

August 3rd, 2022

Viewing 10:00 am | Private Service 11:00 am

ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

301 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor

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Morris Edward Lewis (80), a retired Army Major and Servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, died of heart and kidney failure and went home to be with the Lord on July 16th, 2022, at Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, Virginia. Morris was a fighter and never gave up. He entered the Fairfax Inova Heart and Vascular Center on January 10th, 2022, for open heart surgery and never returned home.

Born in Washington, DC, on March 5th, 1942, to the late Roosevelt and Isabel Lewis, Major Lewis was known as "Papa" to his grandchildren. He most enjoyed enthusiastic nurturing and bonding with his beautiful grandchildren. He also enjoyed spending time with his other family members as well. He enjoyed reading and working in his lush "English Garden".

He loved traveling with his wife, Martha.

Morris and his beloved wife Martha were
World Travelers. In 2019, together, they
finished their travel bucket list of two
around-the-world trips, 31 cruises, 109
countries, 62 cities, and all seven continents,

making Antarctica their last and most exciting continent. He was an enthusiastic photographer who enjoyed photographing family, friends, and sights the world over.

Morris enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1957 at the age of 15 (a typewriter, carbon paper, and ink eraser were all he needed to produce a fake birth certificate). He was an enlisted soldier for many years until one of his superior officers recognized him as possibly officer material. He was selected for Officer Candidate School after going before a selection board. He later graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1967, and eventually went from being a high school drop-out to completing his Master's degree. Throughout his distinguished career, he received numerous awards, decorations, and medals, including the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Aviator Badge (finished Army fixed-wing flight school in 1969), Special Forces Tab, Parachutist Badge, several Bronze Star medals, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Major Lewis served two tours in Vietnam, one tour as an A-Team Weapons Sergeant with

the 5th Special Forces Group and one tour as a commissioned officer, fixed-wing airplane pilot with the 224thAviation Battalion, flying hundreds of combat missions over Southeast Asia. He was also stationed in Korea, Germany, and Army posts in the Caribbean and the continental United States. Morris (also known as "Moe") retired from the Army in 1984 with over 27 years of service and started a twenty-year career as a civilian Department of the Army employee.

Mr. Good Bar, and a nap could be the initial solution to facing many of life's problems. Morris was incredibly generous with both his time and money. He was always quick to lend a smile and a helping hand, and he was loved and respected by many and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

Morris is survived by his beautiful wife, Martha (Beautiful is the name he called her every day for 54 years, and he introduced her to others as his Bride for 54 years). Martha affectionately

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Morris was an inventor with inventions patent-pending and awarded. He was an entrepreneur and owned several small businesses over the years.

Moe accepted Jesus Christ to become the Lord of his life in 1975. His faith was strong, and he trusted God completely. He was an active member and energetically involved at the Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, MD, and later the Immanuel Bible Church, Springfield, VA. In 2019, Morris and Martha started the process of continuing their Christian walk and became members at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va.

After complete retirement, he was actively involved with the volunteer Bravo Organization and the American Red Cross for many years at Joint Base Andrews Medical Facility.

Additionally, Morris had a quick wit and was always ready to share his experiences relating to the many roads he took in life. He would not hesitate to advise that a prayer, a

called him Babycakes every day for 54 years. Morris met Martha on a blind date in October 1967 and proposed to her in two weeks. Of course, she said yes to the gentleman, and they were married on January 6th, 1968. Morris is also survived by a daughter Yolanda Lenyon (Michael), and a son Michael Edward Lewis. He was a dotting Papa to his grandchildren Connor Lenyon, Tristan Lenyon, Brooke Lenyon, Mariah Lewis, Melania Lewis, and Moniquie Bolden. His grandchildren adored him. Morris is also survived by a bonus daughter (sweet former daughter-in-law), Minerva Lewis.

Morris was the third of seven children. He is survived by two brothers, Rev. Aubrey C. Lewis and Jeffrey W. Lewis; both live in the Metro area. He also had four deceased siblings, Estelle Proctor, Edith Lewis, Harold Lewis, and Roosevelt Lewis. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He also leaves two very special and close friends, Dr. Cyprian Gardine, Jr, and his wife Judithann Gardine, in Orlando, Florida.

