

*In Loving Memory of*

RETIRED MAJOR

ROSETTA L. LEWIS

*November 1, 1945 - May 31, 2022*



*June 24, 2022 | Friday*

THE SANCTUARY AT KINGDOM SQUARE  
BISHOP ANTHONY G. MACLIN

5300 CRAIN HWY.  
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

*Viewing: 10 a.m./Service: 11 a.m.*

# OBITUARY

*Rosetta LaVern Lewis, USA, Retired, passed away peacefully on May 31, 2022, at home, surrounded by loved ones after a battle with lung and heart disease.*

*Rosetta was born to Thomas Lee Lewis, Sr., and the late Bernice Bethune Willis on 1 November 1945 in Clinton, NC. She was raised in a loving and nurturing home by Hettie Park. Rosetta, affectionately known as Rose or Ms. Rose was adventurous. Despite being small in stature, she was extremely tough. While living in Clinton, she drove a school bus. One of her passengers, Lola Bennett, also raised by Hettie Park, recalled one particular bus ride with Rose at the wheel. Rose veered off the road into a ditch. Without panicking, she fearlessly got back on the road and completed the mission of transporting the rest of her students as if nothing ever happened. Lola and Rose never shared the story with anyone else. This was a demonstration of the devotion that they had for each other. When Hettie Park died, Rose took care of Lola like the big sister she was.*

*Rose left Clinton at the age of seventeen moving to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she was nurtured and loved by her late Aunt Burnell. Later she made her way to Newburgh, New York for a while with her children and late companion, William Levin. Her father, Thomas Lee Lewis, Sr., and late Stepmother Ruth Lewis would prove to be an unwavering support system while there and beyond. After moving her family back to Philadelphia, Rose began her career in the field of nursing as an LPN. While being all about business, she loved being outdoors. A hectic work schedule didn't allow her to enjoy the pastime often. However, when time permitted, she could frequently be found hunting with her dear friend, the late Mr. Stanley (Stan) Peterman.*

*There are many words that can be used to describe Rose. One of those words would be determined. Rose's determination was incomparable. She was never satisfied with mediocrity. She believed in excellence and personified it. While working, she attended Temple University in pursuit of a nursing degree. She graduated from Temple University on May 28, 1984, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and became a Registered Nurse (RN). Rose continued to be a trailblazer and joined the United States Army as a commissioned officer as a Second Lieutenant.*

*Rose was a patriot indeed and believed in taking care of others much like she did little Lola years before. While stationed at Fort Dix, she worked as a nurse in the ICU. One of her patients was the mother of Darnice Cannon. The two had never officially met and were only affiliated via her mother's hospital stay. As fate would have it, during her first tour in Korea, they would encounter one another for a second time. She saw Rose and thought she looked familiar, only to realize that she was the nurse that had taken such good care of her mother. The two became close friends, establishing a bond that would last a lifetime.*

*In addition, Major Lewis served two combat tours, participating in Kuwait and Operation Desert Shield. Rose served her country with honor and distinction with a career spanning 20 years, 1 month, and 19 days. Her decorations include but are not limited to an Army Superior Unit Award, Korean Defense Service Medal, an Asia Service Medal, with two bronze service stars, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal for serving in Operation Desert Shield. Major Lewis retired from the US Army on March 31, 2005, having achieved the rank of Major as a Psychiatric Nurse. Still desiring to shape and mold future nurses, Rose trained individuals pursuing careers as registered nurses for 5 more years as a civilian.*

*After retiring as a civilian, she spent time doing things that she enjoyed. Those activities included fishing, and trips to the casino. The only thing that made the activities more enjoyable was doing them with people that she cherished. Rose would fish with her friend Mike Singleton and hit the slot machines with her cousin Anita in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*

*Rose also enjoyed gardening as her name was so befitting. She loved her family and fun, but Rose loved the Lord tremendously and she knew Him. As a young mother in Philadelphia, Rose attended Emmanuel Institutional Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. John Waller, Jr. She sang in the choir and so did her children. They also served on the youth usher board. She believed in participating and not just filling the pews. During her time as a member of The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square, under Bishop Anthony G. Maclin's leadership, she was a member of their bowling league and served on the Nursing Committee.*

*Rosetta Lewis was preceded in death by her sister, Yvonne Bethune, with whom she was extremely close. She is survived by three children, Tonya Lewis-Corbin, Dennis Lewis, Monica Rodriguez, and Son-In-Love David Rodriguez, one Godson, Samuel Clark, her father Thomas Lewis, Sr., three sisters, Lola Bennett, Vernetta Willis-Alcorn and husband, Dan Alcorn, and Elizabeth (Lib) Willis, two brothers Lester Austin, Thomas Lewis, Jr., and his wife Sandra Lewis. Rose had five grandchildren, Don T. Banks, Jr., Ervin K. Corbin, III, Keon Gilchrist, David Spriggs, and Daniel Lewis-Coleman. She had one great-grandchild, Nebreyah Banks, who affectionately called her GG.*

