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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Dr. Sonya Michelle Davis Lewis, would like to thank each of you for your outpouring of love and support during the passing of our loved one. We pray that God blesses each of you in a very special way.

Repast

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1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
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*Celebration of Life
of*

DR. SONYA MICHELLE DAVIS LEWIS



**FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022
2:00 P.M.**

**SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
3404 WEST BELTLINE BOULEVARD
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND DR. JAMEY O. GRAHAM, SR.
-PASTOR-**

Reflections of the Life
of
Dr. Sonya Michelle Davis Lewis

Dr. Sonya Michelle Davis Lewis was born March 27, 1966, in Columbia, South Carolina, to George Davis and Carolyn Baxley. Her untimely departure from this life came on the afternoon of Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Dr. Sonya Davis Lewis received her early education in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. She graduated from Frederick Douglass High School, in Upper Marlboro, and continued until ultimately receiving her doctorate degree.

Sonya enjoyed every aspect of life. She relished quality time with her loving family. She looked forward to planning adventures that allowed her to hang out with her friends. Her light, airy, and joyful spirit was evident as she continuously added to her collection of Mickey and Minnie Mouse stuffed characters.

Dr. Lewis was a humanitarian and servant leader. She could often be found leading the charge to serve those who seemed to be forgotten by the system. Very near and dear to her heart was advocating for victims of domestic violence. She was a longtime supporter of Sister Care, where she worked tirelessly for the safety of the victims, and for laws to protect these victims.

Dr. Sonya, as she was affectionately called, was the Executive Director of the nonprofit, My Sister's Voice. *My Sister's Voice* assists victims of sexual assault, sexual trauma, and other acts of violence. The primary focus of *My Sister's Voice* is to ensure that women, children, and vulnerable citizens live in safe, habitable conditions. Sonya received many awards over the past few months, and was beginning to be recognized as a rising star, and a formidable force in the area of human rights advocacy.

Sonya recently became a member of Saint John Baptist Church, where she quickly became active in the Domestic Violence Ministry, and assisted community members through the Saint John Food Pantry. She was a member of the Boykin, Epps, Gist, and Jackson Ministry Unit. She enjoyed attending church, and as COVID restrictions were lifting, she was very excited to begin working with other ministries of her new church home.

Dr. Sonya Michelle Davis Lewis leaves to mourn her passing: her dedicated husband, Clarence Lewis of the home; her father, George (Leslie) Davis, of Georgia; her mother, Carolyn (Charles) Baxley, of Columbia; two daughters, Latoya (Tarik) Fordham and Shantee'(Rashad) Hammond, both of Columbia; three sons, James (Julanda) Hammond, Ervin (Lydia) Hammond, and Jerry Hammond III, all of Columbia; two sisters, Alicia (Stafford) Patterson and Deirdre (Basil) Davis both, of Columbia; three brothers, Ricky (Cathy) Davis, Michael (Yvette) Davis, and Corey Davis, all of Columbia; 27 beloved grandchildren; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and other sorrowing relatives and friends, who will miss her tremendously.

I'm Free

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

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

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.*

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude
 Processional
 Opening Hymn.....Saint John Baptist Church Choir and Congregation
 "Blessed Assurance"
 Old Testament.....Isaiah 41:10.....Reverend Elizabeth Wine
 New Testament.....Matthew 25:23.....Ms. Sandra Coley
 Prayer.....Reverend Elizabeth Wine
 Solo.....Ms. Catherine Lorraine Harmon
 Remarks.....*Three Minutes, Please*.....Deputy Chief Melron Kelly
 City of Columbia Police Department
 Attorney Hemphill Pride
 Deacon J.T. McLawhorn
 Columbia Urban League and Saint John Baptist Church
 Musical Interlude
 Remarks.....Little Miss Ta'Mia Fordham
 Granddaughter
 Mr. Otto Smith
 Uncle
 Tribute.....Sonya's Beloved Children
 Musical Tribute.....Mr. Javar Juarez
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.
 Recessional....."Angel Wings" and "I'll Stand Still"
 (Songs That Were Dear To Sonya)
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
 4900 Farrow Road
 Columbia, South Carolina

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