



Robert "Bob" Dexter Andrews

July 5, 1945 - August 26, 2024

Robert Dexter Andrews "Bob", age 79, entered peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 26, 2024, after a courageous battle with numerous health issues.

Bob was born July 5, 1945 to the late Dexter Otto and Viola Beardsley Andrews in Edmore, Michigan. He has resided in Dayton, TN since 1972. Bob is survived by his wife of 56-years (June 15, 1968) Lillian Seera Andrews "Lil"; sister: JoAnn Culp, AR; brother: Dennis Andrews (Lois), NJ. Nieces: Sheri Wilson (Keith), IA; Christy Dubendorf (Paul), PA; Jen Croessmann (Ross), NJ; Suzanne Page (Rob) IL; Heidi Maxwell (Shane), MN. Nephews: Tim Culp (Keli), AR; Tyler Siira (Stacie) TN; Travis Seera TN.

Bob graduated from Arthur Hill High School, Saginaw, MI in 1963 and Bryan College, Dayton, TN in 1967. He earned master's degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL and Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, TN, and a doctorate in Educational Administration from UT Knoxville, TN. Bob spent a few years in World Book management, but he spent most of his professional life as a teacher and administrator in higher education at Bryan College and Oxford Graduate School.

Bob's lifetime of ministry took several paths which included teaching college Bible courses, serving as elder at North Shore Fellowship Church,

Chattanooga, where he also taught Sunday School and Bible Studies, singing in church choirs and touring at home and abroad with the Glenn Draper Singers, and teaching in Bible schools in Europe. Bob was the founding director of the Chattanooga Colson Fellows Affiliate for worldview studies where he has served to the present.

Bob was a people-person and loved connecting with former students, classmates, and colleagues. His sports passions were tennis and soccer, both of which he played and coached with his usual competitiveness. And Michigan football was an annual event calling for faithful Fall TV viewing. Bob found a lot of relaxation and adventure on his motorcycle trips throughout his life. Whether it was a quick ride in the Sequatchie Valley or long bucket list trips with Andy, Frank, or Travis traveling the lower 48 states, Canada, and Mexico, he came home with many tales to tell. Even after logging over 100,000 miles of riding, he was always planning his next adventure.

These are some ministries that Bob loves and has supported for many years. If you choose, memorials may be made there in lieu of flowers. The Care Center, 285 Main St., Dayton, TN 37321, Bryan College, Dayton, TN 37321, North Shore Fellowship, 118 Woodland Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37405, Colson Fellows, PO Box 62160, Colorado Springs, CO 80962.

A Celebration of Life for Bob will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at North Shore Fellowship with Rev. Jason Hood and Rev. John Tomberlin officiating. A family graveside service is planned where Bob will be laid to rest next to his dad.

Please share your memories and photos of Bob on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral home in Dayton,

Tennessee, where they will receive friends on Saturday, August 31, 2024, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27
Dayton, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple St
Dayton, TN 37321
(423) 775-2662

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

North Shore Fellowship Church
118 Woodland Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37405

Tribute Wall

HE

“ Lil and extended family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. You and Bob made a huge impact on my life by teaching a wonderful apologetics course at church many years ago. I'm helping write a book for children on apologetics now, inspired by that course. Bob will be very missed. Sending all our love, Heather (McPherson) Carter and family

Heather - September 07, 2024 at 02:11 AM

SG

“ I am thankful for the time I spent working with and around Bob at Bryan College. He was so very nice to me each and every time we interacted. I enjoyed him as a teacher during my time as a student. Prayers for the family and Mrs. Lil.

Stacey Gates

Bryan College '04-'06 and current staff member.

Stacey Gates - September 03, 2024 at 04:55 PM

BW

“ Dear Lil and extended family:

I got to know Bob when he was a member of the first Colson Fellows Cohort in the Carolinas (2017-2018). He had to drive over 5 hours one way to join our meetings in Charlotte! He was committed to being commissioned and to founding the Chattanooga Cohort. I valued our friendship over the years.

Barrie Winn

Carolinas/Charlotte Colson Fellows Cohort Director 2017-2023

Barrie Winn - September 03, 2024 at 02:43 PM

JB

“ *Lil and extended family,*

My deepest condolences on Bob's passing.

