



Mrs. Evelyn L. Lewis

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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalm 23

Our beloved matriarch, Mrs. Evelyn L. Lewis, entered into eternal rest on January 4, 2023.

Her life will be celebrated on Thursday, January 12, 2023, 4 p.m. at Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3015 N. MacGregor Way, 77004. Visitation will be prior to service, 3 - 4 p.m.

For livestream access to her service: <https://goodhope.org/>

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made to Interfaith Care Partners: <https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/interfaith-carepartners/22general>

Memo: 'In Memory of Evelyn L. Lewis'

Evelyn Lawler was born in Gadsden, Alabama, on October 18, 1929. She was the sixth of nine children. Growing up in Gadsden, Evelyn spent a lot of time outdoors with her brothers and sisters. She was really skinny and everyone called her Chicken Legs.

Early in high school, she was not selected for the track team, but Evelyn used to say that not being picked lit a fire in her. When she finally did make the team, she ended up beating everyone else in a practice race. During her senior year she competed in a meet at Tuskegee Institute. After watching her, Tuskegee head coach Major Cleveland L. Abbott asked her to return there for college and to be on his team.

Evelyn's father didn't think women needed a college education. But Evelyn was determined – and she became the first person in her family to attend college.

Evelyn succeeded both in the classroom and on the track. She made the honor roll her first semester, which quieted her father's doubts.



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On the track, she became the number-one hurdler, and she later went to Buenos Aires, Argentina, for the first Pan American Games (1951). The trip almost didn't happen because travel money had to be raised – but things worked out. Evelyn would later say: “Who would have thought that a skinny little black girl from Gadsden would have traveled to Buenos Aires and even met Evita Peron.”

Evelyn later broke the American Record for the 80-meter hurdles and had her sights set on Helsinki, Finland, for the 1952 Olympic Games. Unfortunately, she was injured before the Olympic trials and didn't make the team. But she at least had a nice keepsake her family would always treasure: a beautiful action photo of her in the June 30, 1952, Olympic issue of Life Magazine.

Evelyn played some basketball and tennis, too. She even once played a tennis match against the great Althea Gibson. She said that didn't go too well for her.

Tuskegee also gave Evelyn the love of her life. Fellow student, William McKinley Lewis Jr. was from Chicago. He played football and was a sprinter on the track team. They got married soon after Evelyn graduated and initially moved to Chicago to live near Bill's family. During that time Evelyn decided to return to school in pursuit of her Master's degree in Physical Education. She became the first African-American to earn a Master's from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Evelyn and Bill later took teaching jobs in Alabama and initially settled in Montgomery. Their first two sons, William McKinley “Mack” Lewis III and Cleveland “Cleve” Abbott Lewis, named after Evelyn's college coach, were born in 1954 and 1955. Frederick Carlton “Carl” Lewis and Carol Legrant Lewis came in Birmingham in 1961 and 1963.

In Alabama, the big events of the time centered on the civil rights movement, and Evelyn and Bill were right in the middle of it. They participated in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and provided support to Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and his family. The Lewis family attended Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, which was Rev. King's first church. It was there that Rev. King baptized Mack and Cleve. The Lewis's subsequently moved to Birmingham where the civil-rights confrontations continued.



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There were countless everyday race-related issues. Evelyn would never forget the local amusement park that would not allow blacks. Wanting to shield Mack and Cleve from constantly seeing a place they could never attend, Evelyn always took the long way home so she didn't have to keep explaining why they couldn't go there. Evelyn hated having to do that.

Still, that was nothing compared to other sacrifices. For example, a young cousin was involved in an ugly confrontation between marchers and the police, who had the help of vicious dogs and powerful fire hoses. "This was a tough time, a time of sacrifice," Evelyn said. "But if we wanted to make things better, we had to sacrifice."

Evelyn later made a trip to visit her younger sister, Freddie George, in New Jersey. While there she interviewed for a teaching job that would provide more opportunity. Evelyn got the job and returned to Alabama with a renewed sense of hope.

Carol was soon born and two weeks later the Lewis family moved to Willingboro, New Jersey. It was a huge change – moving from a segregated black community to a predominantly white one. The Lewis's were among the first black families in Willingboro (Levittown) but felt welcomed.

The timing of the move also proved to be fortunate because on September 15th – only a few weeks after the family relocated to Willingboro – its former church was targeted with a deadly act of hatred. The 16th Street Baptist Church was bombed and four of Mack and Cleve's former playmates lost their lives.

