



Mr. Charlie Lewis Sr.

July 14, 2013

Statesboro, Georgia

Mr. Charlie Lewis, Sr., age 86, passed into eternal rest, Sunday July 14, 2013, at his residence under the care of Gentiva Hospice and his loving family. Born in Sylvania, Georgia, to the late Mack and Rosa Reynolds Lewis, Mr. Lewis received his early childhood education in the public school system of Screven County.

As a native and resident of Statesboro, Mr. Lewis was the proud owner of Lewis Van Lines, Bulloch County's first African American Moving Company in which he opened in 1955 and Storage and Lewis Mart and Carousel Drive-in, which he began in the year of 1967. In later years, he owned Lewis Auto Used Cars, Lewis Health Food Storage, Lewis Public Self-Storage and Lewis rental apartments. He took pride in being in business for 56 years in the Statesboro Community.

During this time, he employed many young men and women by giving them their first jobs and advising them to complete their education and to become an entrepreneur.

He worked tirelessly in various community organizations. He served as one of the Founders and is a Life Member of the Bulloch County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He

was the Chairperson of Public Affairs for the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Human Relations Council, a Representative of the Altamaha Area Community Action Authority, Inc., and was very instrumental in working with the Bulloch County Commissioners in starting the Food Stamp Program. He helped organized the Stabuc Club primarily to help boys and girls in receiving scholarships for college. In addition, he became very intrigued with "politics" and became an active member. in the Bulloch County Democratic Party. As a member he was the first Chairperson of the Political Action Committee and served as the Treasurer of the Party. He organized the "Meet The Candidate Forums", worked on the "GET OUT TO VOTE DRIVES, and the Blue Ribbon Committee changing from the paper ballot to voting by electronic machines. He was a member of the "Eggs and Issues Breakfast Forums" where crucial issues of local and national politics were discussed. He was the recipient of the Bulloch County African American Heroes for his contribution and commitment to the citizens of this community by the American Legion Post 028 in July 2010. He was honored by the Bulloch County Democratic Party in receiving the Democratic Pioneer Award in July 2011.

He was a lifelong member of Brannen Chapel United Methodist Church where he served in the following positions: Chairperson of the Administrative Board, Board of Trustees and Building Committee, President of the United Methodist Men. He also served on the Finance Committee. He was instrumental in the remodeling of the Old Brannen Chapel and building the new Sanctuary. In addition, served as member of Building and Grounds Committee of the Statesboro District of the UMC. He received numerous awards and recognition of services in the United Methodist Church.

Mr.Lewis leaves a legacy of love to be cherished by, a devoted wife, Mrs. Alethia Lewis, Statesboro, GA., his loving children, Mrs. Le'Ontyne Buggs and

Ms. Charlene Lewis, Clinton, Maryland, Ms. Reta Jo Lewis, Washington, D.C., Mrs. Wanda (Bernard) Hendrix, Marietta, GA., Ms. Sharma Lewis, Atlanta, GA. and Mr. Charlie Lewis Jr., Five sisters, one brother, several grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

The Lewis family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Ben Samuel Hill Memorial Chapel of Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

The funeral services for Mr. Lewis will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2013 at the Brannen Chapel United Methodist Church, 20 Elm Street Statesboro, Ga., Rev. Thomas Norman III, pastor, the Bishop James E. Swanson Sr., eulogist. Burial will follow in the Bulloch Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lewis will lie in state at the church on the day of service from 12 noon until the funeral hour. There will be no viewing after the eulogy.

Online condolences may be expressed at hillsmortuaryinc.com

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Tribute Wall

QN

“ To the entire Lewis Family, ...please know that you have our most sincere condolences and sympathy. We pray that the Lord will comfort you with His peace, encourage you with His presence and strengthen you with His love.

Quincy & Barbara A. Nunnally & Family

Quincy Nunnally, - July 29, 2013 at 01:31 PM

BR

“ To The Lewis family, there are no words that will ease your pain, time will help some, but love will endure.

BillyJames™ aka Billy James Raymond



BillyJames™(Billy James Raymond) - July 19, 2013 at 01:51 PM

KH

“ Mrs Lewis and Family of Mr Charlie, Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this time of loss. Mr. Charlie was a great asset to Statesboro and Bulloch County and will be sadly missed. Keith Howard & Family

Keith Howard - July 19, 2013 at 06:26 AM

MT

“ Reta and Family - thinking of you and praying God's peace during this time.

Marilyn Martin Turner

Marilyn Martin Turner - July 18, 2013 at 05:32 PM

VC

“ To The Lewis Family, My condolences and prayers are with you, may GOD comfort you and strengthen you during this difficult time.
Vera and Sarah Christian.



Vera Christian - July 18, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MR

“ MR. AND MRS. FRANKIE ROGERS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charlie Lewis Sr.



