

**Memorial Service**

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 ~ Two O'clock in the Afternoon  
Pipkin Braswell Serenity Chapel  
6601 East Colfax Avenue ~ Denver, Colorado 80220  
Chaplin Ben Sagaz, Officiating

Processional.....James Brown Recording  
"It's A Mans World"

Comfort From the Scriptures.....Minister  
Prayer of Solace.....Minister  
Selection.....Jerry Butler Recording  
"He Will Break Your Heart"

Acknowledgements, Condolences and Obituary  
Pipkin Braswell Funeral Director

Expressions Of Love.....Two - Minutes Please  
Selection.....Roberta Flack Recording  
"Killing Me Softly"

Word of Coomfort.....Chaplin Ben Sagaz  
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"I'll Always Love You"  
Whitney Houston Recording

Recessional.....Sam Cooke Recording  
"A Change Is Going To Come"

**ACTIVE PALLBEARERS**  
U.S. Army Honor Guard

**AND SHE SHALL REST**  
Salute of Honor

Pipkin Braswell Courtyard  
U.S. Army Honor Guard  
(Full Military Honors)

**Acknowledgement**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that anyone could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.  
~ The family of Clarence Gerald Lewis, Sr.

**Pipkin Braswell**

*"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."*

**Celebrating The Life Of**



**Clarence Gerald Lewis, Sr.**

**SMG, US Army (Ret)**

**Sunset**

**Sunrise**

**January 16, 1951 ~ May 25, 2025**

Clarence Gerald Lewis was born on January 16, 1951, in the quaint town of Ware Shoals, South Carolina to Vando and Geneva Holloway Lewis. The second child among a bustling family, Clarence was raised in a loving environment, alongside his brothers Vando Jr., James Earl, Wilbert, and Melvin, as well as his cherished sisters Brenda and Coleta Diane. From a young age, he exhibited a spirit of enterprise, becoming the first in his family to take on the responsibility of a paper route. It was a testament to his hardworking nature that would characterize his life.

Clarence's educational path was paved with determination and accomplishment. A proud graduate of Brewer High School in Greenwood, SC, he furthered his studies, ultimately earning a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Park University and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Webster University.

His commitment to service blossomed with a remarkable 30-year tenure in the United States Army, from 1976 to 2006. His journey took him across the globe – from Fort Bliss in Texas to Germany, South Korea, and back – each location enriching his life and bolstering the bonds of camaraderie and dedication he cherished. Clarence achieved the esteemed rank of Sergeant Major (E-9), receiving numerous accolades including the Legion of Merit and Army Achievement Medal, each a reflection of his unwavering devotion and exemplary service.

On May 26, 1972, in Columbia, SC, Clarence forged a partnership of love and devotion with Linda Annette Pasley, having met her during their high school days. Their 53-year marriage was a beautiful tapestry woven with shared dreams, memories, and unbreakable bonds. Together, they were blessed with four wonderful children – Abrium, Clarence Jr., April, and the late Clayton – who brought immeasurable joy to their lives. Clarence was also a proud grandfather to five grandchildren, each of whom carried a piece of his legacy forward.

Beyond his service and familial devotion, Clarence found joy in the simple pleasures of life – immersing himself in the world of books, cheering for his beloved Steelers, and feeling the freedom of the open road as he rode his bike. His faith guided him as a devoted member of Dunn Creek Baptist Church, where he cultivated deep connections with a community that thrived on mutual support and love.

As we gather to honor Clarence's remarkable journey, we remember a man who lived fully, loved deeply, and served honorably.

Clarence was preceded in death by his son, Clayton Gabriel Lewis.

Clarence Gerald Lewis, Sr. Departed this life on May 25, 2025 in Denver, Colorado. He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Linda Annette Lewis; two daughters,, Abrium Lewis of Palmdale, Ca; April Lewis of Denver, CO; one son, Clarence Lewis Jr., of Buford, Ga; four brothers, Vando (Bridgett) Lewis Jr. of Greenwood, SC; James Earl Lewis of Falls Church, VA; Wilbert (Susan) Lewis of Columbia, SC; and Melvin Kaye (Christine) Lewis of Aiken, SC; two sisters, Brenda (Late Robert) Lewis Grant of Greenwood, SC; and Coleta Diane Lewis of Augusta, Ga; five grand children, 3 great grand children, and a host of nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

## ***Death Is Nothing At All***

*Death is nothing at all*

*It does not count*

*I have only slipped away into the next room*

*Nothing has happened*

*Everything remains exactly as it was*

*I am I, and you are you*

*The old life that we lived together is untouched, unchanged*

*Whatever we were to each other, that we are still*

*Call me by my old familiar name*

*Speak to me in the easy way which you always used*

*Put no difference in your tone*

*Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together*

*Play, smile, think of me, pray for me*

*Let my name be ever the household word that it always was*

*Let it be spoken without effort, without the trace of shadow on it*

*Life means all that it ever meant*

*It is the same as it ever was*

*There is unbroken continuity*

*What is death but a negligible accident?*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?*

*I am waiting for you, for an interval*

*Somewhere very near*

*Just around the corner, all is well*

*By Henry Scott-Holland*