

Final Salute for a 'Brother in Blue'

Commissioner Joe Ponte joined DOC officials and a large contingent of Correction Officers who packed a Brooklyn church on Oct. 15 for a memorial service honoring C.O. Andre John. In a moving ceremony Andre was remembered as a dedicated public servant who represented the very best of what it means to be a New York City Correction Officer. Andre, who was 39, worked for nearly 10 years at DOC and was last assigned to GMDC. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

He was a “partner that anyone would love to have, a team player and conflict solver,” said his colleagues. “Even in stressful situations he retained his sense of humor and was always ready to help a fellow officer,” they said. When he wasn’t working, Andre pursued his love for music, cricket and soccer and was active in a local Caribbean Association. He will be laid to rest in his native Grenada.

