

*Dad,  
God's Masterpiece*

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of the summer sun,  
And the calmness of the sea.

The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight.

Then God combined all these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it..... DAD!



**Michael W. Lewis**  
***You are indeed God's Masterpiece!***

***With all our love,***  
***Tamara, LaToya and Terrell***



# *The Heart of a Man - Michael Wayne Lewis*

Many famous poets such as Emily Dickenson, William Shakespeare, Elizabeth Barret Browning, and more have written numerous poems about the heart. Their words are elegantly crafted to ease and soothe the reader. However, the heart of a man is described in the Bible as the spiritual organ that drives a man's behavior-it drives the will of man to action. The heart is what God sees, even when man doesn't. Luke 16:15-*He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your heart..."*

## ***Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a pure heart, O God..."***

Michael W. Lewis was the eldest of five sons born to Clinton W. Lewis and Flemmie Lewis (Nash) on July 24, 1954 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is preceded in death by his loving parents and a son DeAngelo Atkinson.

Michael matriculated through the Millwood Public Schools during his formative years and was a 1972 graduate of Northeast High School in Oklahoma City, OK. Michael was very active in sports playing football for Millwood, Northeast High School and semi-professionally for The Oklahoma Drillers.

## ***Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding"***

At a very young age Michael's parents instilled a religious foundation in their sons lives by uniting in Christian fellowship with the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, OK. Michael gave his life to Christ and served in the church as an usher and sang in the choir.

Over the years challenges and obstacles would come before Michael, seeming to thwart his path. Because of his Christian foundation, Michael knew whose he was, and began to live in the Will of God and follow His plan for his life.

## ***Mark 12:30 "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart..."***

In the late 1990's, Michael migrated to Texas and eventually settled in Ft. Worth. While in Texas he learned to truly "love the Lord with all his heart" and allowed God to create in him a new man. He became an ordained minister, joined the Cornerstone Baptist Church, and diligently worked with the prison ministry. He began to be a messenger of good news, spreading the joy and love of Jesus Christ to all that he came into contact. If you were ever around him long enough, you would see God's transformation on his life, through his smile and laughter.

Michael had a thirst for knowledge and completing the education that he began many years ago. He graduated from Tarrant County College and was a student at Tarleton State University (expected graduation-May 2021). He worked for the My Health My Resources of Tarrant County as a Mental Health Specialist Technician and in his spare time volunteered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Welcome Home/New Arrivals Ministry as a chaplain, in which the Texas Parole Board awarded as a top volunteer organization in the state, he prepared and delivered street bags filled with essential care items for the homeless population, and served as a sports referee with his brother Larry Lewis, for the Ft. Worth ISD and Arlington ISD.

Michael was such a special person and touched the lives of many people; he truly had a heart for ministry and service.

## ***Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"***

On April 12, 2020 Michael was admitted to the hospital with acute respiratory disease and began his battle against COVID-19. Many days and nights his family spoke with physicians regarding his treatment and care, they also prayed to the ultimate physician for a miraculous healing. The Master in His infinite wisdom said, "Well done my good and faithful servant" and called Michael home on May 14, 2020.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory and continue his legacy, daughters, Tamara Griffin (Todd) of Oklahoma City, OK, and LaToya Morrison of Midwest City, OK; son, Terrell Morrison of Midwest City, OK; brothers Jerrett Lewis of Woodbridge, Virginia, Melvin Lewis and Gary Lewis (LaJuan) of Oklahoma City, OK, and Larry Lewis of Arlington, TX; grandchildren: Coryonna Harris, Deniya Cargle, Milo Morrison, Sirinity Morrison, Maijor Morrison, all of Midwest City, OK, and Taylor Griffin of Oklahoma City, OK; nieces: Charnele Lewis, Kyndall Lewis, Mercedes Lewis and Aalliyah Lewis; nephew, Rolando Snell and a very special nephew, CW Lewis; along with Sherri Williams, Angie Watson, LaTonya Ellison; and a host of loving cousins, family members, and friends.

## *Order of Celebration*

- Musical Prelude ..... Clorissa Nubine, Bethlehem Star Baptist Church
- Processional ..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family
- Prayer ..... Rev. K. Gerone Free, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
- Selection — "Safe In His Arms" ..... Etta Walter, Wildewood Baptist Church
- Scripture Reading  
..... Old and New Testament  
Marcellus Fields, Allen Chapel AME Church
- Resolutions/Acknowledgment ..... Marcia Williams, Allen Chapel AME Church
- Remarks (*Please limit to two minutes*)
- Musical Selection
- Eulogy ..... Rev. D. Level Crawford
- Invitation to Discipleship
- Video Tribute ..... Temple & Sons Funeral Directors, Inc.
- Recessional ..... Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family  
*"Walk With Me Lord" — Etta Walter*

*Following the interment, dinner will be served to the family at the Lincoln Park Senior Center located at 4712 N. Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73111.*



