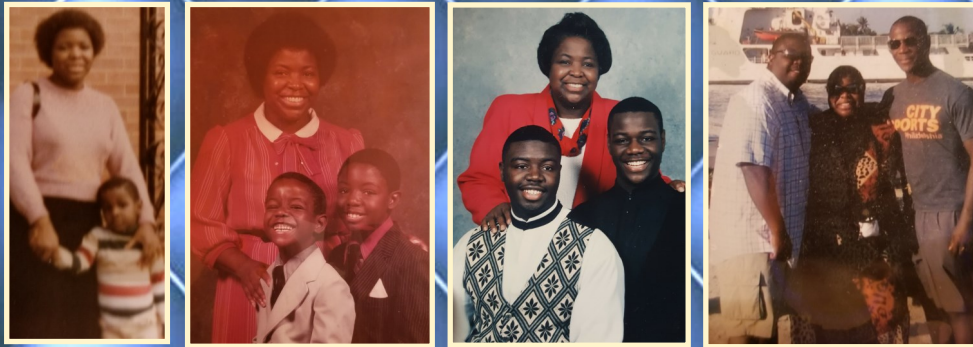


"The Broken Chain"



*Little did we know that morning
that God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The Chain will link up again.*

*We Love You,
The Family*



Floral Bearers / Pall Bearers Friends of the Family

A Special Message to our mom "Teretha R. Lewis"

My mother gave me a gift of unconditional love. She provided in me a sense of peace and safety when I would hear her voice and be in her presence. The kindness she gave to others and to myself was an unearthly gift that she presented with ease. People may say that I am now motherless, but I don't see it that way. I can still feel her presence and love greater now than I've ever have before. I asked her about this day and she said "Don't worry, God will give you strength to carry you through". I will miss my mother until the day I see her again. I will miss the way she drank with a cup and always had her little pinky out. I also knew who she was speaking with on the phone by the laughter she would give. She was and still is my confidant and will always be in my heart and mind. **Love, C.R.**

"Anything you find your hands to do, do it with all your might". These are the words mama drilled inside me. My mother was my best friend, counselor, life coach, and role model. During my 44 years in this world, I've seen my mother take down giants in her life and still kept a smile on her face. The perseverance she showed taught me to never give up. My brother and I were so blessed to have a loving and caring mother who gave herself freely to God and to her family. I pray that we continue to make her proud as she has done for us. My mom's legacy will live on through us and to all the lives she touched. May her words of wisdom whisper to me when I'm confused and her loving memories of laughter encourage me when I'm sad. There's no replacement in my heart for this extraordinary woman, my mother, my Lulu boo, my Ma
Love, Marq

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude the many expressions of kindness, words of comfort and consolation, fervent prayers and support and many thoughtful deeds that touched our hearts. May God bless you as you have been a blessing to us.

~The Family

Repast

The Family invites everyone to join them in celebration of the life of Teretha R. Lewis immediately after the burial at Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace Family Life Enrichment Center.
919-957-8312 or 919-957-8313

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A SERVICE OF LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE

Ms. Teretha Mitter Lewis



Alpha
July 25, 1947

Omega
January 15, 2020



*We Thank Our God
Upon Every
Remembrance Of You.
Philippians 1:3*



Funeral Services

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
12:00 PM

Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace
2722 East Main Street
Durham, NC 27703

Bishop Marion E. Wright, Sr.
Pastor / Eulogist



ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Musical Prelude.....“Blessed Assurance”
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Congregational Song.....Choir
- Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Elder Dr. Stephen I. Hithe, Jr.
- New Testament Scripture Reading.....Elder Dr. Marion E. Wright
- Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Richard Dorsey
- Selection.....Choir
- Acknowledgements, Resolutions.....Sister Tanisha Hithe
- Reading of Obituary.....Sis. Betty Thomas
- Tributes
- Church Life.....Evangelist Shirlene Drew
- Professional Life.....Ms. Lula Thomas
- Family Life.....Dr. Thurma Goldman
- Solo.....Sister Zaphenia Jones
- Eulogy.....Bishop Marion E. Wright, Sr.
- Recessional

INTERMENT

Woodlawn Memorial Park
 (Across from Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace, Inc.)
 2107 Liberty St.
 Durham, NC 27703



A REMEMBRANCE OF LIFE AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

"I have anchored in the harbor where the storms of life are O'er, Where the gleams of endless sunshine break upon the heavenly shore"



On the evening of January 15, 2020 our beloved mother, sister, grandmother, and godmother, Teretha Roberta Mitter Lewis, slipped quietly and peacefully into eternity. She was born July 25, 1947 in Washington, DC. She was the youngest child of the late Deacon Robert and Deaconess Sallie Mitter. Teretha "Baby Sis", "Terry" became a Christian as a child and was active in many organizations of the church.

Teretha attended the DC Public Schools. When she graduated, she matriculated at Fayetteville State University for two years but decided to get married to Willie C. Lewis, Jr. They had two dutiful sons, Marquel Lamar and Christopher Robert Lewis. She believed in and was devoted to educational and spiritual development of her children. She reached out to other children in church and the neighborhood.

Teretha, "Terry", as she was known by close friends, raised her children to believe in their ability to achieve anything they aspired to do, and to value education, honesty, and credibility.

The "Glorious and Unbelievable" thing about Teretha is that after her sons graduated from college and began working, she went back to North Carolina Central University and earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Public Administration. This was accomplished while working in the Federal Government for 42 years. She retired in 2016 from National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Following her retirement, she embarked on an entirely different endeavor that she found at first scary and challenging but rewarding. She undertook employment as an Administrative Assistant at Knotts Funeral Home at the Chapel Hill location. She had an encouraging and positive demeanor for everyone they served. Most of all, she was able to use her masterful computer and organizational skills to enhance the operation of the business. The clarity, patience, and smiles that she always showed in her work will be remembered.

Her Faith and commitment to God always kept her strong as an active member of Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace for nearly 38 years. During those years, she sang in the choir, led the Usher Board, assisted with administrative work, led Fund Raising Committee, served on the Hospitality Committee, state and local matters, Gala Committee, Singles Ministry and was active in the Women's Auxiliary. She also did Special Projects for the Pastor, Bishop M.E. Wright, Sr.. It can be said without equivocation that Teretha was just a good person, a servant leader, friend to all.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Rev. Jo Ann Kyler. She leaves to honor and cherish her memories: her sons, Marquel Lamar Lewis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Christopher Robert Lewis of Los Angeles, CA; a sister, Mrs. Dorine Adams of Suitland, Maryland; grandson, Jourden Richard Sawyer; nieces, Anita Kyler and Kyla McMullen; nephews, Cody Cox and Trevail Stokes; goddaughter, Dr. Amber T. Pearson and other relatives and friends