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The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all for your loving thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement. We pray God's richest blessings upon all of you.



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Celebration of Life for



Mr. Wesley Lewis CRENSHAW

Sunrise: October 3, 1946

Sunset: March 20, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 11 A.M.
HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH
622 East 37th Street
Savannah, GA 31401

Journey of Joy

Wesley Lewis Crenshaw

WESLEY LEWIS CRENSHAW – In His own way, and for His own purpose in the early hours of Thursday morning, March 20, 2025, at the Sprenger Health Care Facility, in Port Royal, South Carolina, our Father called the spirit of our loved one Wesley Lewis Crenshaw to be with him throughout eternity where he now resides without pain and suffering on God’s celestial shores. Wes, as he was often referred to, was the second son of four children of the late John Howard and Annie Mitchell Crenshaw; he was born on Thursday, October 3, 1946 in Brunswick County, Virginia.

Wes’s spiritual journey began early in life, being baptized and subsequently becoming a member of the Miles Chapel CME Church in Blackridge, Virginia.

Wes was educated in the Brunswick County Public School system, graduating with honors from the James Solomon Russell High School, Lawrenceville, Virginia with the class of 1965. He furthered his education at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, where he earned a Bachelor’s of Business Administration degree in June of 1968. Wes continued his pursuit of higher education enrolling at Atlanta University (currently Clark-Atlanta University) in the fall of 1968. However, his educational pursuits were interrupted as he was drafted into the United States Army in January of 1969 receiving a honorable discharge in January 1971. As a Vietnam era veteran, his service time also included the assignment of duties as a court reporter.

Upon discharge from the military, Wes returned to Atlanta University graduating in June of 1972 with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. After completion of his educational endeavors, Wes began his professional work career relocating to the Boston area where he was initially employed as a production manager with Polaroid Corporation. While residing in Boston, Wes was also employed with Wang Laboratories in the accounting area. Upon returning to the Savannah area, Wes was gainfully employed with various entities including serving as Executive Director with United Ministries of Savannah and Executive Director of Inner City Night Shelter of Savannah.

During his period of time in Boston he met the love of his life, Estelle Harriet Williams, a gorgeous, inspiring and impressive professor at Wheelock College (now the Boston University Wheelock College of Education and Human Development). Their relationship grew and flourished such that on Saturday, July 1, 1978, they pledged their love to each other in holy matrimony. Together they shared over 46 years of marital bliss. In 1989, they were blessed with their only child, a son named Alexander Lamar. Facing family health challenges, in 1993, they relocated to Savannah, GA, purchasing their dream home where they resided until his health declined. He subsequently was admitted to Sprenger Health Care of Port Royal, where he ultimately transitioned from this life.

During those early years of returning to Savannah, the family joined in membership with Holy Spirit Lutheran Church where they worshipped together in love and harmony. Wes loved to serve and was a part of various ministries throughout the church where he performed faithfully until he was no longer able to fulfill the duties as required. Among the positions held include Church Council President, Worship Assistant, Head of Holy Spirit

Stewardship Committee, Vice President and Chair of the Southeastern Synod Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America. Wes also represented Holy Spirit and met with the Bishop at monthly meetings as well as attended synod conferences. He served faithfully and in a loyal manner, fulfilling his duties with the spirit of humility and dedication that represents Jesus’ love in us for each other.

Wes was truly a dedicated and caring individual, with the desire to be of benefit and service in any situation. He focused on being helpful wherever there was a need. Wes cared for his parents, travelling back and forth to Virginia to share memorable times with them. He also enjoyed spending time with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Alma Williams, as they often engaged in energetic conversations that included every topic in the universe. However, his love, dedication and care for his wife, Estelle, was always first and foremost, as well as for his son, Alex, a duty and responsibility from which he never floundered. Their home was always full of laughter as many stories were shared. Although Wes had the mind and heart of a servant, he was also very civic minded, and did not hesitate to voice his opinions as an advocate for those less fortunate and the black community, which he expressed on his radio talk show WSOK-1230. During his tenure as talk show host, Wes also had the opportunity to interview Dick Gregory. His purpose and mission in life, to care for those in need, was truly fulfilled when he accepted the leadership roles at United Ministries of Savannah where he oversaw the operation of Emmaus House, a dining facility for homeless people, and the Inner City Night Shelter that provided food, clothing, housing, for those in need of such. He was quoted in the Savannah Morning News, sticking to his principles, saying, ‘Feed the homeless and help the working poor first.’ As family members we once had the privilege of working with him at the Inner-City Night Shelter and needing servers for the evening meal, he instructed us to ‘GET ON THE LINE’. No one was above service. Wes’s kindness and caring spirit for those individuals was evidence that his duties were being performed from the heart and there was a joy that he had helped someone, somehow, and that gave him a sense of fulfillment.

Wesley leaves to cherish his memories his devoted wife, Estelle Williams Crenshaw; his beloved son, Alexander Lamar, of Savannah; two sisters, Rosetta C. Moorhead (William) of VA. Beach, Virginia, and Mary C. Randolph of Harrisburg, PA; sister-in-law, Cleverna B. Crenshaw, of Richmond, VA; a maternal and matriarchal aunt, Mrs. Lillie M. Mitchell, of Brodnax, Virginia; and a loving host of grandchildren, brothers-in-law, sisters-in law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Wes was preceded in death by his older brother, Howard C. Crenshaw. We were blessed to have shared this earthly journey with him.

Your memory is our keepsake
With which we’ll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
And we have you in our hearts.
Although we will truly miss Wes,

We humbly bow to the will of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”

I Peter 5:6-7

Order of Service

Pastor J. Sanders-Presiding

MUSICAL PRELUDE	
PROCESSIONAL	Clergy and Family
CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor J. Sanders
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE	“SOON AND VERY SOON”
	Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! No more crying there, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! No more dying there, we are going to see the King! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re going to see the King!
THE FIRST LESSON: Ashley Robertson	Psalm 23
	<i>“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down In green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art With me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me In the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth Over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”</i>
THE SECOND LESSON: Ashley Robertson	2 Timothy 4 7-8
	<i>“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous judge, will award to me on that day.”</i>
PRAYER OF COMFORT	Alderman Detric Leggett
SELECTION, Choir & Congregation-	“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS	Brenda Spencer
REFLECTIONS / SPECIAL MEMORIES	Family & Friends
	(Three Minutes Please) Mrs. Estelline Beamon Mr. Detric Leggett Mr. Courtney Randolph Alexander Lamar Crenshaw Jr. (read by father) Alexander Lamar Crenshaw Sr.
SELECTION	Amazing Grace
OBITUARY	Brenda Spencer
EULOGY	Pastor J. Sanders
APOSTLES CREED	PG 105 ELW
Prayer of Commendation	Pastor J. Sanders
RECESSIONAL / MUSICAL POSTLUDE	“I’ll Fly Away”
	Some glad morning when this life is over – I’ll fly away To a home on God’s celestial shore – I’ll fly away I’ll fly away, oh, Glory – I’ll fly away; When I die, Hallelujah, by and by – I’ll fly away! Just a few more weary days and then – I’ll fly away