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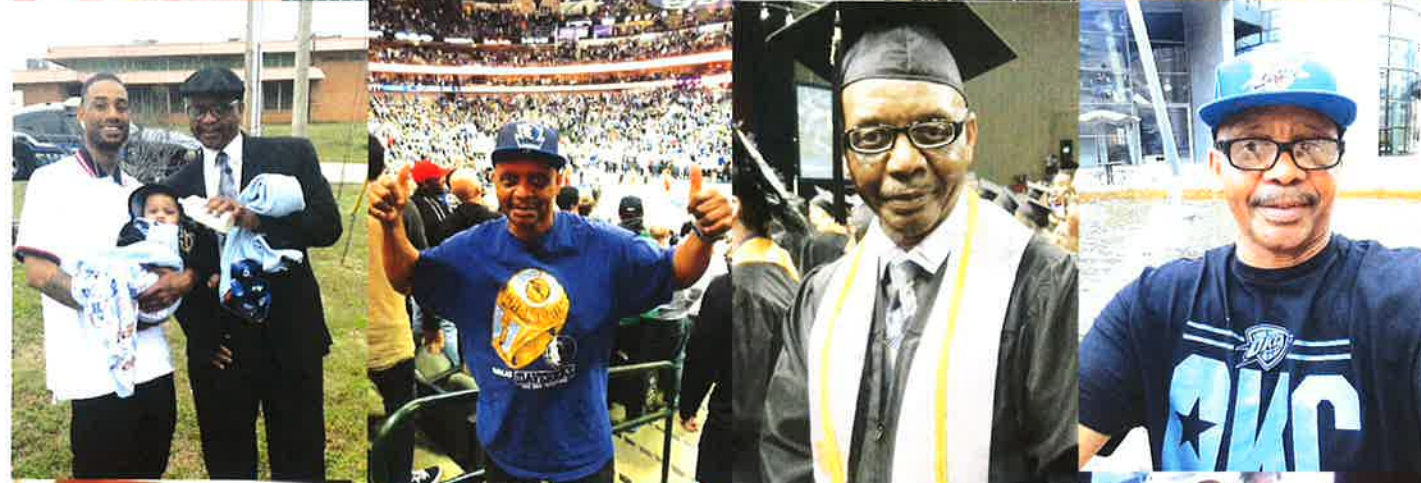
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
 I took His hand when I heard him call;  
 I turned **my back** and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
 I've now found peace at the end of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
 Then fill it with remembered joys.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
 Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
 Look for the **sunshine** of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much;  
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
 Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
 Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
 Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
 God wanted me now-He set me free

Author: Shannon Lee Moseley



## Tributes to Pawpaw

I love you and miss you Pawpaw.  
 Coryonna, age 17

You were funny and I will miss you.  
 Love, Taylor, age 8

Pawpaw,  
 Thank you for always getting my school supplies. I'm going to miss seeing you.

Love, Sirinity, age 8

Hi Pawpaw, It's Budda,  
 I just want to say I enjoyed the times we spent together. You always have a place in my heart. I love you.

Budda, age 11

Pawpaw, I love you.  
 Majior, age 8 months

Pawpaw,  
 I'm going to miss your joke about me sucking my thumb.  
 Love, Deniya, age 13





*Michael Wayne  
Lewis*

**SUNRISE**  
July 24, 1954

**SUNSET**  
May 14, 2020



**SERVICES**

Friday, May 29, 2020 — 1:00 p.m.

**EARL M. TEMPLE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

2801 N. Kelley Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK

Rev. Dr. Frank R. McClarty, *Pastor*  
Holy Temple Baptist Church  
*Officiating*

Rev. D. Level Crawford, *Pastor*  
Avery Chapel AME Church  
*Eulogist*

*Active Pallbearers*

Keith Finen • Rolando Snell  
Ricky Brown • Todd Griffin • C. W. Lewis

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Jerrett Lewis • Melvin Lewis  
Gary Lewis • Larry Lewis • Terrell Morrison

*Flower Bearers*

Slyvia Nash • Regina Nash • Kamethia Nash • Shelly Dillard  
Martha Jackson Mitchell • Yolanda Fenin • Deborah Lewis

*Honorary Flower Bearers*

Northeast High School Class of 1972

*Interment*

Hillcrest Memory Gardens  
12813 N. E. 50th Street • Spencer, Oklahoma 73084

*Services under the direction of:*

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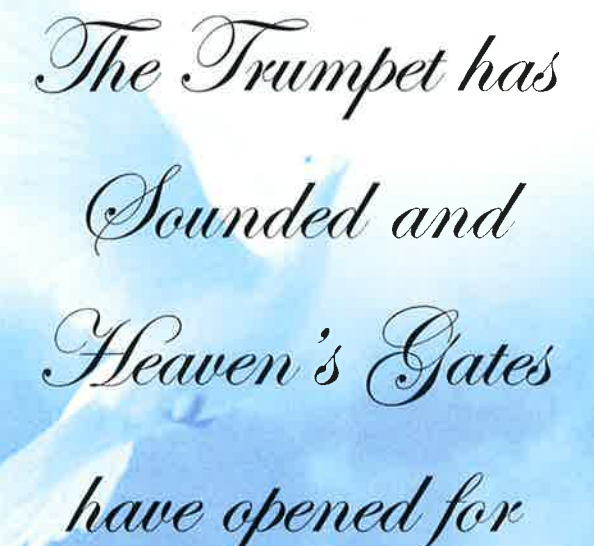
*Acknowledgment*

A friendly smile, a casual touch,  
These are the things that mean so much.  
To know you are with us in our time of sorrow,  
Sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow.  
God give us the comfort in the form of good friends  
May His peace be with you, His love never ends.

— *The family of Michael W. Lewis*

A special thank you to the medical staff at John Peters Smith Hospital in Ft. Worth, TX,  
family, and friends for your kindness and prayers during this time. May God Bless each one  
of you as you have blessed us.

— *The family of Michael W. Lewis*



*The Trumpet has  
Sounded and  
Heaven's Gates  
have opened for  
Our Beloved*

