

Mr. Elvis Lewis, Jr.

June 19, 1944 - August 2, 2021

Elvis Lewis, Jr., age 77, of Durham, NC passed away at Duke Regional Hospital Monday morning, August 2, 2021.

He was born June 19, 1944 in Henderson, NC to the late Elvis Lewis, Sr. and the late Dorothy Jefferson Lewis McArthur. Growing up in Vance County, he attended Henderson Institute, where he was an honor student who also excelled in track and baseball. He won the state typing championship as a senior in high school, and was awarded a full scholarship to North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham, NC.

From NCCU he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with honors, and a Juris Doctorate. He graduated at the top of his law school class. While at NCCU, in the fall of 1964, he was inducted into the Tau Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was a proud member of the NCCU Eagles Club and the Society of Golden Eagles.

He began his legal career in 1968 as Assistant Regional Attorney for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Charlottesville, VA. He was drafted into the United States Army in May 1969 and was soon commissioned as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps. In this capacity, he served as Defense Counsel and as a Prosecutor. In 1971, he moved with his wife and son to Kaiserslautern, Germany, where he served as one of the first Black

judges in an overseas branch of the United States Army. In recognition of his military service, he received a National Defense Service Medal and an Army Commendation Medal.

Following his honorable discharge from the armed services, he established private law practices in Danville, VA and Fayetteville, NC, where he also served as Chairman of the Housing Authority.

Being a lover of the outdoors, he was happiest hunting deer, fishing for bass, or golfing. If he couldn't find his match in the woods or on the golf course, he often settled for the prey across the card table during highly competitive spades and bid whist games with friends and family. Those who knew him will always remember him as a captivating wit and master storyteller, and as someone who never met a stranger in his life.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Claudine Daye Lewis; two sons, Elvis Lewis, III of Durham, NC and Kevin J. Lewis (Chaundra) of Atlanta, GA; three grandchildren (Kennedy, Lauryn, and Chandler); his sisters Annie Beidleman of Mount Vernon, NY and Edith Bazemore (Bill) of Fort Washington, MD; a niece and nephew; three great nieces and two great nephews; and a host of cousins and friends whom he loved dearly.

He was a member of Union Baptist Church in Durham, NC.

A public viewing will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021, at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, NC 27701. Private family services will be held Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

To view the Celebration of Life Service for Mr. Elvis Lewis, Jr. through Zoom Live Stream:

Please click the link below to join the webinar,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84415539551?>

Webinar ID: 844 1553 9551

Passcode: 153598

Interment will follow in Glennview Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in memory of Elvis Lewis, Jr. to:

[NCCU.edu/Giving](https://www.nccu.edu/Giving)

- NCCU Class of 1966 Endowed Scholarship Fund, or

- Tau Psi Endowment

*In the comments field, enter "In memory of Elvis Lewis, Jr."

Cemetery Details

Glennview Memorial Park

NC Hwy 55
Durham, NC 27713
(919) 596-8102

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 9. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.
309 N Queen St
Durham, NC 27701
(919) 682-1171
scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com
<https://scarboroughandhargettfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc. - August 10, 2021 at 09:44 AM

LH

*I will always fond memories of Elvis — that warm smile and friendly manner! My condolences and prayers for you, Claudine and family. God's got it!!
Lottie Hayes*

Lottie Godette Hayes - August 21, 2021 at 10:55 PM



“ *Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Elvis Lewis, Jr.*



Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc. - August 07, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JJ

Nice tribute to my cousin Jr. The last time I was with him was at our uncle Jimmy's. Funeral. My condolences to the family

John Thomas Burwell Jr. - August 08, 2021 at 12:24 AM

TC

What a beautiful tribute to my cousin. His spirit for life will always bring a smile on my face. My deepest condolences to the family. May God give you strength through this transition 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�

Theresa Jefferson Coleman - August 08, 2021 at 03:54 AM

TD

Beautiful tribute to a life lived fully. May the God of peace and hope be the Source of strength for the family.

Thomas Dixon - August 08, 2021 at 08:15 AM

DB

*To The Family-- My Cousins:
Thanks for sharing such heartfelt memories. Junie Boy was truly an "Elvis" who will forever live on in the hearts he touched.
God's Blessings Always,
Faye*

Deborah Faye Jefferson Brown - August 08, 2021 at 02:21 PM

JT

*FAMILY
So sorry to hear of our loss.
June-Boy was a wonderful person and achieved do many great things that I as a 1st cousin did not know. Thanks for sharing. Now our EAGLE truly has his wings.*