*She's also survived by her loving Aunt Susie Faison. three sisters-in-love and three brothers-in-love, Rayetta (Cathy) Peel, Dorothy (Dot) Williams, Betty McBride, Preston (LB) Levin, and Eugene and James Williams, and four nieces Roschell Bethune Moore, Yolanda Jones, Vanessa Everette and Tracey Lewis. She will leave to cherish her memory, a host of other family members and friends, including her cousin, Anita Stackhouse.*

*Rose lived a life many could only dream of. She will truly be missed. She was a devoted mother, loving sister, friend, and courageous soldier, who served her country well.*

# Order of Service

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MIN RASHAAD KHAALID

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 145:17-21

DEACON ELAINE MCNEIL

NEW TESTAMENT: I CORINTHIANS 15:51-58

DEACON ELAINE MCNEIL

THERE'S A LEAK IN THIS OLD BUILDING

LASHUN PACE

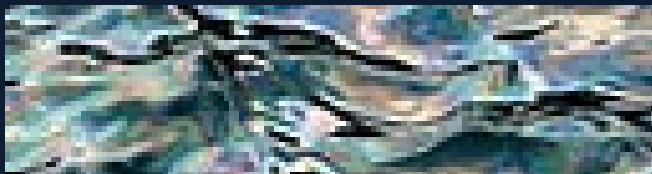
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*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me  
to lie down in green pastures:*

*Psalm 23 was Rose's favorite scripture. She wanted for  
nothing. The Lord truly gave her, her heart's desire. God  
blessed her entire life. Her life was tied to that scripture.*

*In tears we saw you sinking, we watched you fade away.  
Our hearts were almost broken, you fought so hard to stay.  
God saw the road was getting rough, the hill was hard to  
climb, He gently closed your weary eyes and whispered,  
"Peace be thine." You left us very quietly, your many  
thoughts unknown. You left us many memories we are  
proud to own. So, treasure her Lord, in Your garden of rest,  
for when on this earth, she was one of the best.*

*Author Unknown*

*It has come, that time for me to say  
my goodbyes. As now is the final  
time I close my eyes.*

*No more pain, worry or fear. Don't  
fret the time has drawn near.*

*Do not cry or shed a tear, I know I  
was not to be here forever but to  
enjoy the time that the Father  
blessed me with.*

*So, with this I leave you these  
thoughts. When the rain falls upon  
your face, know that those were  
the tears that I shed that you did  
not see. When the breeze caresses  
your cheek, that is me gently  
kissing your cheek and when the  
sun shines upon you that is me  
smiling down on you. Mom, you  
will always be missed and loved.*

*The love of a Mother, always and  
forever.*

*Tonya Lewis-Corbin*

*What does seven breaths mean to you? I'll tell  
you what they mean to me.*

*You took seven breaths as you left.  
I kissed your forehead and sat down by your  
side. I'm thankful God's grace is sufficient,  
because I knew it was the beginning of  
goodbye.*

*You reached out into the air, and I sprang to  
my feet, rushing to hold your hand. I wasn't  
ready to say farewell, but I knew it was God's  
plan.*

*Just then, you opened your eyes. I saw you  
trying to lock on to my voice, so I crossed to  
your right side. Ever so gently, I held your  
other hand.*

*"You've done more than enough, you  
prepared each of us to go on without  
you," I said.*

*You were there when I entered this world. I'm  
so grateful I was there as you drifted out.*

*You were the epitome of a phenomenal  
woman, without a doubt.*

*I love you mommy.*

*Monica Rodriguez*





# **INTERMENT**

*June 27, 2022 @ 1 p.m.*

*CHELTENHAM VETERANS CEMETERY*

*11301 CRAIN HWY*

*CHELTENHAM, MD 20623*

## **PALL BEARERS**

*Don T. Banks, Jr., Samuel Clark,  
Ervin K. Corbin, III, Keon Gilchrist,  
Julian Murray, David Rodriguez*

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

*Betty McBride, Rayetta (Cathy) Peel,  
Tonya Weedon, Dorothy (Dot) Williams,  
Patrice Williams*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION**

*With sincere appreciation, we wish to  
thank our many family and friends for  
their expressions of kindness during our  
bereavement for our beloved mother. May  
God bless each of you.*

***THE FAMILY***

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU**

*A special thank you to JB Jenkins Funeral  
Home, Inc., and Bishop Anthony G. Maclin,  
The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square.*