

In Loving Memory of



Granville Lewis

August 11, 1932 - May 15, 2011

Service

Thursday, May 19, 2011 - 11:30 a.m.

McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home, Inc.

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York

Rev. Paul Peart, Officiating
Elder John Harris, Organist

Obituary

Granville Lewis was born August 11, 1932 to Esther and Orlando Lewis in Harlem, New York. “Lewis”, as he was known to his family and friends (some thought his first name was Lewis also) and he enjoyed telling people that his name was “Lewis Lewis”. He moved with his parents to the Bronx as a young teenager. Lewis graduated from Morris High School in the Bronx.

Soon after graduating from high school, Lewis served his country and received an honorable discharge from the United States Army. Lewis had numerous jobs from working in the meat market, which is one of the reasons he became a vegetarian about twenty years ago, to working in a bakery, which is why he loved having his bread with his meals. His last job was with the MTA where he began his career as a conductor on the No. 6 subway line, where he used to toot the horn as he descended underground from the Hunts Point Avenue subway station. During that time, he lived on Longfellow Avenue in the Bronx with his wife and daughter, to motorman/train engineer to ultimately driving the “money” train which Lewis would often say it was a relaxing, stressless job just collecting money from the token booths (remember tokens?) with a police officer on board. Now the norm is having a police officer on all the trains.

After twenty-six years with the MTA, he retired and spent more then twenty years enjoying his family life with his grandchildren and extended family. With his down time, he would often watch his favorite daytime talk show, Oprah Winfrey and just recently would enjoy watching Doctor Oz to later discuss with the family on something else Doctor Oz would say we shouldn't be doing.

Lewis had a humorous personality. He was known to say funny one liners and offbeat answers just to get you to chuckle. He was musically talented, able to play the piano and trumpet. In his youth, he and his sister, Cloustina and his brothers, Garfield and Earl, were a quartet who played for the Salvation Army on Sundays.

Lewis was a loving quiet and devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, friend and neighbor who was loved by all who knew him. The Master called him home on May 15, 2011 to be joined with his wife, Beatrice Helen Lewis, his brothers, Garfield and Earl and his parents, Orlando and Esther.

He leaves to celebrate his life and continue his legacy: daughters, Debra Lewis and Gloria Lewis; his grandchildren, Christian and Kayla Casanova; his sister, Cloustina Lewis Rooks; his nephews, Timothy Lewis and Jason Rooks; his niece, Janine Rooks; his brother-in-law, Herbert Rooks; his sister-in-law, Mary Lewis; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, extended family and many friends.

Order of Service

**Reverend Paul Peart
New Testament Temple (C.O.G.)**

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Psalm 27 - Timothy Lewis

Prayer Psalm 24 - Kayla Casanova

Selection

Obituary Christian Casanova

Reflections

Eulogy Reverend Paul Peart

Committal..... Reverend Paul Peart

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Granville Lewis** wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

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