June Toydter-Tucker - August 08, 2021 at 02:24 PM

LA

*To the Family:
I have fond memories of "Junie Boy" too. I was a bit younger, but growing up on the farm 🚜 stays with you because family fun, work and play aren't forgotten in the country.
At our Family reunions, winning at "Bid Wiz" was a must for him and Uncle Jimmy.
Thanks for the Beautiful Family memories shared by you.
Our Love and condolence to the Family.
Ethel/"Red" and Leroy*

Leroy Anderson - August 08, 2021 at 03:03 PM

SR

*To the family of Edith Bazemore,
Praying our heavenly Father will wrap His arms of comfort around you
as Ralph and I along with your Hillcrest Family surround you with our
prayers. You are a devoted sister and thank God for allowing us to pray
for him and his wife and sons.*

*Yours in Christ,
Shirley D. Russell, of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Temple Hills, MD*

Shirley D. Russell - August 09, 2021 at 02:45 PM

LT

*The video was a beautiful testament of a life well lived. May the
memories that you have preserved comfort you in your lonely times.
Love from Lynda Thomas and family.*

Lynda Thomas - August 09, 2021 at 06:05 PM

EH

*To Claudine Lewis, Edith Bazemore, and Family,
I'm pray for God to give you comfort, peace, and strength during your
time of bereavement. May He bring you the peace that passes all
understanding.*

*Isaiah 40:11 NLT says, "He will carry the lambs in His arms, holding
them close to His Heart".*

*My heartfelt prayers, sympathy, and love.
Elaine Hall*

Elaine F. O. Hall - August 10, 2021 at 11:45 AM

EH

*Beautiful tribute video of the wonderful life of Elvis Lewis, Jr. Thank
God for his legacy that the family will forever cherish in their hearts.*

Elaine F. O. Hall - August 10, 2021 at 12:42 PM

MM

*Honor to the resting King. Prayers for peace and comfort to the wealth
of Family & Friends.*

Maurice McGregor - August 10, 2021 at 02:23 PM

MS

AWESOME TRIBUTE, REST IN PARADISE!

MILLETTE STARLING - August 20, 2021 at 05:34 PM

AA

Lovely. Precious memories.

anita alston - August 20, 2021 at 06:57 PM

TA

My mother was born, June 19 & my birthday is August 2nd. Elvis RIP



Terrell Amos - September 10, 2021 at 09:44 PM

FS

My condolences to you Claudine and family. The video of your husband's life was beautiful. I will be praying for you and your family.

Faye Smith- Classmate

Faye Smith - September 11, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Mr. Elvis Lewis, Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM

TA

“ *My mother's birthday is June 19th & mine is August 2. Elvis "RIP"*



Terry Amos

Terrell Amos - August 21, 2021 at 05:58 AM

MS

“ *MILLETTE STARLING lit a candle in memory of Mr. Elvis Lewis, Jr.*



MILLETTE STARLING - August 20, 2021 at 05:35 PM

JB

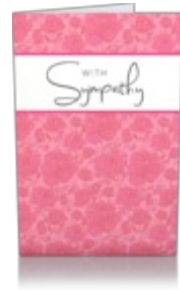
“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Elvis during walks around the pond behind our houses. He was always a treat to talk with, a smile on his face, and a good word. I think of Elvis often as I continue my walks there each morning, and miss seeing him rambling around the pond, golf club in hand, hitting balls back and forth. He seemed to me to be a force of nature. I am deeply saddened by his passing, and send to all of his family my deep condolences. May his memory be a blessing to you always. I smile when I think of Elvis!

Jerry Bergner

Jerry Bergner - August 09, 2021 at 09:55 AM

JW

“ Joseph and Mae Carolyn W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Elvis Lewis, Jr..



Joseph and Mae Carolyn W. - August 09, 2021 at 09:51 AM

CW

“ To the Lewis family, We the Macedonia Baptist Church Courtesy Ministry of Mt. Vernon, NY. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow, along with our wishes that the memories of your loved one bring you peace, strength, and comfort. With our Sympathy.

Sis. Deborah Henry - President,

Rev. Dr. Darren M. Morton - Pastor

Rev. Joyce Somerville - Assistant Pastor

Carol M White - August 08, 2021 at 09:07 PM

WT

“ To Claudine and Family: I am extremely saddened by your loss. Sending sincere condolences from the Hillside High School Drama Department. May the memories of Mr. Lewis live on in your hearts forever. Thanks for sharing the wonderful tribute. It was indeed a testament to his great life.

Wendell Tabb, Director of Theatre, Hillside High School

Wendell Tabb - August 08, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JS

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

James S. Williams - August 07, 2021 at 08:04 PM

MS

“ Praying for GOD 🙏 to comfort the Lewis Family during their time of sorrow. EARTH has no SORROW that HEAVEN can't HEAL!