In New Jersey, the family settled into a new life that allowed Mack and Cleve to attend an integrated school and to play sports right along with everyone else. Evelyn began teaching at Kennedy High School as one of the first Black teachers in the district. Her love of teaching was immediately evident and she began to suggest programs and changes that would affect things for all girls in Willingboro.

Evelyn began by coaching field hockey. (Track and field would come later.) She also enjoyed helping with the band and was the Pom-Pom girl advisor. She introduced Scarlet & Navy, a program which highlighted the athletic and dance skills of the students. Scarlet & Navy became a major part of the school calendar and the students practiced for months. When Evelyn could not talk the principal into starting a track program for girls, she and Bill started one of their own. The Willingboro Track Club (WTC) was formed in 1969.



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Evelyn thoroughly enjoyed her students and loved her role as a mentor. She never hesitated to give her students a sometimes-not-so-gentle push when she felt they needed it. Her students generally found her to be firm, but fair.

Evelyn's love of sports and teaching remained strong throughout her entire career. She retired in 1985. One of her fondest memories was whenever she taught a second-generation student. She always laughed and said she knew a student would be good whenever she had already taught one of their parents. Another favorite memory was her championship track teams.

Willingboro Track Club started with a dozen or so girls, the youngest of them nine-year-olds, with two practices a week. Before long, some boys wanted in, and they were accepted, too. Mack was already excelling as a sprinter, and Cleve was fast as well, but soccer became his sport.

Taking Carl and Carol to the track saved baby-sitting money, so they naturally became interested in track and field. The long-jump pit was their baby-sitter. Sometimes Carl and Carol tried to imitate the drills everyone else was doing. But most of the time they just played in the sand, building castles in the pit, then smashing them while their parents were busy with their athletes.

Those early days with the Willingboro Track Club were so enjoyable and meaningful for Evelyn. Everyone was invited to join no matter his or her talent level. To Evelyn, everyone was family. Sometimes money was tight but Evelyn and Bill made it work. And that small club led the Lewis family to an amazing international sports journey – a journey that just kept going and growing.

Evelyn had no idea that her Olympic dreams would become her children's as well. As Carl and Carol started making national teams and competing internationally, Evelyn and Bill followed them every step of the way: beaming with pride... supporting them and cheering them on ... but Evelyn was never shy about letting her children know if she was not happy with the way they carried themselves. Everyone knew and loved "Mrs. Lewis" – and Evelyn loved her title of "Road Mom."

Of course, things changed dramatically for Evelyn in 1987, when the family lost Bill to cancer. Traveling would never again be the same without Bill being part of it. Fortunately, though, the Santa Monica Track Club (SMTTC) was still there for Evelyn – and her sister Freddie often joined her on the road as well.

Evelyn became the official team Mom for the SMTTC family. On the road, usually somewhere in



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Europe, Evelyn always made sure everyone's clothes were washed and that everyone had a home-cooked meal. For anyone who had never been exposed to grits, Evelyn served up a new taste on the international track circuit.

Years later, Evelyn ended up doing some more training and competing of her own. She began participating in the Senior Olympics, and she did that well into her sixties. After starting as a sprinter and long jumper, she closed out her senior "career" as a discus thrower and shot putter. Evelyn always wanted to try something new – and it was pretty amazing to watch.

In 1996, Carl and Carol actually got to run with Evelyn as part of a relay. This was not a competition. But it was the most publicized relay on the planet: the ceremonial torch relay in advance of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. What an honor that was for three Lewis's to participate together as the torch passed through Houston. They ran consecutive legs as torchbearers: Carol was first, Carl second, then Evelyn.

But Evelyn did not run her leg alone. Carol and Carl ran right along with Evelyn – one on each side of her – and she might as well have been running in the actual Olympics. That's how excited she was: a smile plastered across her face as people shouted encouragement and television cameras recorded her every step.

That look on her face – that absolute joy – will never really go away. All four Lewis children were so incredibly proud of their Mom. Same as they are today. Same as they always will be.

After her retirement, Evelyn received numerous awards and accolades and continued to travel the world and spend time with her family. She was especially proud of her grandchildren Bakim, Arden, and Cole and her one greatgrandchild Sapphire. They all were lucky enough to hear many of their Grandmother's stories from years past.

