

*Honoring the Life of*



*Charles R. Lewis*

July 3, 1958 - February 24, 2021

Viewing: March 4, 2021 - 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Service: 4:30pm

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# *Reflections of Life*

Charles Randolph Lewis was born on July 3, 1958 in Brooklyn, NY. Charles transitioned on February 24, 2021, in Union City, New Jersey. He was the son of the late Barbara Simmons, the late James H. Lewis, Sr. and was the third of seven children. Preceded in death was an older brother, Robert Spencer Lewis.

Charles attended St. Gregory the Great Elementary School in Brooklyn, NY. and was a very good student and served as an Altar boy. Charles received a scholarship to the New High School and spent 2 years before transferring to Bishop Loughlin MHS, where he graduated after 3 years as part of an accelerated program. As expected, Charles completed high school in three years. (Having accomplished this, he inspired his younger sister, Dione and she finished H.S. in 3 years as well). Charles went on and completed a year at Catholic University in Washington, DC. Due to finances, he left school, and spent a year on the west coast with his cousin, Ed.

After returning to NY, Charles worked with Fireman's Fund Insurance Company before being hired by the NYC Criminal Court system, where he worked as a Court Officer for close to twenty years before he retired. Growing up, Charles had limitations because of asthma. Although he liked to play baseball, softball, and basketball, he was often prevented because of breathing problems and was often at home with his mom when everyone else was outside running around. In the kitchen with mom, who was a fantastic cook, he learned the basics of cooking and baking. He developed a passion for cooking. He nurtured, developed, and refined his skills. His cakes and dishes graced and completed many family events. His reputation spread and family, co-workers and friends kept him busy with orders and requests. He completed culinary school and launched a successful catering business. Seeing Charlie in his Chefs hat, with his mobile cart of knives and tools is a cherished memory. Velda working with him as a Sous Chef says it was a privilege and a learning experience.

He loved to entertain and his decorations and attention to detail was legendary. He was comfortable in any circle. Charles was a sharp dresser and meticulous in his appearance. Charles was the life of the party, the one to make you laugh and "the host with the most". Charles had a quick wit, fast mind, and sharp tongue. This is a Lewis trait, but Charles took it to another level. If you engaged with Charles, you would need to be prepared for battle and you would probably lose. Charles was a lover of technology and was up on the latest and greatest phones, features, security, and plans. He was the family consultant in this area and always cautioned us to "encrypt your data."

Charles did not have any children but was devoted and involved with his nieces and nephews. He especially spent time with Antea, Asia and Tajon. Charles leaves to cherish his memory, five siblings, Velda Fleming (Stan), James Lewis (Sandra), Joseph Lewis (Judy), Dione Williams (Michael), and Yvonne Lewis; thirteen nieces and nephews, Tiffany, Janelle, Autumn, Jerome, Christopher, Jasmine, Danielle, Antea, Devon, Lauren, Leah, Asia and Tajon; twenty-six great nieces and nephews; one goddaughter, CoCo; scores of cousins and many, many friends.

Charles was affectionately known as "James & Charles", Charlie, Chucky and Uncle Turkey. He will truly be missed. It is hard to imagine any family function that he is not part of. As a family, we will embrace his memory and hold it near to our hearts.

# Order of Service

March 4, 2021  
4:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.

## Opening Prayer

Joseph Nathaniel Lewis, III - Brother

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10  
James H. Lewis, Jr. - Brother

## Musical Selection

Stanley Fleming - Brother-in-law

## Scripture Reading

New Testament - St. John 14:1-3  
Christopher Lewis - Nephew

## Reading of Obituary

Velda Flemming - Sister

## Acknowledgements & Reading of Cards

Joseph Nathaniel Lewis, III - Brother

## Poem

Dee Williams - Sister

## Reflections

Family or Friends  
(Please limited to 3 minutes each)

## Eulogy

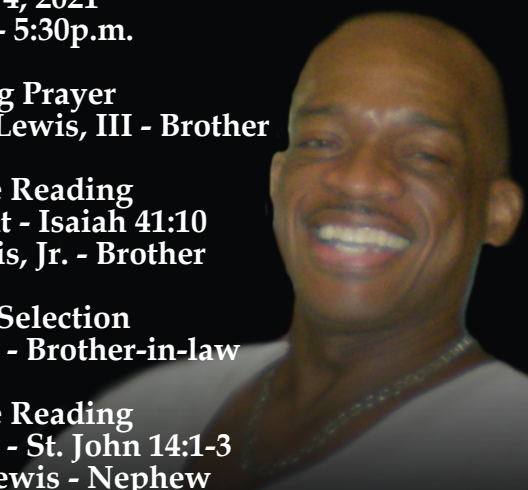
Dr. Asaph Womack  
The Life Center Family Worship Church, Stroudsburg, PA

## Closing Remarks

Joseph Nathaniel Lewis, III - Brother

## Benediction

Judy Lewis - Sister-in-law



# Charlie

Charlie laughing, Charlie joking, Charlie,  
never letting you cry.  
Now he wonders why?  
Why can't we see the light, the light that's shining bright,  
the fact that he hit the height...  
HEAVEN... can't you see, the light, shining bright?  
Why can't you see the light, I hit the height?  
Don't cry for me he would plea,  
I just want you to see the light,  
oh, it's shining so bright.  
Oh you see says he.  
I am the light, the shining light,  
that still shines so bright. ...  
I know you think I was talking about the other light....  
No, no, no, you know me,  
I am the light that shines so bright.  
So keep me with you nice and tight  
with all the good memories,  
laughter, and fights, we still found time to share the light.  
Please carry this light of me always with thee  
until we meet again is my main plea.  
Please don't cry now, get on mend and act like a family  
once again.... and remember to  
speak nice to me to all your friends,  
for I am the shining light you see  
and want you to remember  
this is the way its supposed to be...  
Light that shines Bright that's me, Charlie.

Love You, Charlie  
Written by your sister,

*Dee*

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