Millette Starling - August 07, 2021 at 06:25 PM

LB

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family. I enjoyed talking with Mr. Lewis when I would come over with our classmates while in high school and college for breaks. He would always join in with us to find out how life was going and especially while we were playing spades. Whether it was talking junk, jokes, or giving us words of wisdom. We loved it!

Thank you to the Lewis family for sharing him with us.

Lesley R. Bolden - August 07, 2021 at 01:01 PM

OE

“ Sending prayers and condolences.

Ora Taylor Everett

Ora Taylor Everett - August 07, 2021 at 12:09 AM

JW

“ My sincerest condolences to Claudine and the family. Elvis will long live on in my memory as my Omega Psi Phi Brother and Namesake (Nero IV and Nero VI) RIH my friend.

James S. Williams

james S. Williams - August 06, 2021 at 10:05 PM

FG

“ My condolences to Claudine and the family. I met Elvis IN Chidley Hall first day of my freshman year at NCCU. Elvis was trying to sell me 10 pennies fir a quarter. We were very close friends for entire 4 years: 2 years in z Honor’s English, same pledge line for Omega Psi Phi and do on. He added much to my college experiences. RIP your legacy is secure

FURMAN Glenn

Furman Glenn - August 06, 2021 at 05:52 PM

LW

“ Sending my prayers and condolences to the family.



Linda Weldon - August 06, 2021 at 10:00 AM

KH

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of my elder, my friend, my mentor. E, as I came to affectionately called him, and I have had many long talks, and laughs. He has shared many a story about his life, about life, and how to live. I learned so much at his knee and I cherish each and everyone of those conversations, those life lessons, and most importantly, how to think critically. I owe alot to Mr. Lewis, Mrs Lewis and Kevin and Trey. I will definitely miss him, but his words, lessons and love will live on, as long as all that loved him pass it on as he so graciously did. With my deepest sincerity, your friend and proud mentee of life... Keenan H.

Keenan H. - August 06, 2021 at 01:23 AM

PB

“ To Claudine and Family, I was deeply saddened when I learned that Elvis had passed. May the memories you have of him, of happy times, of joyful smiles, of hearty laughter, and caring words help you through this sorrowful time. Comfort comes in knowing death is not the end. Those who die in Christ will live eternally. Continued blessings!

Paul E. Bennett
Tau Psi Brother
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Paul Bennett - August 06, 2021 at 12:32 AM

ED

To Claudine, you have my whole hearted sympathy at the passing of your husband, I met him while pledging he on Big line me on little line. We became fast friends to the extent that after he went over he named me after him, so here's to Nero #4 with love from Nero #5
Gene Dudley TauPsi Sp 1965

Eugene L. Dudley - August 07, 2021 at 05:01 AM

BH

“ *Expressing sincere condolences and compassion to Claudine and family. May you be comforted by the many wonderful memories of Elvis.
Love and blessings,
Barbara Parker Hayes*



Barbara Parker Hayes - August 05, 2021 at 08:47 PM

PS

“ *Condolences, Blessings , Peace , Hope , Love and Joy to The Family . Mr. Elvis was a Wise , Talented , Blessed Godly Man that exemplified Great Love , Support and Moral to Family and Friends , as well as Encouraged Educational Fulfillment to All . Rest In Peace in Your Eternal , Heavenly Home .*



Peggy N. Summerville - August 05, 2021 at 07:27 PM

SR

“ *My family and I send our deepest condolences. All of us have fond memories of funny stories and conversations we had with Elvis while on walks around the pond, even my 6yo daughter knows him as "the fisherman". He will remain one of the reasons this neighborhood continues to feel like a true community of friends.*

Scott Russ - August 05, 2021 at 08:16 AM

RG

“ *Elvis and I shared a hunting stand that we called the meat tree. We shared many memories ,from hunting, fishing and NCCU Eagle activities. Fly high my friend.*

Richard Greene - August 04, 2021 at 02:30 PM

WD

To Claudine and Family. My deepest sympathy to you for the passing of Elvis. He was such a kind, generous, witty and wise man who enjoyed life! The tribute to his life is beautiful. You made many good memories together that will help sustain you as you mourn your loss and celebrate Elvis' life, a life well lived!

May God continue to comfort you and give you peace.

Winnie Davis

Winifred R Davis - August 09, 2021 at 02:48 PM

KH

My thoughts and prayers are extended to the Lewis Family in this your time of grief. It was my pleasure to serve as Pastor to the family during my tenure at Union Baptist. May you be comforted by God's Presence, Power, and promises during this most difficult time.

*Kenneth Hammond
Pastor Emeritus
Union Baptist Church*

Kenneth Hammond - August 09, 2021 at 04:38 PM