MR. AND MRS. FRANKIE ROGERS - July 18, 2013 at 04:18 PM

MR

“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, WE PRAY THAT GOD'S HEALING WILL RELEIVE SOME OF THE PAIN THAT YOU ARE FEELING.MR. LEWIS WAS A GREAT LEADER AND A BEAUTIFUL PERSON INSIDE AND OUT. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM 30+ YEARS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL FAMILIES, GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH.....MR. AND MRS. FRANKIE ROGERS

MR. AND MRS. FRANKIE ROGERS - July 18, 2013 at 04:17 PM

SE

“ To Charlie Jr. and Sharma and the entire family my thoughts and prayers are with you during the difficult time

Sharma Lewis Emerson - July 18, 2013 at 03:51 PM

AW

“ To;Rev.Sharma and the entire Lewis family,
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and family on the loss of your Father,May God continue to Bless you and family.
Anderson Wright and the Rust Chapel UMC Lay

Anderson Wright - July 18, 2013 at 03:22 PM

PO

“ To the Lewis family,

Our thoughts are prayers are you. May God continue to provide his comfort and love.

Rev. and Mrs. Lenton Powell

powell - July 18, 2013 at 02:47 PM

RP

“ To Mrs. Lewis and all the family, I extend our sympathies and love. What precious memories you have of a wonderful man who partnered with his wife and others to bring about great changes in our community. This entire community -- whether they knew him or not -- has been blessed by his life.

Peace and Love,

Rev. Jane Page and the Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro

Rev. Jane Page - July 18, 2013 at 12:06 PM

CH

MR LEWIS WAS ONE WHO WAS WILLING TO SERVE COMMUNITY,AND THE NEED OF HER PEOPLE ALWAYS GIVEN GOOD ADVICE, I ENJOYED WORKING FOR AND WITH MR& MR LEWIS CIVIL AND EQUAL JUSTICE MY PRYERS ARE WITH MRS LEWIS AND THE FAMILIEY. MRS.CARRIE HOWARD AND FAMILIEY.

CARRIE D HOWARD - July 18, 2013 at 12:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Charlie Lewis Sr..*



July 18, 2013 at 11:40 AM

MS

“ *MRS. ALTHEA, MY WIFE SANDRA AND I EXTEND TO YOU A HEARTFELT LOSS FOR THE PASSING OF MR. CHARLIE. I'VE KNOWN YOU'LL ALL MY LIFE, GROWING UP OVER BY DAVIS ST. WANDA AND I BEING CLASSMATES, MY WORKING WITH MR.CHARLIE IN HIS MOVING COMPANY AS YOUNG BOY. HE WAS A KIND MAN. HE WILL BE SURELY MISSED. HE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MY GROWING UP BY HIS PRESENCE. YOU AND HE STOOD FOR EQUALITY IN THE FACE OF INEQUALITY AND HELD YOUR GROUND. THANK YOU BOTH. HE WAS A TRUE PIONEER FOR BLACK FOLKS AND BUSINESSMAN. GOD BLESS. YOU AND ENTIRE LEWIS FAMILY*

DEA. MORRIS AND SANDRA STEVENS

Morris Stevens - July 18, 2013 at 12:45 AM

RG

“ *Mrs. Lewis. May your love for Christ sustain you in the loss of your husband. Mr. Lewis was an sterling example of dedication and service to his community and church. I am grateful for his willingness to always share words of encouragement with me whenever we met. God bless you. Randy Gunter*

Randy Gunter - July 18, 2013 at 12:24 AM

FP

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Lewis. My prayers are with you Mrs. Lewis and your family.*

Felecia George Prince

Felecia Prince - July 18, 2013 at 12:22 AM



“ On behalf of the entire membership of the Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church, Meca and I extend our condolences and loving embrace to Mrs. Lewis and the entire Lewis family. Mr. Lewis will never truly be gone. His body may have run its course, but his soul lives forever. Hold fast to your faith in this hour.

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

I remain,

*Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson
Senior Minister, Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church*

Francys Johnson - July 17, 2013 at 09:46 PM

RL

Sister Alethea Lewis and family; I was deeply saddened by the news of the passing of your devoted husband. He was a dedicated man, with a big heart, industrious and self-sacrificing. In the years that I was associated with him, I found him to be friendly, and willing to do whatever he could to advance civil rights and brotherhood.

His congenial personality and performance as a champion of civil liberties will be felt and remembered not only throughout the city, but in the hearts of all that he in his lifetime has touched.

*Please accept our prayers and condolence
Rev. Donald and Ruth Logan.*

Rev. Donald D.K. Logan - July 17, 2013 at 10:37 PM

FO

“ *From all at Tahl Propp Operations purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Charlie Lewis Sr..*



From all at Tahl Propp Operations - July 17, 2013 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Charlie Lewis Sr..*



July 16, 2013 at 10:01 AM