Evelyn's legacy has long been assured. She turned 90 a few years back and the family invited people to send a card or a note. The response was absolutely amazing. The Lewis children glued every card into a set of books. It took a lot longer than they thought it would, but the joy Evelyn found in reading those cards over and over would stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The messages to Evelyn were also a joy for her children to read. To know that their mother had touched so many lives was extremely powerful. While Evelyn struggled with dementia in her final years, her memories of her children and of her teaching years always remained remarkably clear.



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What a blessing that was.
Evelyn was never loud or boisterous.

She was always elegant, kind, loyal, and strong.

Her children will always smile when they think of their Mom carrying that Olympic torch back in 1996. That physical torch is now theirs.

But that is not the only passing of a torch. There is also the figurative one: a beautiful legacy of learning and of loving... of passion and of purpose... of serving others and of making a difference in this world.

Thanks to Evelyn, the Lewis family will proudly carry that one for generations to come.

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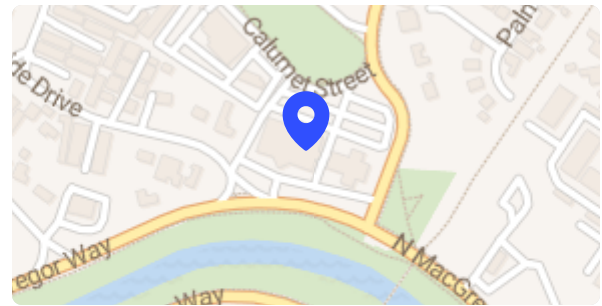
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, January 12, 2023


 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT


 **Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church**
3015 N. MacGregor Way, Houston TX 77004

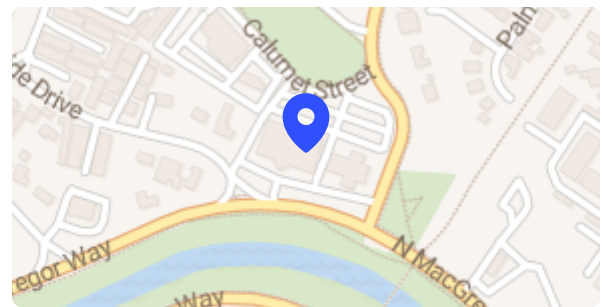


Celebration of Life Service

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Mabrie Memorial Mortuary shared the funeral program for Mrs. Evelyn L. Lewis.

January 14 at 5:14 AM



VIEW PROGRAM

ML

Ms. Drexel Long posted:

It was always good to see Mrs. Lewis at track practice, track meets, events and get togethers surrounding our UH family. She will truly be missed. Im a Jersey gurl too and will always think of Mrs. Lewis as a Jersey gurl Icon! Hugs and prayers from Saudi.

January 16 at 7:58 AM

YE

Yemi posted:

I am extending my condolences to the Lewis family. Your mother was always kind to me and would make me laugh at times. She will be missed but is in great hands.Sincerely,Yemi

January 14 at 6:28 AM

TT

Theresa Turner posted:

Mrs. Lewis was a wonderful and kind teacher. I was lucky to be her student. She made gym fun. Deepest sympathies to the family.

January 13 at 9:21 PM



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TB

Tanima Bossart posted:

Evelyn Lewis was a most special, beautiful and loving soul - a gift to this earth and to those blessed to know her. As a student of Sri Chinmoy, who first met Carl on November 11, 1983, I was honored to be present when Carl brought his parents, Bill and Evelyn Lewis, to meet Sri Chinmoy in Queens, NY on November 14, 1983, when we sang several songs he had composed in Carl's honor. The next day Sri Chinmoy said to Carl, "When I saw your mother, immediately I felt in her an 'Indian mother's heart'. By this we mean a heart of sympathy, kindness and closeness - a heart of oneness that feels real concern and sympathy for others." We were blessed to meet with her many times in the following decades. We often sang two songs Sri Chinmoy composed for her: "Sister Evelyn, Mother Evelyn, compassion-soul! Oneness-role! God-Beauty's Concern-Light, God-Duty's Service-Height." and "Ambalika: Goddess-Mother-Height, the Mother of Majesty, the Mother of Bounty." Our hearts are with the entire Lewis family - hearts in which our loving, sweet memories of Evelyn Lewis are radiantly glowing forever. Tanima Bossart

January 13 at 10:38 AM

DG

David Greifinger posted:

Evelyn was everybody's mom on the Santa Monica Track Club, a steady influence for all in our traveling track troupe. I will always hold dear her kindness and wit. Rest in Paradise.