Recessional: "When We All Get to Heaven"









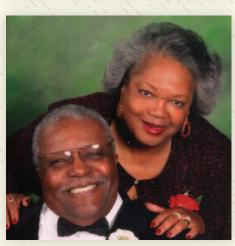


































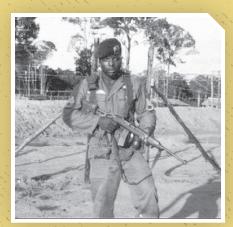










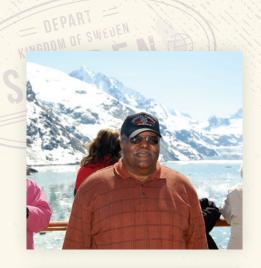


































Song by Douglas Miller | Songwriter: Florence Price

Though the storms keep on raging in my life And sometimes it's hard to tell the night from day Still that hope that lies within is reassured As I keep my eyes upon the distant shore I know He'll lead me safely to that blessed place He has prepared But if the storms don't cease And if the winds keep on blowing My soul has been anchored in the Lord Though the storms keep on raging in my life And sometimes it's hard to tell the night from day Still that hope that lies within is reassured As I keep my eyes upon the distant shore I know He'll lead me safely to that blessed place He has prepared But if the storms don't cease And if the winds keep on blowing in my life My soul has been anchored in, in the Lord Oh, I realize that sometimes in this life, we're gonna be tossed By the waves and the currents that seem so fierce But in the Word of God, I've got an anchor And it keeps me steadfast and unmovable Despite the tides But if, if the storms don't cease And just in case the winds, they keep on blowing in my life My soul, my soul's been anchored in, in the Lord In the Lord, in the Lord My soul, my soul's been anchored in, in the Lord My soul, my soul been anchored My soul, my soul been anchored, my soul been anchored My soul been anchored My, my, my, my, my, my soul, my soul The pillars may roll, the breakers may dash I shall not sway because He holds me fast So dark the day, clouds in the sky I know it's alright 'cause Jesus is mine And my soul, my soul, my soul, my soul, my soul

My, my, my, my, my, my, my, my soul



TRIBUTE TO MY BABYCAKES

(This was Martha's 70th Birthday letter to Morris in 2016) Dear Babycakes,

It will be extremely difficult to comprise and summarize all of our love story and my immense affection and appreciation for you in one single meaningful letter, but | am going to try to do it.

There are a million ways I could begin, but | think the best way is to say THANK YOU. Thank you for choosing me, always. Even after almost fifty years, you have never stopped choosing or loving me deeply. You are an incredible human being, and | am so blessed to be yours. You always tried and wanted me to feel loved.

Thank you for your hard work and generous spirit, which allowed me the amazing opportunity to be a stay-home mom for our two beautiful children. Thank you for providing for us. Your hard work allowed me to watch and teach our children daily, so they could grow up to be God-fearing children. You were such a blessing to the life of our family. | have enjoyed all these years.

Our marriage has been an incredible journey for almost fifty years. We have weathered many storms, but together, we were strong. God has blessed us tremendously. Marriage is beautiful in its own way. But it takes two people working together through difficulties and the not-so-fun times, to achieve the best parts of marriage. As the years go by, I stop and think about all the memories we've made. You are not only my husband and best friend but my soul mate. Our love is eternal and a forever kind of love.

I am proud of the man you are today. You are defined by loyalty, trust, strong faith, and commitment. You are a knowledgeable, respected, and wise teacher to me and others. You are a wonderful father and grandfather (Papa) who always shows love and gives wise counsel to his family. Your love and generosity are always there

To me, you are truly a romantic and spontaneous husband who loves me with all his heart and whose passionate love comes from the Lord. And, by the way, I even love the nicknames we gave to each other at the beginning of our marriage! You are truly my BABYCAKES, and when you call me BABY and BEAUTIFUL, truly feel beautiful. I will continue to WALK and RIDE alongside you as' your team-mate, best friend, lover, and wife. | will always pray for God's best for you and our marriage. I will always be near you.

Celebrating a Seventieth birthday is a unique milestone. You've helped me in so many ways to reach this milestone. Thank You for a wonderful life. I love you with all my heart, and I am proud to be your wife.



The family thanks everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time. Morris was the love of our lives.

May God bless you as you have blessed us.

REPAST

Due to COVID, the immediate family will have a private repast.

INTERMENT

Major Morris Edward Lewis Army Ret. will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

SERVICES

Services entrusted to Lee Funeral Home 6633 Old Alexandria Ferry Rd., Clinton, MD 20735

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