

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of First Calvary Baptist Church

A Light That Never Dims

By Eukenyia Joel Lewis, Son

A beam from heaven shown on earth the day you came
to be,
A light shown from within your soul for all the world to
see.

You shined in such humility, God said, "That looks like
Me",
And decided He would use that light to set the captives
free.

You lived, you laughed, you loved, you preached with all
your might,
Never to bring attention to yourself, but simply to do
what was right.

Filled with this anointed light the Holy Spirit gives,
That shines as a reminder that Jesus, our Savior, lives.

Because you bent your will to God's and placed your
faith in Him,
We're grateful that you left for us a light that never
dims.



Pallbearers

Nephews & Cousins

Floral Bearers

Deacon's Wives and Minister's Spouses

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Lewis, extend our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love and kindness shown to us during this time of loss. Your calls, visits, prayers, and many expressions of support have brought us comfort and strength when we needed it most.

We are deeply appreciative of each gesture, big or small, and we will always remember the compassion you have shared with our family. Thank you for keeping us lifted in your thoughts and prayers as we honor and celebrate his life.

With sincere thanks,
The Lewis Family

Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of

REVEREND DR. SAMUEL KELBY LEWIS



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026
11:00 A.M.

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Obituary

Reverend Dr. Samuel Kelby Lewis was born on March 7, 1956, in Columbia, SC to the late Samuel Willie and Nannie Mae Brown Lewis. Affectionately known as “Kelby” or “Stump,” he was a proud member of the last graduating class of Booker T Washington High School in 1974.

He graduated cum laude from Benedict College with a BA degree in Religion and Philosophy, Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Hood Theological Seminary, in Salisbury, North Carolina. Dr. Lewis was a diligent student of the word who studied Hebrew and was fluent in Kohn Greek.

Reverend Lewis was licensed to preach at Second Union Baptist Church in Columbia South Carolina at the young age of 18. He was ordained by the Gethsemane Baptist Association in Columbia in 1981. During his 51 years in ministry, he served over 15 years as Chaplain at Patrick Harris Psychiatric Hospital in Anderson, SC, Richland Memorial Hospital, in Columbia, SC and the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

His pastoral ministry included: serving as an associate minister of the former Gilbert Memorial Baptist Church in Columbia; a youth minister of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts; and senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Seneca, South Carolina. For the past 35 years, he served as the senior pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church. His preaching of the gospel reached audiences across the United States. From California to Florida, as well as internationally in Kenya, East Africa; and Bamberg, Germany. He licensed and/or ordained a dozen ministers.

Reverend Lewis enjoyed traveling on family trips. He and his wife visited Europe, Canada, Mexico, Africa, and 49 of the 50 states (excluding North Dakota). His favorite hobby was being the project manager of home improvement and renovation projects. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his five grandchildren.

He is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 48 years, Arbra Jefferson Lewis; his son, Eukenyia (Priscila) Lewis; his daughter, Dzama (Brent) Johnson; a special daughter, Tyshonda Darby; his five cherished grandchildren, Kailah Lanai Lewis, Joel Legend Lewis, Brycen Premier Johnson, Kamilah Andrea Lewis, and Madisyn Sage Johnson. He is also survived by three brothers, Robert (Wanda) Lewis of San Diego, CA, Marvin (Deborah) Lewis of Suisun City, CA, and David Patterson of Columbia, SC; two sisters, Sandra (James) Harris and Pamela (Jesse) Young both of Columbia, SC; one uncle, Julius Davault of Fairfield, CA; mother-in-love, Dorothy Jefferson of Irmo, SC; three brothers-in-law, Tyrone (Pattie) Boykin, Dale (Sonya) Jefferson, and Billy Jefferson; two sisters-in-law, Denise (Harold) Toney and Irma Richardson; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Dr. James Abrams, Presiding

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Hymn Praise.....The Madrigals
- Old Testament:
 - Reverend Russel Moore.....II Chronicles 6:14-15 NLT
 - Senior Pastor Darrell Jackson.....Isaiah 33:2 NLT
- New Testament:
 - Reverend Lanelle Pickett.....I Peter 5:4-7 NLT
 - Reverend Dr. Walter Butler.....I Thessalonians 1:5 NLT
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Lavant Gibson
- Musical Selection.....The Madrigals
- Presentation of Resolution....Deacon Oscar & Trustee Geneva McIntosh
- Reflections: Two Minutes, Please
 - Family.....Mrs. Sandra Harris and Mr. Robert Lewis
 - BTW Class of 1974.....Mr. Albert Crueld
 - Seminary.....Reverend Dr. James Walker
 - Adulthood.....Reverend Laverne Witherspoon
 - Church.....Dr. Noble Cooper
 - Family.....Grandchildren
 - Mrs. Arbra Lewis & Mrs. Dzama Johnson
- Musical Selection.....Grands Inc.
- Words of Comfort/Eulogy.....Minister Eukenyia Lewis
- Committal.....Reverend David Kennedy
- Closing Prayer
- Benediction
- Recessional.....Medley of Songs
- Postlude

