

The Great Depression was the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world, lasting from the stock market crash of 1929 to 1939. However, in the midst of the Depression there were some glimmers of good news in 1931. The birth of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland and the birth of a little girl in the small town of Crewe, Nottoway County, VA.

This little girl was born in the heat of the summer on August 13, to Rufus and Gracie Fuller. They named their little one Lois Martha Fuller. The family soon grew with the birth of another girl, Betty, and a boy, Morris.

Lois met the love of her life, Ernest Lewis, while living in Crewe, and they married in December, 1953. Soon thereafter, they moved to MD in order for Ernest to find a better job. Along with raising their children, Lois worked most of her life as a domestic worker. Five children, Warren, Diane, Joyce, Anthony and Robin. When Ernest died in December, 1981, Lois was left to finish rearing their children alone. In the little spare time that she had, she made quilts by hand.

Lois didn't have to travel far to get to the church she joined over 60 years ago—Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church. Her home was just a block from the church. She loved to sing and serve, so she sang on the "Voices", as part of the Music Ministry, and served on the Soup Kitchen Ministry. In her later years she became a faithful member of the Diamonds Senior Ministry. And she absolutely loved attending Sunday School.

Lois was faithful to her place of service at GTBC and when she could no longer regularly attend church, she remained connected over the internet by watching the live-streamed services every Sunday.

The years gave to her poise, dignity and experience; and to those were added the virtues of patience, love and kindness. She was an humble person the way she lived her life for Christ. She loved the Lord and loved being in the presence of all the saints at GTBC. She was never the kind of person who had to be seen or had to be up front. She was a team player in her work for the Lord.

A lingering illness was able to inflict its worse on the temporary body in which she dwelt, but it could never touch her triumphant spirit. She courageously faced her illness, sowing us with every breath that we need to hold onto life and love with both hands for as long as we can. To her last days she remained a mother, with continued concern for the well being of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her siblings, her eldest son, Warren, and her husband. Left to cherish precious memories are 3 daughters: Diane Mason (Charles, Jr.), Joyce Page (Joseph) and Robin Lewis, 1 son: Anthony Lewis (Robin); 3 grandsons: Recko Lewis, Charles Mason III, and Anthony P. Lewis and 1 granddaughter: Nicole Boyce (Raymond) of Atlanta; and 3 great-grandchildren: Anthony P. Lewis, Jr., and Rylee and Reagan Boyce.

We are thankful for her character, the patience of her understanding and the calmness of her spirit, even in trials and tribulations. We are thankful for her courage, her knowledge of Christ, and her devotion to Christ and His Church, and to her family. She lived a useful, devoted, unselfish life.

*God saw that she was getting tired,  
A cure was not to be.  
So he put His arms around her  
And whispered, "Come with Me."  
With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer.  
And saw her fade away.  
Although we loved her dearly,  
We could not make her stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating.  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes "the best".*

### The Family



We crown with glory the life of **Lois Lewis** and say with reverent emotion,  
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Psalm 116:15

## Victory Celebration for Lois M. Lewis

**BISHOP REGINALD L. KENNEDY, Officiating**

**THE PROCESSIONAL** ..... Clergy, Family and Friends

### VISITATION WITH THE FAMILY

**THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION** ..... #27, "Blessed Assurance"

### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament  
New Testament—Psalm 23

**THE PRAYER OF COMFORT** ..... Elder Sirlilar Stokes

**THE WORDS OF COMFORT** (2 minutes or less, please)

Nicole Mason Boyce, granddaughter  
Charles Mason III, grandson  
Charmaine Cook

**THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS** ..... Church Clerk

**THE SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY**

**THE EULOGISTIC SELECTION** ..... "It Is Well"

**THE EULOGY** ..... Bishop Reginald L. Kennedy

**THE BENEDICTION** ..... Bishop Kennedy

**THE RECESSIONAL** ..... Music Ministry



## A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .  
A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

—Helen Steiner Rice

Last quilt she  
worked on



## Interment

King Memorial Park  
8710 Dogwood Road ▪ Baltimore, MD 21244



The love of friends has sustained and inspired our family in ways which are difficult to express in words. We have felt the touch of God through many acts of love: cards, letters, flowers, gifts, calls, kind words, and most of all, prayers. May God bless each of you and keep you in His care.

## Professional Services Entrusted to:

Joseph Brown Funeral Home  
2140 North Fulton Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21217

## Victory Celebration

for our beloved Mother • Grandmother • Great-Grandmother •  
Aunt • Friend • and Faithful Servant of Jesus Christ

## Lois M. Lewis



No woman could love more—  
no woman could be more loved.  
By her love she showed us how to live—  
By her faith, she showed us how to die.

**EARTHLY ENTRANCE:** August 13, 1931  
**HEAVENLY ENTRANCE:** September 18, 2022

September 30, 2022

**Family Visitation:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Victory Celebration:** 10:00 a.m.

## Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church

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Pastor Daniel T. Kennedy, Assistant Pastor