January 12 at 2:04 PM

CL

Claudette posted:

In addition to be the wonderful mother to Carol, Carl, Mack and Cleeve, Evelyn Lewis was the matriarch for all of us on the Santa Monica Track Club. She traveled with us to Europe and was always the calming presence for us, as a mom would be. One special memory I have of her was arriving at a track meet in Houston and our ride was delayed by several hours. I called Evelyn and even though she was in the middle of having people over to dinner and the airport was 30-40 minutes away, she came and picked us up. Just like your mom would do if you called her last minute. She will be missed but we are grateful for the time we did have with her ❤️

January 12 at 7:25 AM



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Helen M Gore-Laird posted:

I am so glad that I got to meet Evelyn. She is one of the sweetest and kindest ladies. The last time I saw her was at my retirement party given by UH Track and Field in 2021. She had an amazing life but she was more interested in you than she was in sharing her story. She was always smiling. Our life paths crossed and I am forever impacted by this wonderful lady. May she rest in peace and her light shine forever. Dr. Helen M. Gore-Laird

January 12 at 5:41 AM



Harold Sanco posted:

Carl, Carol, Mack and Cleve, I'm sending you a big hug and condolences today. Your mother always made me feel welcomed and her spirit will live forever. I will never forget her nickname Carl have her "Girl". ❤️❤️👤👤

January 12 at 1:53 AM



Tom En Eltje, David En Evita Van Vliet sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lewis family.



January 12 at 1:43 AM



Teresa Neighbors posted:

My greatest memory is Mrs. Lewis comforting my mom about my move to Houston. Til this day my speaks about it. God I'd getting an angel.R.I.P. Mrs. Lewis

January 11 at 12:27 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lewis family.



January 11 at 12:08 PM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lewis family.



January 11 at 8:42 AM



Luis Gamboa posted:

Dear Carol, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious mom. May the angels lead her into paradise. May she have eternal rest. Peace, Luis Gamboa

January 11 at 6:05 AM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Lewis family.



January 11 at 5:14 AM



Akiko Agishi From La & Tokyo sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Lewis family.



January 10 at 2:26 PM



Deona Thomas posted:

Mack, Cleve, Carl and Carol, On behalf of my father, Ken Lewis, Sr., aunt Deborah Lewis, uncles, Horace, Alan and Dwayne Lewis, and my cousins and our families, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences. We were both honored and grateful to have had the opportunity to celebrate your mother and be in her presence on her 90th birthday in Atlanta. May the memories of your mother warm your hearts forever. Sending all our love from Chicago. Deona Lewis Thomas

January 10 at 1:08 PM



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Christiane Heise posted:

Dear family Lewis, we offer our condolences in these hard times. We are with you in our thoughts and will keep your beloved mother's memory in our hearts. Your German family Jordan, Heise and Winter.

January 10 at 11:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Remembrance Spray to the Lewis family.



January 10 at 11:37 AM



Carol McIlhenny posted:

I ran track in the late 70s for competing school, Holy Cross High, and while finishing my anchor leg at the Woodbury relays freshman year I felt myself being flanked by two individuals- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, inviting me to join the WTC. Wished my mom was able to drive, I never was able to join the club but anytime either saw me they were always sure to ask if I needed help with college recruiting. They were both lovely and inspirational people. May Mrs. Lewis now rest in paradise. Condolences to Carl, Carol, and the rest of the Lewis family. Carol (Krajewski) McIlhenny

January 10 at 11:21 AM



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DN

Dr M'zée Fula Ngenge posted:

