

*Celebrating
The Life Of*



Sharon T. Lewis

November 4, 1943 - June 1, 2010

Service

Saturday, June 5, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

ELMWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

135 Elmwood Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Robert N. Burkins, Officiating

The Obituary

Sharon T. Lewis was born on November 4, 1943 to the late James A. Thompson and Priscilla Irene Thompson in Newark, New Jersey. Sharon grew up in Orange, New Jersey and attended the Orange School system where she met her beloved high school sweetheart, "Frankie". On September 1, 1962, Frank and Sharon married and to this union three children were born, Frank III, Siobhan Irene and Jamie Ruth.

After high school, Sharon graduated from Essex County Vocational School and worked as a medical assistant in East Orange for several years. She was then employed as a secretary at the Edward Bowser Elementary School for almost twenty years before retiring in 2006.

Sharon loved to serve the Lord and her community. Sharon served as Den Master for the Boy Scouts of America and as PTA President for several years. At the young age of sixteen, she became a Sunday school teacher of pre-school and kindergarten children at the Elmwood United Presbyterian Church in East Orange, New Jersey. In her fifty years of teaching Sunday school, she rarely missed a Sunday. Sharon was actively involved in the life of the church as a Deacon, Marriage Enrichment Ministry and Presbyterian Women, Vice Moderator in which she was honored with the Valiant Woman Award. Sharon was also recognized with the "EUPC Legend Award" in 2009.

Sharon had an extremely generous heart and readily extended her hand to those in need. In these times of need, many would go to her for prayer and a reassuring word. Sharon cherished her forty-eight year marriage to "Frankie", and Frankie unselfishly shared her with so many people.

Cherishing her spirit are: her beloved husband, Frank F. Lewis, Jr.; son, Frank F., III; daughters, Siobhan Irene and Jamie Ruth; sons-in-law, Troy Webster and Marques Bragg; granddaughter, Shondece Curry; grandson-in-law, Mark Curry; grandsons, Troy Leon Webster, Frank Lewis, IV, Marques, Marcus and Malcom Bragg; great granddaughter, Kennedy Curry; beloved mother-in-law, Ruth Lewis; brother, Gaylord Thompson; aunts, Mary Jane Fergus and Mary Thompson; faithful friend, Beverly A. Spotswood; and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her beloved church family.

*A Service Celebrating The Life And
Witnessing The Resurrection*

Prelude *The Elmwood Worship Band*

Processional *“Praise Him, Praise Him”*

Call to Worship *The Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Sr.*

Opening Hymn *“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”*
Celebration Mass Choir

Prayer

Solo *“He Looked Beyond My Faults” - Tyrone Dunlap*

Scripture Reading - Proverbs 31:10-31 *Elder Siobhan L. Webster*

Solo *“May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”*
Jean L. James, Soprano

Acknowledgements

Expressions

- *Marriage Enrichment Ministry, Elder Karen H. Jackson*
- *Edward T. Bowser Elementary School, Beth Kelly*
- *Presbyterian Women, Jamie R. Bragg, Moderator*

Hymn *“My Tribute” - Celebration Mass Choir*

Obituary Reading *Shondece I. Curry*

Dance Tribute *“Alabaster Box”*
The Rev. Eyesha Marable

Eulogy *The Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Sr.*

Recessional *“This Is The Day Medley”*

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

God's Promise

*God didn't promise
Days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow
Or sun without rain.
But God did promise
Strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears
And a light for the way,
And for all who believe
In His Kingdom above,
He answers their faith
With everlasting love.*

-Author Unknown

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*Grateful for the richness of her life. The kindness of her heart and the love of her friends. The family of **Sharon T. Lewis** thanks you for all the compassion and concern shown to us during her illness. May the Good Lord who has welcomed Sharon, bless you and your family.*

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