

Celebration of Life for
Ernest Junius Lewis, Sr.

Sunrise
December 16, 1929

Sunset
October 12, 2012



Service

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 - 11:00 A.M.

THE CHAPEL

1761 Amsterdam Avenue
New York, NY 10031

Rev. James B. Logan, Officiating

Professor Gregory Hopkins, Musician

Reflections of Life

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only,
but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Ernest Junius Lewis, the fourth child of Ashton P. Lewis and Georganna S. Lewis, was born December 16, 1929 in Danielstown, Virginia (Brunswick Country). He entered into eternal rest at 5:55 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012 at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, New York.

At an early age, Ernest accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was united with Mount Zion A.M.E. Zion Church in Danielstown, Virginia, remaining a member until 2010 but supporting the ministry until death. He graduated St. Paul's High School in Brunswick County, before entering the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged as an Airmen First Class on November 20, 1953.

After relocating to New York, he was employed as a Senior Cook at Fordham Hospital and, then, at North Central Hospital, Bronx, New York, for over 30 years until he retired.

Ernest attended Convent Avenue Baptist Church for many years before joining in 2010. He loved people, music and worshipping on Sundays, and also worked with the homeless ministry under the leadership of Mrs. Mildred Webber, serving the homeless men there and supporting the ministry until his illness in 2004.

On January 18, 1955, Ernest was united in marriage to Gretta Collier. From their union, two sons and one daughter were born, Ernest Lewis, Jr., Carolyn Lewis and Darryl Lewis.

During his life, Ernest touched many lives. He loved his family and knew how to lift anyone's spirits. He was a warm and loving man, who was a hard worker and extremely generous. He treasured life and even chose to help others in death by donating his brain to science. Ernest was always a sharp dresser, with a great, big smile, who loved to laugh, and was known to be very handsome and charming. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, and his children and family meant everything to him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife Gretta Lewis of Petersburg, VA; two sons, Ernest Lewis Jr. of Peekskill, NY and Darryl Lewis of New York, NY, and one daughter, Carolyn Lewis of Petersburg, VA; a granddaughter Inisia Lewis of Fleetwood, NY and a grandson Kadeem Lewis of Petersburg, VA; two brothers, Manson (Rose) Lewis and Waverly (Rosa) Lewis; two sisters, Berlene Perry and Catherine (Marion) Coleman; four brothers preceded him in death: Edward, James, William T. and Walter; two daughter-in-laws Joan Lewis and Susie Green; two sister-in-laws Helen Lewis and Loretha Lewis; eleven nieces, including Lisa Coleman from New York, NY, an extraordinary caregiver and confidante; five nephews; three goddaughters Gwendolyn Brown-Young, Ayanna Coleman and Yvette Manigault; and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Ernest will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, (therewith) to be content. – Philippians 4:11

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Processional..... Musician
Professor Gregory Hopkins

Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer

Scripture Reading Rev. James B. Logan
Old Testament – Psalms 121 Convent Avenue Baptist Church
New Testament – John 14:1-6

Acknowledgements Earl K. Lewis

Obituary..... Inisia Lewis

Solo..... “It Is Well With My Soul”
Professor Gregory Hopkins

Eulogy Rev. Booker T. Morgan
Convent Avenue Baptist Church

Committal..... Rev. James B. Logan
Convent Avenue Baptist Church

Solo Selection
Professor Gregory Hopkins

Recessional Musician
Professor Gregory Hopkins

Final Disposition

The Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

(please turn on headlights and hazards for cemetery procession.)

PSALM 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence
cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven
and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved.

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor
sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy shade upon thy
right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by
night.



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during the sickness and time of bereavement of our loved one. May God continue to bless each of you.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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