A CELEBRATION OF

Homegoing

FOR



Sunrise
October 22, 1957

Sunset
August 30, 2026

Andrew Lee BESTER

Saturday, September 5, 2026

11:00 AM

SERVICE HELD AT

Keyes Funeral Home

Rev. Van Wilbon - Officiating

Order of Service



Processional	**Clergy and Family**
Mistress of Ceremony	**Synthia Lindsey**
Scripture	
Old Testament	Pastor Arthur
New Testament	Pastor Arthur
Prayer	**Appointee**
Selection	Sister Bonita Hamilton Huddleston
Words of Comfort	**Rev. Millsap**
Reflections	**2 min. Please**
Acknowledgements	
Selection	Bro. Alton Sims
Eulogy	**Rev. Van Wilbon**
Funeral Directors in Charge	**Keyes Funeral Home**

Obituary

Andrew Lee Bester was born October 22, 1957, to the late Mamie (Edd) Turner and Andred Tatum.

Andrew joined Jerusalem M.B. Church at an early age. He graduated from Bay Springs High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, Andrew was a man of many work hats. During his years of employment, he worked for several companies, including Burlington Industries, Peco, Raleigh Co., as a truck driver, and Keyes Funeral Home. He loved spending time with family and friends and watching football games.

Andrew Lee Bester was called home on August 30, 2026. He is preceded in death by his mother, Mamie Turner; his fathers, Edd Turner and Andred Tatum; grandparents; two daughters: Debra King and Andrea Black; stepson, Tyson Blankenship; two sisters; ten uncles; four aunts; and one grandson.

Andrew leaves to cherish his memories: Dorothy Blankenship; one daughter, Detrice Blankenship; two sisters: Vera (Johnny) Keyes and Dorothy Wilson; four brothers: Willie (Antionette) Turner, Bobbie Tatum, Andrew (Gwen) Tatum, and Gary Tatum.

Grandchildren: Zakhaila Norwood, Messiah Norwood, Quizyria Gilbert, Monesha King, Artist King, and Jalon King.
Great-Grandchild: Paris King.

One Aunt, Jessie Nobles; one uncle, WB Bester.
Special friends: Eugene Page, Don Miller, Jerry Porter, John Allen Bender, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





Tributes of Love

WHEN I LOST YOU

I wish I could see you one more time, Come walking through the door...
But I know that is impossible, I will hear your voice no more.
I know you can feel my tears And you don't want me to cry,
Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone
So precious had to die.
I pray that God will give me strength And somehow get me through...
As I struggle with the heartache That came When I Lost You.

Love Always, Dorothy

DAD

Losing you has left a place in my heart that no one else could ever fill.
I will always cherish the memories we shared,
the love you gave, and the moments that made you you.
Although I wish I could have just one more day,
one more conversation, and one more hug,
I know your love will remain with me always.
You may be gone from my sight,
but you will never be gone from my heart.

Love Always,
Your Daughter, Detrice

MY BROTHER, MY MISSING PIECE

A piece of our heart went with you that day,
And nothing can fill the space you left this way.
We'll miss your laugh, your smile, and moments we shared.
We'll carry you with us, even though your presence not there.
A sibling bond is forever, they say,
But now our heart aches in a different way,
Until we meet again, brother, We'll hold you near—
I love you, I miss you, and I'll carry you through the years.

Love Always,
Sisters & Brothers

Tributes of Love

A Tribute from Your Grandchildren

Never will we say Goodbye.
Just the thought makes us cry.
We know you are in a better place.
So, we can walk with a smile
on our face
God knows what's best
You are sleeping, peacefully,
getting all your rest
All the pain and suffering is gone
So, we don't have to cry and moan
Never will we say Goodbye to you
See you later was our final
words to you papa
we love you dearly
We'll keep all the memories
in our head
You were the best papa ever,
see you later

Love Always,
Grandchildren

A Tribute from Your Nieces and Nephews

To A Very Special Uncle
If I could send a postcard
To heaven up above
I'd tell you that I miss you
And seal it with love, my love

Pain could fill a thousand pages
But what good would that do
Because the only thing I long for
Is to get one back from you
So if the Angels are listening
Everytime I pray

I hope they send the message
that I miss you everyday
For now I'll keep the postcard here
I hope you understand
Please keep watching over me
Until I deliver it by hand

Love Always,
Your Nieces and Nephews

Family

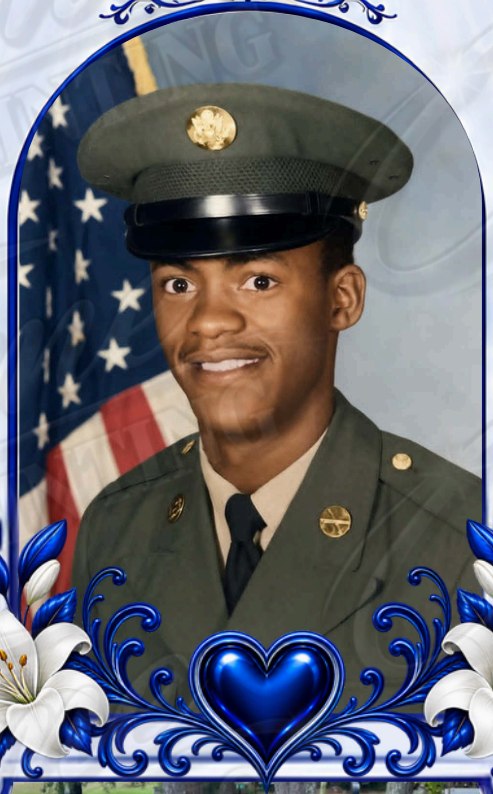
A family is a circle of love,
not broken by loss,
but strengthened by memories.
Though we are apart,
we are forever connected
by love that time cannot fade.
You will always be a part of us.

MEMORIES

We'll Cherish Forever

A LIFE REMEMBERED. A LOVE THAT REMAINS.























Tomorrow

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
And each time that you think of me
I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand.

My place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.

Love "Drew"

Family Acknowledgment





The family of Mr. Andrew Lee Bester wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported us during this difficult time. We are especially grateful to friends and family for all the calls, texts, flowers, cards and support, and to the staff at Keyes Funeral Home for their compassionate assistance.

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Turner
Bobbie Tatum
Andrew Tatum
Gary Tatum
Donzell Turner
Messiah Norwood

Pallbearers

Alton Sims
Mitchell Sims
Eugene Page
Don Miller
Kenji Harris
John Huddleston

Repast

At the home of
Dorothy Wilson

Interment

Shelby Cemetery

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