Evelyn Lawler Lewis is the epitome of a model wife, mother, sister and daughter of African descent. Ms Lewis is a graceful woman who was not only blessed in performance, but also in well-being, radiance and elegance. I have known Evelyn for 38 years of her 93 years and while she and my own mother possess countless similarities, no one will argue that she was the woman I treasured as much as my own mother. When I volunteered to drive a U-Haul full of furniture to complete her relocation from Houston Texas to Willingboro New Jersey, I will never forget the astonished and starry-eyed expression on her face when I arrived all alone and I will never forget the abundance of gratitude she expressed for my voluntary goodwill. What she never had the opportunity to hear from me is a heartfelt thank you for the four amazing children she produced, who I have had the pleasure of accepting as siblings of mine in every way. While there are many contributions that we all continue to discover about Evelyn, each new finding reveals that she was a divine spirit as well as an inspiration to so many. What I remember most is that Evelyn always provided a masterful example of what it means to be free, to keep it light and to turn away from negativity. She was a splendid global traveling partner and her numerous deeds to seek peace and balance were so consistent and impactful that the multitude who witnessed these characteristics assumed that these unique qualities materialized without much sacrifice or effort. While I compose this evocation of her with a sense of mournfulness, I am at peace to appreciate that she is mine, just as she is for so many others who had the privilege of being strengthened by her irresistible ambiance. Not pretentious or ostentatious woman in any way, her regal departure not only serves as unrelenting motivation for me to exert more time and energy to living, but also serves as a lesson for us all to remain grounded, free from vanity and worthy of every blessing that comes to us. Rest In Peace and Power, Dr M'zée Fula Ngenge (Luanda, Angola)

January 6 at 3:33 PM

ER

E. Rucker posted:

My deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of your mother. An extraordinary Person, Teacher, and Coach. I will never forget my days as a member of the Willingboro Track Club or the many conversations we held regarding race strategy. Evelyn Lewis - A true pioneer. Erick Rucker

January 10 at 6:38 AM



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Rorrie Troublefield-Jefferies lit a candle in honor of Evelyn.



January 9 at 11:34 AM



Rorrie Troublefield-Jefferies January 9 at 11:38 AM

Ms. Lewis was truly a blessing in my life. I will forever be grateful for the "mothering" she gave during all of her track practices. My love for running and the techniques she taught me served me well during my naval service. That beautiful smile, shouts of encouragement, and that hug waiting at the finish line is something I will always carry with me. Rest in power my queen!



Tyrone Lewis sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lewis family.



January 9 at 6:42 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lewis family.



January 9 at 5:32 AM



Shelley Elliott posted:

Evelyn Lewis was my Track Coach who taught me not only endurance but also self discipline. My mom titled her as an Ideal Leader. For this she will always be remembered and the family in our hearts. Sending prayers Shelley and Marilouise

January 9 at 4:48 AM



Patricia Theroux January 9 at 9:16 AM

Evelyn Lewis was my gym teacher as well as her sisters, Ms George and Ms Cobb. I never remember any of them not smiling. I went to Bill's funeral and was so pleased to hear Carl sing the most beautiful song. I'm living in Florida now, widowed myself, so I will keep y'all close in my heart and my prayers. God bless y'all. Patricia Theroux aka Patti Williams



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ZH

Zurich Sri Chinmoy Centre, Hutashan sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Lewis family.



January 9 at 4:38 AM

DB

Dan Begel posted:

Purveyor of confidence. Wise counselor. Wry humorist. Willing sanctuary. Salt of the earth. It was a privilege to know you, Evelyn. My love to you and your family.

January 8 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Lewis family.



January 8 at 8:04 AM

VW

Vera Williams posted:

My sincere condolences to Carl and Carol and the entire family..Mrs. Lewis was my track coach during high school she was my mentor and well respected she taught us tough love and I love her for that. RIP..Mrs Lewis you will be missed and your legacy will live on..

January 7 at 5:17 PM

VW

Vera Williams lit a candle in honor of Evelyn.



January 7 at 5:10 PM



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Gian Franco Bertolino posted:

My deepest condolences to Carol, Carl and their family. I know how close you were to your Mother, the fine example she set for all of you and how proud she was of you. It always impressed me how beautiful your relationship was with her and the kind of truly admirable family, together with your beloved father, she was able to establish. Rest in peace Mrs Lewis. Kindest regards, Gian Franco Bertolino

January 7 at 5:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Lewis family.



January 7 at 12:32 PM



Cindy Fisher (Franklin) posted:

My Condolences to Carol and Carl and the family. Your mom was my gym teacher Jr high school and Willingboro high school. She taught us more than gym she taught us about life. She will always be remembered. We love you Mrs. Lewis. May you RIP.

January 7 at 12:03 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lewis family.



January 7 at 7:30 AM



Rijuta And Entire Sri Chinmoy Centre sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Lewis family.



January 7 at 5:33 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lewis family.



January 7 at 5:33 AM



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NC

Nan Cooper posted:

To the Lewis family, My condolence to your family Evenly and her sister Freddie who welcome me to the Penticles. Evelyn was the president when I became a member. My husband Charles (d) knew you father and became friends of him as well. He was my son Rodney's teacher both in elementary school and high school. You know my son Terry. Thank you for your help with his cousin. I will remember your mother with fondness. She gained her wings and joined her family in heaven.

