

**Evangelist Marie Shackelford** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Puryear family on the passing of Andrew.

February 7 at 7:32 AM



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JK

**Jerry And Kim Koski** posted:

So very sorry for your loss, God has gained a wonderful man.

February 7 at 7:30 AM

BS

**Bob And Pam Shook** posted:

We meet Drew about 30 years ago through a car that he bought off of us. We didn't see Drew a whole lot but when we did he always had the time to talk and be friendly. He was a really good person and he will be greatly missed. If there is anytime we can do please let us know.

February 7 at 5:40 AM

CR

**Colleen Richards** posted:

Such a gentle and sweet person Andrew was, always a smile on his face....Fly high with the angels.

February 7 at 5:40 AM

JM

**Jerry & Debbie Mossman** posted:

Drew was a amazing man, know he is flying high with those new wings. Love and prayers to all.

February 7 at 5:18 AM

LM

**Louella Moran** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Andy will be greatly missed.God has taken another Angel home.

February 7 at 5:17 AM

HO

**Heidi Overley** posted:

Uncle Drew was a great guy. I loved staying and visiting his house when I was little. Wish we would've kept in touch better. The world is gonna be missing a great loving man.

February 7 at 5:06 AM



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RR

**Raymond Ramsey** posted:

Sorry for your loss my dad and uncles went to school with Andrew.

February 7 at 4:46 AM

BS

**Becky Grooms Schimpf** posted:

Sorry to hear about Andrew. He was a great person.

February 7 at 4:33 AM

RL

**Rhonda Loomis** posted:

What a great guy! Sorry for your tremendous loss, but Heaven's gain. My sincerest sympathies.

February 7 at 3:15 AM

SF

**Sam Freeze** posted:

Andrew and I went to school together and I will always remember his kind heart and gentle smile.  
Sandra (Crothers) Freeze

February 7 at 3:12 AM

JS

**Joy Saum** posted:

RIP.....thinking of those left behind and the reunions you will have when you get to heaven.

February 7 at 1:36 AM

RS

**Richard Stauch II** posted:

To all of Andy's Family and Friends you are in my thoughts and prayers, Drew was a great gentleman and Christian and would do anything for anybody, He was also a hard worker and Loved His Family and Friends.I worked with him in the laborers Union local 423,and grew up with him and his family in the south end of Newark. God Bless him and his Family. and We will miss Him Dearly. Love You Drew.  
Richard Louis Stauch II,(Dickie)

February 7 at 12:52 AM



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DB

**Dale Bostic** posted:

Good Bye My Friend !

February 7 at 12:11 AM

RG

**Rosemary & Keith Andrews(Gallagher)** posted:

Our hearts go out to you at this time and in the days ahead.

February 6 at 10:28 PM

BB

**Beth Bartimus** posted:

There are no words to describe, what a wonderful person Drew was, keeping the family in my prayers RIH DREW

February 6 at 8:57 PM

SD

**Sarah Devoll** posted:

Fly high, sweet angel!! You were a wonderful man, with a heart of gold... You will be missed by many!! To the Puryear family, I am so sorry for your loss and you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jeremy and Andrea, please do not hesitate to ask for anything you may need!! Love you all!

February 6 at 4:20 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Andrew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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