



Sam Lewis Jr.

February 25, 1926 - February 1, 2016

“A Man of the Soil, a Man of Strength”

“And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.” Genesis 1:29 KJV

Mr. Sam Lewis, Jr., born February 25, 1926, transitioned peacefully from this earth to his eternal rest on Monday evening, February 1, 2016. He was a son of the Late Sam Lewis, Sr., and Rosa Pringle Lewis.

Mr. Lewis spent his entire life serving the Sumter Community in multiple ways but especially through his agricultural work; a passion of which he pursued and mastered. He will be missed and remembered by many whose lives he was privileged to touch.

Early in life, Mr. Lewis attended St. Luke AME Church, but after marriage in 1944, he became a member of Beulah AME church where he served faithfully for the remainder of his life. At Beulah he served in numerous roles and because his life was a living illustration of how a true man of God serves others, the title of Holy Steward was bestowed upon him. The title was earned and the role was filled as he diligently ensured the communion elements were in place and all in need were served in the church, hospitals, nursing homes and beyond.

Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by: his beloved wife ; parents; two Sons-In-Law, Vernell Britton and Aignathser Simon; three brothers, Andrew, John and

Charles Lewis; three sisters, Katie Stuckey, Helen Lewis, and Blanche Burgess; three Brothers-In-Law, Joseph Stuckey, Clarence Wilson, and Wilfred Burgess; two Sisters-In-Law, Margaret Lewis and Anne Lewis.

Sam Lewis, Jr. was a family man and would often comment that he was blessed by his family. He married the late Alice China and to this union eight children were born. Two children, Vermelle Elizabeth Lewis Britton and Sammy Lee Lewis, preceded him in death. Left to mourn his death and rejoice in his life are his surviving children; two sons, John P. (Mary) Lewis of Sumter and Alonza C. (Dorothy) Lewis of Columbia; four daughters, Amelia D. Simon and Mary L. (Johnny) Cooke both of Sumter; Lois L. (Norman) Jenkins and Jean L. (Kenneth) Tisdale, both of Columbia, SC; two adopted daughters, Patricia M. (Tommy) Tate of Mascoutah, IL, and Bettie L. Samuel of Alexandria, Virginia; two brothers, James Lewis of Sumter and Woodrow T. (Effie) Lewis of Spartanburg, SC; two sisters Marie Wilson of Sumter and Rosa L. (George) Manigo of Bamberg, SC; three Sisters-In-Law, Eunice Lewis of Garner, NC; Loretta Lewis and Margaret Wright of Sumter; 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and a host of friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **5**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Homegoing Service

FEB **6**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Beulah A.M.E. Church
3173 Florence Hwy.
Sumter, SC 29153

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Lewis Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *FAMILY, I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THE MEMORIES OF UNCLE SAM AND AUNT ALICE THE MANY VISITS AT EACH OTHER HOMES. ALL THE LAUGHTER WE SHARED AND THE POUND CAKES AUNT ALICE COOKED AND GOING OUT SIDE IN UNCLE SAM'S GARDEN, THESE MEMORIES WILL FOREVER BE WITH ME. ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T BE THERE WITH YOU ALL, I PRAYED CONSTANTLY FOR STRENGTH FOR ALL OF US TO LIVE THROUGH ANOTHER LOST. WE LOVED HIM OF COURSE BUT AT THIS TIME GOD LOVES HIM BEST TO LET HIM REST UNTIL JESUS RETURNS AGAIN TO TAKE US HOME SO WE ALL CAN SEE OUR LONG WAITED LOVED ONES. IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS IT TELLS US GOD WILL HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTED AND BIND UP THEIR WOUNDS. WE MUST TRUST HIS WORDS. HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE US. BE STRONG, LOVE YOU ALL.*



YOUR NEICE,

ANN, IN FLORIDA

DORIS WALDON - February 10, 2016 at 08:24 AM

RS

“ My condolences in the loss of your loved one. May you be comforted by the words found at Psalm 147:3 which says: He (God) heals the brokenhearted; He binds up their wounds. Also the words at Isaiah 33:24 which says: And no resident will say: "I am sick". The people dwelling in the land will be pardoned for their error. May these scriptures strengthen and encourage you at this sad time.

R. Sweatman - February 08, 2016 at 10:15 AM

FF

“ Dear Children of Mr. Lewis, we read about your loss and want to express our condolence to all of you. During his many years, your father touched many lives and will be thought of often. May your many shared family memories bring you comfort during this special time. May your prayers bring you the peace of God that goes beyond all human thought to guard your hearts. Philippians 4:6,7

Faust Family - February 07, 2016 at 08:59 AM

GW

“ I will miss those gigantic heads of cabbage and the 15 bunches of collards that I didn't appreciate back then, but would surely be happy for now. Was he the last of The Greatest Generation at Beulah ? Love you guys, Gwend China.

Gwend - February 05, 2016 at 07:08 PM

TJ

“ T.j Jones purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sam Lewis Jr..



T.j Jones - February 05, 2016 at 03:29 PM

DR

“ *Dr. Lawrence L Rouse and Mrs Janie W. Rouse purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sam Lewis Jr..*



Dr. Lawrence L Rouse and Mrs Janie W. Rouse - February 05, 2016 at 01:13 PM

NM

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers for your family at this time. A Soldier for the Army of the Lord can now rest his sword and shield. May God be your comfort and strength.*

*The Muldrow Family
(McKenley, Barbara, Mike and Tasha)*

N. Muldrow - February 05, 2016 at 12:29 PM

FA

“ *Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sam Lewis Jr..*



Family - February 05, 2016 at 10:55 AM

LM

“ *AC and The Lewis Family,
I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. You have been blessed to have had an 89 year old father as a part of your lives. Every day is a day of thanksgiving, because God has been good.
Lamaris Mack*

Lamaris Mack - February 05, 2016 at 10:47 AM

SC

“ *Mr Lewis was a wonderful gentleman. He was a loyal customer of Creech Roddey Watson Insurance for many years. We will miss his visits and gentlemanly manner. I know heaven is richer today because of his arrival. Our deepest sympathy to the family. -steve creech*

steve creech - February 05, 2016 at 09:53 AM

SJ

“ *susan pessie jenkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sam Lewis Jr..*



susan pessie jenkins - February 04, 2016 at 10:32 PM

RJ

“ *The Jenkins Family would like to extend our sincere and heart felt condolences to the Lewis Family (AC) of your loss. Understanding that earthly loss will be missed, but knowing the Joy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will see them again.*

Be comforted in the Lord...God Bless!!!

Rodney & Pat Jenkins

Rodney C Jenkins - February 04, 2016 at 03:38 PM

LB

“ My deepest condolences to my cousins on the passing of your beloved father, cousin Sam. Cousin Sam has been a beacon of light in the family and the Beulah A.M.E. church family for many years. He always had a "pearl of wisdom" to share with me every time we saw each other. I am praying that each of you find comfort in the good memories of him.



"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."

~~Author Unknown

Lisa Britton - February 04, 2016 at 03:10 PM

LF

To the family of Mr. Sam Lewis, Please know that my love and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Mr. Lewis was a true gentlemen and a dear friend of mine. I will always remember his gentle smile and kindness of sharing his vegetables with us. May his soul rest in everlasting peace and may you find strength in the Creator who makes our burdens and grief lighter. Love, Louvenia J. Dinkins and Family

Louvenia J. Dinkins & Family - February 05, 2016 at 11:25 AM

LN

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Lisa Britton, Raleigh, NC - February 04, 2016 at 03:05 PM