January 7 at 5:08 AM

JS

Jo Stewart posted:

Thank you, Carol, Cleve, Mack, and F. Carl, for entrusting us, Cozy Living Community, to care for your mother, Ms. Lewis during this phase of her life. It was an honor and a pleasure. Our prayers are with you during this time.

January 7 at 5:02 AM

DO

Dr. Madeline Manning Mims, Oly January 7 at 5:33 AM

Oh how I loved and cherished our friendship. I'll never forget sitting next to Evelyn during times when Carl and Carol competed watching her chew on a towel as I held her hand and prayed. Lol Her encouraging words to me never to give up being a chaplain to the athletes empowered my efforts. Blessings to the family during this difficult time. You are loved 🙏
Madeline and family Dr. Madeline Manning Mims, Oly

MC

Marion Coleman posted:

Our condolences to the Lewis family from the Watson family. My boys Vance, Victor and Vaughn grew up with the Willingboro Track Club. I managed the track club for eight years. Evelyn was a wonderful teacher and showed me how to manager the track team. So many memories we had. Evelyn you earned your wings. 🙏🙏🙏 Marion Coleman

January 7 at 4:59 AM

MS

Michele Stanley posted:

My prayers for your family. I had the pleasure of having Mrs Lewis as my wonderful Gym teacher... she inspired me to exercise, to run and to be healthy. She left such a strong impression of living life healthy on me, and many others. Such a wonderful person, RIP Mrs Lewis!!!!

January 7 at 4:31 AM



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PR

Paul D Roberts posted:

Dear family, I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Lewis's passing. I grew up in Willingboro and we blessed to have both Mr. & Mrs. Lewis as teachers. What wonderful souls they were! I am praying for the family that God will comfort them during this time. May Mrs. Lewis rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior ❤️

January 7 at 12:20 AM

LJ

Latoyna Jones posted:

To the family....my heart ❤️ is with you all.Ms Lewis was my friend she was so sweet an I enjoyed the short time we spent together but it seems like we had been knowing each other a long timeevery day coming to see her was a blessing to see her smile 😊 when I say Ms Lewis I'm here you ready she always say yes ...I have to get my Sugers ...she just smile.....she will always be in my heart ❤️ family keep your head up your Mom was very strong Powerful person. It was an honor to be with her ...Thank you. Ms Lewisyou will never be forgotten..I Love You Love your CNA Latoyna j

January 6 at 6:39 PM

LB

Lisa James-Beavers posted:

Mrs. Evelyn Lewis will always be lovingly remembered as a teacher who had high expectations of her students and athletes. She brought out the best in all of us. I'm grateful for the work ethic she taught me. My condolences to her family.

January 6 at 6:25 PM



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MM

Mabrie Memorial Mortuary posted:

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January 6 at 3:33 PM

DA

Diksha Arturi January 8 at 8:08 PM

Mrs. Lewis is a special soul. She and her children brought much light, inspiration and goodness into the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to have the honour of meeting the family on a number of occasions via Sri Chinmoy's athletic activities. Sri Chinmoy the holiest of beings treasured the Lewis family and always gave great importance to their work for humanity. Mrs. Lewis has left a huge cleft in the world of true motherhood.

RT

Rjuta Tooker January 7 at 7:38 AM

Evelyn (Ambalika) Lewis was a dear friend for many years - since the mid 1980's. We spent so many hours, literally days, of joy together in New York, New Jersey and Houston at races, special Award Ceremonies, family gatherings and even the Olympics. To the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, the Sri Chinmoy Oneness Home Peace Run and all of the international members of the Sri Chinmoy Centre, we have always felt your heart of loving concern, your kindness, patience and unconditional spirit of oneness. Your incredibly close family was and is remarkable: Carol, Carl, Cleve and Mackie. So many treasured memories! Our eternal love, gratitude and pride Mrs. Lewis!

HC

Horace Connor January 7 at 6:18 AM

Mrs Evelyn Lewis was like a mother to me as was her late Husband Bill Lewis. She will be missed and always spiritually remembered. It is my memories of track and field as a coach guided by the Lewis's that I personally will cherish always until my "sunset ". Lastly, I will keep Carl, Carol, Cleve and Bill Jr. in my prayers as well.Horace M. Connor III



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Evelyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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