



Andrea J Franklin

August 11, 1989 - March 7, 2025

Andrea Jo Franklin, 35, of Bourbonnais, IL, went home to be with Jesus on March 7, 2025, following unexpected postpartum complications. She was born on August 11, 1989, in Watseka, IL. A beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend, Andrea made everyone she came in contact with feel special.

Andi graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with her bachelor's degree in 2010 and Lasell University with her master's in 2013. Later, she returned as a professor in the communication department at Olivet. She loved investing in her students, not just as a teacher, but as a mentor and encourager. Her heart for service extended beyond the classroom—she worked for many years in hospice care, offering comfort and presence in life's hardest moments. She also served with Administer Justice, helping provide legal care to those in need within local communities. Andi's life was filled with constant giving—of her time, her talents, and her heart.

Andi lived with a heart wide open. She loved fiercely, laughed easily, and encouraged others with a sincerity that left an imprint on everyone she met. She was often described as compassionate, determined, and deeply faithful, not just in words but in the way she walked through life—meeting people where they were and lifting them up. She touched more lives than we will ever know, and to be loved by Andi was to be truly seen.

Above all else, Andi loved being a mom. Her greatest joy was found in nurturing her children, filling their world with creativity, warmth, and stories. A captivating storyteller, she had a way of drawing people in, whether through the pages of a book, the lens of her camera, or the way she painted moments with words. She was an artist at heart, finding beauty in the everyday through watercolor painting and photography. She turned her love for capturing moments into a photography business, preserving memories not just for her own family, but for so many others.

Andi could always be seen with a Polar Pop or McDonald's Coke in hand, a small but perfect reflection of her easy going spirit. She had a way of making people feel at home, whether through deep conversations, infectious laughter, or the simple joy of sharing a meal. She will be remembered not only for what she did but for who she was—a light in the lives of so many. Though our hearts are shattered, we do not mourn without hope. We trust that Andi is in the presence of Jesus, and we will carry her love forward, honoring her legacy in the way we live, love, and serve others.

Andi was preceded in death by her grandparents Andrew Hassen, Gloria Hassen, and Everett Knake. She is survived by her loving husband, Luke; their five beautiful children, Gabriel, Eliana, Graham, Victor, and Josie; her parents, Thomas and Judy McCann; her siblings, Kelly (Brett) Hull, Wade (Meagan) McCann, and Emily (Caleb) Parker; her niece and nephew, Audra and Nolan; her grandmother, Dorothy Knake. She also leaves behind a host of extended family members, in-laws, numerous nieces and nephews, dear friends, and students whose lives she touched.

A visitation to honor Andi's life will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025, from 4:00–8:00 PM at Clancy Gernon Funeral Homes, 295 Main St NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM at College Church of the Nazarene, 200

University Ave, Bourbonnais, IL 60914.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to the family for the children's education or online at <https://gofund.me/af501f28>.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 933-7749
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Darneice Cooper director food pantry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrea J Franklin.

Darneice Cooper director food pantry - March 14, 2025 at 10:26 PM

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“ Darneice Cooper director food pantry purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of Andrea J Franklin.



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“ Andi's caring , sweet wonderful persona while be left in everything she came in contact with. My sincere condolences to her husband, children ,mother & father & To all that knew her . She will be missed. She was a wonderful friend to my daughter.



Shelley Turner - March 12, 2025 at 02:32 PM

BS

“ Words fail in your loss. Administer Justice feels like an adopted member of your family as Andi was a passionate advocate for helping the vulnerable in legal challenges. She encouraged so many with her presence, her gift of storytelling, and her incredible capacity to care for others. I am grateful for the time the Lord shared her with us. You were certainly blessed by the time you had and can share with your newborn. But the loss is staggering and many are here to support in any way we can.

Bruce Strom - March 11, 2025 at 05:06 PM

AL

“ You have one beautiful soul. I will miss your smile and see you happy and smiling. I remember seeing you long time ago at my wedding. You had such a beautiful spirit. You will be missed. But this is not goodbye. I see you later in Christ. Hug Jesus. He got you. I will see you one day.

Ashley lillig - March 11, 2025 at 01:49 PM

LF

“ Sweet Andi, you were truly a joy to be around. You were always kind and made us all feel special. Andi showed Jesus' love to all she came in contact with. We will always remember her through her children's smiles and eyes. Our love and fervent prayers for Luke and kids. Aunt Lisa

Lisa Franklin - March 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM

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“ Thank you, Andi, for being a light and glue in our family. You will be intensely missed. We all want to be like you.

Lorene Franklin - March 11, 2025 at 09:59 AM