As a student at Bryan in the 1970's, I remember well Bob's love of soccer, tennis and Michigan football. As the Dean of Men during my student years, I always considered Bob to be firm and fair in his leadership, and also fun in his interaction with peers and students. Most of all, I remember Bob for his excellent teaching of the Bible. I always looked forward to the Chapel sessions in which Bob was a speaker. I also remember the class Bob taught on the Book of Acts. The class taught me to not only study the Bible but examine it. That experience has helped me throughout my life as I study and teach the Bible.

Jon Bennett (Bryan College Class of 1976)

Jon Bennett - September 02, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JT

“ Bob Andrews was the personification of class, wisdom, compassion and loyalty. He was as solid as they come. I only saw him twice in the last 42 years but my memories of him are as vivid as if I had bumped into him yesterday. A person leaves an impression of varying degrees on those with whom he/she comes in contact during life's journey. Bob's influence on me during my nine years at Bryan was always at a fever pitch. He had the courage to confront me, in love, about a situation that I was dealing with that I had tried to convince myself would rectify itself. He said, "You have not been yourself lately and I think I know the reason. You know what you have to do." And I did. His gentle but forceful and honest appraisal of my circumstances gave me the impetus to make a very difficult decision. I can still remember where we were in Long dorm (the office outside of his and Lil's apartment) where our dialogue took place. This interaction changed my life for which I will be eternally grateful. So, despite the fact that he had to campus me for a week my senior year for sneaking out for ice cream after 11pm and nixed the Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta song "You're the One That I Want" as being inappropriate to play as warmup music prior to women's basketball games (we used the theme song from the Pink Panther instead--that really got the players revved up), Bob Andrews will always hold the highest possible place in my heart, as will the entire Seera clan. .

Jeff Tubbs

Jeff Tubbs - September 01, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Dexter Andrews.



August 31, 2024 at 07:01 PM

JW

“ I’m sure he was greeted with the words, “Well done my good and faithful servant.” What a blessing you were to our family during some very dark times. We will be forever grateful to have shared a small part of your life, to learn from your Sunday school and small group sessions, to hear your laughter and see your enlightened smile, and listen to your tales from your motorcycle trips. Thank you, Bob. - Tim & Julie Warren

julie warren - August 31, 2024 at 06:46 PM

ER

“ I regret that I didn’t know him except as an enforcer of student living rules for ones living in dorms back in the early seventies. May the far shore hold for him glories long imagined, the glowing power of God.

Erick - August 31, 2024 at 02:43 PM

TR

“ Bob was an honorary and original member of the Rhea County Tumbletykes, as I know DK would agree. He and Lil drove us in their carpeted van all across East Tennessee. He later helped me by hooking me up with an established writer to work with. He was full of joy and I loved him very much.

Tara (Luther) Randall - August 31, 2024 at 12:39 PM

TR

Tara Luther, maiden name

Tara (Luther) Randall - August 31, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JN

I had Bob as a teacher at Bryan. I enjoyed his teaching very much. It was like being at a trivia class , he always had a unique way at bring out the scriptures and making it personal for you. Jonie Neddo

Jonie Neddo - August 31, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Dexter Andrews.*



August 30, 2024 at 11:04 PM



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“ *Bob was a rare combination of intellect and humility--a wise, learned, articulate man who was also friendly, kind, and down-to-earth. He loved books and ideas, but he loved people more, and he loved Jesus most. He accomplished a great deal, but he also endured mistreatment, disappointment, and setbacks with patience and good humor, always focusing on what the Lord wanted him to do next and vigorously pursuing it. His life contained a great deal of joy, contentment, and faithful service. He is now with the Lord, bathed in His grace and reaping the rewards of his active, faithful, loving life.*

Whit Jones - August 29, 2024 at 10:55 PM



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“ *Bob and Ken Froemke shared a wonderful friendship for 60 years, starting at Bryan College as students and proceeding through many years as colleagues at Bryan and tennis buddies. During retirement years, both enjoyed viewing Bryan basketball games and sharing weekly lunches in the Bryan cafeteria. Bob was always ready for adventure, action, intellectual and theological pursuits. He will be deeply missed by his many friends and former students.*

Marcy Froemke - August 28, 2024 at 03:42 PM



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Marcy Froemke - August 28, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JR

“ I had the privilege of having Bob Andrews as my professor in a theology class at Bryan. I have a vivid memory of his expressing a wonderful view on the Lord’s return: “Dogmatic expectancy in the light of mystery.”

Joe Runyon - August 28, 2024 at 03:21 PM

 John Reeser

I will miss this Great Man in of God, who was my mentor, Bible teacher, and assistant coach to get some soccer championships.

John Reeser - August 30, 2024 at 02:29 PM