



## Mr. Andrew Jackson Lewis

June 2, 1917 - December 6, 2013

Mr. Andrew J. Lewis was born June 2, 1917 in Sumter County, SC. He entered into eternal rest on Friday, December 6, 2013, at Providence Hospital. He was the oldest of eleven children born to the late Sam and Rosa Lewis, Sr. He received his early education in Sumter County Schools and was valedictorian of his class at Lincoln High School. He entered Benedict College and graduated Cum Laude in 1941, with a degree in mathematics. He earned a Master of Science degree from SC State University and did further study at New York University. Mr. Lewis also served in the United States Army-Air Force earning the rank of TSgt.

Mr. Lewis was an active member of Chappelle Memorial AME Church for many years. He served on the Steward Board under the leadership of three pastors. He worked diligently on the Budget and Finance Committee, and chaired the Men's Day programs for ten years. In 1985, Chappelle Memorial AME Church named him "Man of the Year."

He began his professional career at Celia Saxon Elementary School in Richland County School District One. He later became Assistant Principal at W.A. Perry Middle School. He was appointed Principal of Greenview Elementary School. After his retirement, Richland School District One changed the name of the school to A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School. This noted and dedicated educator was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Capital City Lodge #47 (Prince Hall F&A Masons), Benedict College National Alumni Association, the Columbia Transportation and

Advisory committee (Coats), the Columbia Municipal Elections committee, and the Richland county and South Carolina Retired Educators Associations. He served as chaplain of the Benedict Columbia Alumni #2 Club; president and vice president of the Columbia Luncheon Club, president of the United Martin Family of South Carolina; and as vice president of the Shandon Neighborhood Council. He served on the committee to change the name of Valley Park to Martin L. King, Jr. Park.

Mr. Lewis was the recipient of many honors and awards to include the O.P. Taylor Humanitarian Award that distinguished him as Man of the Year. Additionally, he was given the Living the Legacy Award as an outstanding educator from the National Council of Negro Women.

Mr. Lewis met and married his loving wife, Margaret Pearson Lewis, of 71 years, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1942 in Columbia, SC. They enjoyed celebrating with family, serving the community and traveling.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife and parents were siblings, John Lewis, Katie Stuckey and Blanche Burgess.

He leaves to mourn, a daughter, Andrea L. (James) Jones of Columbia; grandchildren, David S. Lewis (reared in the home) and Deborah E. Lewis; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Helen Lewis, Sam Lewis, Jr., Marie Wilson, James Lewis, Rosa (Rev. George) Manigo, Charles (Eunice) Lewis, Rev. W.T. (Effie) Lewis and Robert Lewis; and a host of nieces; nephews; other loving relatives and friends.

Services will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at Emmanuel AME Church, with interment to follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6-8:00 PM Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at Palmer Memorial Chapel.

The family request that condolences and memorials be made on their webpage @[www.palmermemorialchapel.com](http://www.palmermemorialchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Greenlawn Memorial Park**

Columbia, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Andrew Jackson Lewis*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Please accept my condolence on your loss. Mr. Lewis was a man of integrity, kindness and thoughtfulness. I first met him as a teacher trainer from USC and was pleasantly surprised to find that he was my Greenview principal upon entering the public school system. He was always approachable and ready to give encouragement and hope to both teachers and students. I truly appreciated him and look forward to one day meeting him as we celebrate eternal life with Our Lord.*

**Peggy Hruska** - December 19, 2013 at 07:55 PM



“ *Bernice Rembert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andrew Jackson Lewis*



**Bernice Rembert** - December 11, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ *You are in our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers.  
May the warm memories serve as a source of comfort  
for you now and in the days ahead.*

*In Sympathy and Prayer,  
The Eastern High School Alumni Association  
Harold Britton, President  
Sumter, South Carolina*

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**Harold Britton** - December 10, 2013 at 06:24 PM

PJ

“ *Patricia G. Jefferson lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Andrew Jackson Lewis*



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**Patricia G. Jefferson** - December 10, 2013 at 03:39 PM

YG

“ *Yvonne Gunter lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Andrew Jackson Lewis*



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**Yvonne Gunter** - December 10, 2013 at 09:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Andrew Jackson Lewis.



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December 09, 2013 at 09:22 PM