



Beverly Guillory Andry

June 25, 2025

Dr. Beverly Guillory Andry, Ph.D., a trailblazing scholar, esteemed educator, and lifelong advocate for education and community empowerment, passed away June 25, 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her legacy is marked by a steadfast commitment to academic excellence, social justice, and the empowerment of marginalized communities.

Born August 3, 1951 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Beverly G. Andry was a proud member of the first class to integrate Lake Charles High School, where she laid the foundation for a lifetime of breaking barriers and inspiring others. At Xavier University of Louisiana, Dr. Beverly G. Andry excelled both academically and socially, being honored as Miss Black of the Miss Xavier University's Court her graduation year; a testament to her leadership, energy, grace, and commitment to service. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Xavier University of New Orleans before pursuing advanced degrees, including a Master of Arts in Urban Studies from the University of New Orleans, an Executive MBA from Tulane University, in its inaugural year, and a Doctorate in Public Policy & Urban Affairs from Southern University. As a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Dr. Beverly G. Andry exemplified the sorority's ideals of service to all mankind through her extensive contributions to education and public policy. She was a proud champion of women's empowerment, cultural preservation, and small business development, often using her expertise to mentor others and uplift communities.

Dr. Beverly G. Andry was the heart and soul of her family. Her unwavering love, support, and encouragement created a foundation of strength and unity for an expansive circle of those she held dear. Whether celebrating achievements, offering guidance, or simply sharing her radiant smile, she nurtured and uplifted her family, friends, and community with a boundless generosity of spirit. Her legacy of love and dedication to family will continue to inspire and guide them for generations to come.

Dr. Beverly G. Andry's professional career was marked by dedication as an educator at institutions such as Xavier University of New Orleans, Delgado Community College, and Ashé College Unbound, where she inspired countless students in the fields of business, entrepreneurship, and community development. Beyond the classroom, she made a significant impact as the Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Women Entrepreneurs Business Center and as Interim Executive Director of St. Mark's Community Center. Dr. Beverly G. Andry's leadership extended into her commitment to civic and cultural engagements, including serving on the boards of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation, WWOZ-FM Community Radio, Ashe Cultural Arts Center, Broad Community Connections and an abundance of local organizations dedicated to fostering a stronger community. Dr. Beverly G. Andry contributed a vital role in facilitating economic and cultural growth in New Orleans and beyond. Her work took her across the globe to a number of African countries, supported by prestigious grants, where she explored global public policy and cultural exchange.

Throughout her life, Dr. Beverly G. Andry's dynamic achievements—including building nearly a city block of affordable housing with the Mid-City Community Development Corporation, mentoring youth to achieve GED certification, developing micro-grant programs to assist women, New Orleans musicians and the cultural bearer community showcased her unwavering commitment to equality, service, and excellence.

Dr. Beverly Guillory Andry is preceded in death by her father Frank X. Guillory, mother Eula Thierry Guillory, brother Gregory X. Guillory, sister Blanche B.

Guillory and nephew Harold X. Payne. She is survived by her husband Michael A. Andry, her daughters Megan B. Andry, Nina D. Andry and Ashley M. Andry, son-in-law Horace Harris, sisters Wanda G. Payne and Roslin M. Guillory, brother Hamilton Guillory, sister-in-law Angie Ford-Guillory, mother-in-law Marietta R. Andry. Further carrying her legacy are her seven grandchildren: Corey D. Johnson-Andry, Irie A. Dennison, Cai M. Johnson-Andry, Amina Duplessis, Shia, Shilo and Shiye Harris, and numerous nieces and nephews that will also carry the legacy of the family and that of the extended family that shared her life of service. Even with her commitment and dedication to the New Orleans community, she still managed to be a monument in her family that treated everyone with so much love and care. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and the countless individuals she mentored and inspired throughout her life.

A celebration of Dr. Beverly G. Andry's life, love and light will be held on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church at 7300 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126. Visitation at 10:00 AM followed by Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. Repast to immediately follow at the St. Maria Goretti Community Center across from the church. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Earth has no sorrow that God cannot . She’s absent from the body, present with the Lord I am sorry to hear that Dr.Andry has transition to her Father so was a beautiful spirited person I met her when I served on the board with her husband Mike . Look to the hills family Joycelyn Jagers

joycelyn jagers - July 09, 2025 at 02:40 AM

MG

“ Dr. Andry and I worked for many years together as Board Members of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation. Those years will be cherished memories memories of a great association. Condolences to Michael and the Family. R.I.P.



MICHAEL GOURRIER - July 05, 2025 at 08:35 AM

JM

“ Beverly was indeed a dear friend. I met her in 1969 (her 1st year at XU). She was always pleasant and cheerful. Our friendship grew when she pledged AKA and I pledged Alpha. We had some great laughs together. After I left XU, I seldom saw her, because my career took me to states across the nation, but when I saw her in NO she was always pleasant and optimistic. I will miss her. God took her too soon. She blessed many lives in her 70 years on earth and earth is a better place because God allowed her to grace our lives. James Moore, Class of 1973.

James Moore - July 04, 2025 at 10:10 AM

RR

“ *Life is but a Stopping Place
Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord*



Robbie Runderson - July 03, 2025 at 05:01 PM

SH

“ *Sheletha F. Howard lit a candle in memory of
Beverly Andry*



Sheletha F. Howard - July 03, 2025 at 11:41 AM

SH

“I will remember thy works of Lord: Surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, And talk of thy doings.” Psalm. 77:11 (KJV) Family, we mourn with you, Thank you for sharing God's special obedience gift to us, we are only passing through on this earthy journey, her labour has been rewarded, in God's Kingdom, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Mrs. Sheletha F. Howard (PA)

Sheletha F. Howard - July 03, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Beverly Guillory Andry.



July 03, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Guillory Andry.

July 03, 2025 at 10:45 AM

EA

“ To Mike and children,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves memories no one can steal. May
the memories of your beloved Beverly and
God's love comfort you and mend your
broken heart.
Loving prayers,
"Jeannie"



Eugenia Foster Adams - July 03, 2025 at 09:16 AM

CS

“ Sincere condolences to the family. Beverly's life was filled with
amazing accomplishments! Her impact on our community will
continue for many years to come. She was always had an outgoing
personality that immediately made everyone feel at ease. She will
be dearly missed. May God give comfort and strength to all who are
affected by this loss. 🙏❤️

Cynthia Sylvain-Lear - July 02, 2025 at 11:45 PM

YP

“ Your cousins, Carol, Mary & Patricia purchased
the Serene Retreat for the family of Beverly
Guillory Andry.



Your cousins, Carol, Mary & Patricia - July 02, 2025 at 04:10
PM

PL

“ *Patrick and Margo LaTour purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly Guillory Andry.*



Patrick and Margo LaTour - July 01, 2025 at 01:27 PM