

Andrew & Roslyn Andela

A Service of Music and Remembrance

May 14, 2022

2:00 PM



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Church on the Hill

167-07 35th Avenue

Flushing, NY 11358

Rev. Ian Rottenberg — Presiding
Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director
Chancel Choir — Church on the Hill

Order of Worship

Prelude	on <i>Rhosymedre</i>	R. Vaughn Williams
Welcome		Rev. Ian Rottenberg
Hymn No. 242		<i>In the Garden</i>
Favorites of Andy:	Introduction by Elizabeth Mahowald	
	<i>Sweet is the Name of Jesus</i>	arr. Andrew Andela
	<i>Lord, it Belongs Not to My Care</i>	Carl Schalk
Favorites of Roslyn:	Introduction by Dorien Day	
	<i>Christ the Appletree</i>	Stanford Scriven
	<i>I Shall not be Moved</i>	Traditional, arr. A. Parker
Words of Remembrance		Drew Andela
Time of Prayer		Introduction by Emerson Chen
Prayer Response:	Glenn Alamilla, solo	Theodore Dubois
Anthem:		Introduction by Sean Cotty
	<i>The Dawning</i>	Z. Randall Stroepe
Special Presentation:		Dana Chan

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15

Words of Remembrance

Rev. Ian Rottenberg

Closing Anthem:

Introduction by Jim Nicholas

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

Hymn No. 192:

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Benediction

Benediction Response:

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

Postlude:

Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

Leon Boellmann

Reception to follow, downstairs in Gessner Hall



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Andrew Andela was born on May 30, 1950 in Wayne, New Jersey to Andrew and Catherine Andela. Andrew had three siblings: Ronald, Ruth, and Kathleen. Andrew loved music from an early age, going so far as to make an entire career out of it. He began this music career early, playing the piano and organ throughout New Jersey and New York through his high school years. He then attended Westminster Choir College, before moving South to take on his first role as a church organist in Athens, Georgia.

Roslyn Andela was born on July 18, 1949 in West Monroe, Louisiana to Ross and Cascille Golson. Roslyn had a younger brother, Jimmy. Roslyn was always an enthusiastic writer and avid reader. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Louisiana Tech and then attended the University of Georgia at Athens to complete her Master's Degree in English.

It was in Athens that Roslyn and Andrew first met. They often told the story of Roslyn seeing Andrew walk into his first day of running choir practice and she told a friend, "I am going to marry him." And that she did. After a couple years of wonderful courtship, Andrew and Roslyn married each other in a beautiful and loving ceremony on August 30, 1975. They moved from Athens to Savannah, Georgia where they gave birth to their first child, Andrew Andela III (Drew) on November 17, 1977. Andrew's calling brought him from Savannah to Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked as the Choir Director and Organist at Belle Meade Methodist Church. Their daughter, Catherine Cascille Andela, was born in Nashville on April 29, 1982. The family moved to Cherry Hill, NJ when Andrew took a job at a church in Haddonfield, NJ. Then the door opened to the church and city that would be their home for the next thirty years. In 1986, the Andela family moved into the home at 32-13 169th St, as Andrew took over the role of Music Director at Church on the Hill.

Over the next 30 years Andrew and Roslyn built a loving home and nurtured a caring community for their family. Andrew kept busy by working not only at the church, but also by teaching music at the local schools (PS 159 and PS 32), and taking on a series of roles as music director for several synagogues in the area. He taught piano and organ lessons, led choirs, and played countless concerts and recitals, including opportunities to play at St. Patrick's Cathedral (throughout which recitals Roslyn glared at her children who were taking their own opportunities to play hide and seek in the cathedral's choir loft). Roslyn was a staple in the church, teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, and working in the Bargain Boutique. She worked as an English professor at Nassau Community College and Queensboro Community College, often teaching the 6AM classes – loving to work with those students who have the dedication to fit their education in before their workday begins.

When Andrew and Roslyn made the decision to retire in 2016, they moved upstate to Edmeston, New York. It was here that they settled into a quieter way of life. Andrew and Roslyn spent their retirement days sitting on the porch, watching the deer cross their backyard. They looked forward to the visits from their grandchildren, Jack, Madeline, Lana, and Emilia, always reminding the kids to bring them "the biggest hugs in the world". Andrew was diagnosed with cancer in June 2020 and passed away shortly thereafter on July 13, 2020. After only a few months, Roslyn was also diagnosed with cancer in November 2020. After her diagnosis, Roslyn returned to Long Island to be with her family until she passed on February 16, 2021. Andrew and Roslyn were inseparable through life and death could not part them. Their grandson Jack put it perfectly when he said, "Grandma found PopPop in heaven because she just followed the music."