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Andrew College dedication honors the life of Bobby Dews

CUTHBERT, GA. – Mr. Bobby Dews, Andrew College Class of 1963, was formerly honored at a ceremony at the Andrew College Family Day Baseball Game on Friday, September 9 at Hord Field. A bronze plaque was mounted on the home dugout in his honor.

Dews earned his Associate's degree from Andrew College in 1963 and he later graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English from West Georgia College. He then taught high school English and history while spending the off season and summer playing baseball for various minor-league teams. Dews joined the Braves organization in 1975 managing farm clubs in the Carolina, Appalachian and Southern leagues, earning Manager of the Year honors in 1978. The following year, Dews received the coveted call to join the Atlanta Braves as the bullpen coach, and later coached third base for the organization.

Dews was awarded the 2013 Andrew College Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award. Following retirement from professional baseball, he served as the writer-in-residence and a creative writing mentor for Andrew College. Dews was a published author and poet and at one time, was seen every Tuesday heading to the Pitts Library to share his time and expertise with the creative writing class on Andrew's campus. Dews noted that the Distinguished Alumnus Award had a special meaning for him. He said that while he struggled elsewhere he "flourished" on the Andrew College campus.

Bobby Dews passed away on December 26, 2015. His wife, Glenda, and several family members and friends were present at the dedication ceremony. Dr. Linda Buchanan, president of Andrew College spoke of Bobby Dews as a man "who loved the power, and the beauty, and the nuance of language" and as a man "who loved the power, and the beauty, and the nuance of baseball." She also said that these two attributes combined made for a very remarkable and gifted human being.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is a small, residential, two-year College related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, and Associate of Science degrees.

Photo outline 1:

Andrew College President Linda Buchanan addresses a group of friends, family and baseball players at the Bobby Dews dugout dedication ceremony

Photo outline 2: Andrew College President Linda Buchanan and Glenda Dews, wife of Bobby Dews with the memorial plaque.

