



## Andre Clarence Hughes

January 11, 1966 - August 28, 2024

Born on January 11, 1966, in Panama City, Panama, Andre Clarence Hughes was the eldest of three to his mother Eather V. Hughes, who preceded him in death. Baptized at a young age and later ordained in the Church of God in Christ, Andre spent his formative years in Detroit, Michigan. A talented musician, he played the saxophone in the Cody High School band. Beyond his musical pursuits, Andre developed a passion for photography and fishing. Demonstrating an early sense of responsibility, Andre began working at a grocery store at the tender age of fourteen. His dedication to education led him to THE Hampton University, where he earned a Bachelors of Science in Finance in 1993. Following an internship at the Chicago Board of Options, Andre established CMB, the first Black-owned options group at the CBO. His entrepreneurial spirit and financial acumen led to significant success. A lifelong advocate for physical health and sports, Andre achieved a black belt in judo and secured a third-place finish in a national tournament. He instilled a love of athletics in his two

sons, founding several youth basketball programs, including the Vipers and Evolution. He also coached a girls' basketball team, the Truth.

Andre's love story began with Phyrat Samret, whom he married in 2018.

Together, they

relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, in 2020, where Andre served as a VP at Cantor Fitzgerald. A

passionate outdoorsman, Andre cherished his time spent fishing, golfing, and shooting. Most of

all, he loved spending quality moments with his beloved wife and his two sons.

On August 28, 2024, Andre transitioned after a courageous battle with heart challenges. He

leaves behind a lasting legacy and is deeply mourned by his loving wife, Phyrat Samret; two

sons, Andre Jaylin Hughes and Antonio Gabriel Hughes; three sisters, Roxanne Pettis, Nikka

Royston, and Kimberly Moore; one brother, Antonio Richardson; nephews, Reggie Pettis and LJ

Royston; nieces, Andrea Pettis, Renita Pettis, Ashleigh Pettis, and Heaven Royston, and aunts,

Aunt Zelia (Ralph) Rayner and Aunt Cecelia Ann Glover. And additionally a host of siblings, cousins,

great-nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother, Eula Mae Hunter, he was the apple of

her eye. He was also preceded in death by his aunts, Francine Peterson, Cynthia Jackson, &

Donna Taylor.

A funeral service will be held at 6 pm on Friday, September 6, 2024 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home.

A visitation will precede the service from 4-6 pm. For those unable to attend, the services will be live-streamed by going to <https://iframe.dacast.com/live/2a7a09ae1c0559a83ef537e05e6a14a6/2aae7d5f-98fd-a9e6-32a7-b774547cf42c>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME  
385 State Rd 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

## Funeral

SEP 6. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Andre Clarence Hughes*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - September 04, 2024 at 06:09 PM

WH

“ *Winford Harris lit a candle in memory of Andre Clarence Hughes*



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**Winford Harris** - September 06, 2024 at 05:08 PM

WH

*Rest in peace Andre. I thank you for my wonderful grandsons! Winford Harris*

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**Winford Harris** - September 06, 2024 at 05:14 PM

RL

“ *Rhoda Palmer & Rodney Love purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andre Clarence Hughes.*



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**Rhoda Palmer & Rodney Love** - September 06, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RP

“ To the family and friends of Andre, all of you are aware of the character that he had as a man of faith, integrity and honesty. But also his character as someone that always found even the littlest things to crack a joke about. He had a sense of humor that was derived from everyday moments, and a quick wit that would take me by surprise every time. I met Andre while working at OCC but our paths crossed many times during my time at CME without even being aware that we were in the same arena. At OCC, he always walked in with a smile and good spirits. He was genuine, candid and yet, very kind. I want his sons to know how much he talked about them. He was so very proud of being a father and a provider. You could always tell that when he was fussing about what the boys wanted or what they did, there was joy written all over his face. Andre was not just a friend, he was family. So Noy, you have gained another sister. Dre loved you so much, and appreciated you for all the things that you did to make your home a place of comfort and peace. Andre and I stayed in contact at least once a month. In the middle of a conversation about a new opportunity or traveling, etc.. without fail, we always found a moment to laugh! That is what I will always remember. I am learning that grief is a mixture of deep sadness, melancholy, and a profound feeling of pain that can only be comforted by your memories of joy, laughter, gratitude, and the love in your heart. God bless, Rhoda

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**Rhoda Palmer** - September 06, 2024 at 11:36 AM

AV

“ Had the pleasure of working with Andre (DRE) On the CBOE. I was his ESE.. (inside joke) My condolences..

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**Adrian Velazquez** - September 06, 2024 at 09:35 AM

RM

“ My Condolences to the entire Family of Andre Hughes 🌸 we lost a GOOD ONE 🙏💙🙏 I remember back when u started at CBOE & I assisted with your Membership onboarding. Fast forward 2-3 yrs later, you started your own Firm, CMB Trading Group and I would shout to you everytime you walked in the Membership Dept with a question or a new person to join your Firm, ...'Am I my Brothers Keeper?' til this day we still laughed, ppl in my dept had no clue!! Every trader you onboarded they were told don't talk to nobody up there but 'G' but I had to let you know others in the dept needed to learn, then it became only G & Exel 🤔🤔. But I get it, you only wanted the BEST! You shared pictures of your greatest joy, your Sons & often talked about how they were progressing in life! Man Dre, I could go on & tell the countless stories we shared even up until a month ago, but I'll end it by saying I'm deeply hurt by your passing but Thank You for being a GENUINE FRIEND 🎸👍!!! I LOVE YOU DRE, but GOD loved you more, you will truly be missed!! 😭🙏💙

Regina Millison-Coleman - September 05, 2024 at 09:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Andre Clarence Hughes.



September 04, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - September 04, 2024 at 02:04 PM

RR

“ *Shocked and saddened by the news. Sincere prayers and condolences to the family from Randall and the Ratliff Family. You will always be in ours hearts and thoughts.*



**Randall R** - September 03, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andre Clarence Hughes.*



September 02, 2024 at 09:39 AM

AH

“ *A real father. And honorable man. Love you always old man*



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**AJ Hughes** - September 01, 2024 at 07:46 PM

RP

*Beautiful!*

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**Rhoda Palmer** - September 06, 2024 at 09:52 PM

BH

“ *To the Father of my Adorable Grandsons Rest in Peace 🕊️*

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**Brenda Hicks** - September 01, 2024 at 06:56 PM

TH

“ *My prayers and condolences on the loss of Andre. I am grateful for our beautiful boys and appreciate him being a great father and role model. They will carry on his legacy.*

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**Tonya Harrison** - September 01, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Dan Graebner** - September 01, 2024 at 02:21 PM

SR

“ I first met Coach Andre when my son Donovan and AJ played on the Windy Vipers together. He taught me a lot about Travel/AAU Basketball. We had some great times together watching our boys grow. Sending condolences to the family. Scott and Donovan Reid .



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**Scott Reid** - September 01, 2024 at 12:08 PM

DG

*Andre was my twin sons first AAU coach and welcomed me and my boys to the Viper family*

*He will be missed*

*Condolences to his family*

*Rest peacefully Coach  
The Graebner Family*

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**Dan Graebner** - September 01, 2024 at 02:11 PM

AH

*Both of you are family. I appreciate the kind words. Thank you for his having both his back and mine. Nothing but love*

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**AJ Hughes** - September 01, 2024 at 07:43 PM