



## Jeretha T. Lewis

March 14, 1922 - May 11, 2014

"Jerry" Age 92 Of St. Paul MN Loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother On May 11, 2014 at Episcopal Church Home in St. Paul made the transition to her eternal home, surrounded by her loving family who held her hand until the end. Preceded in death by her infant son Alfred L. Lewis, and sons, Eugene J. McCarty, and Edwin McCarty, Sr. Survived by her husband of 58 years, Joseph L. Lewis; children Charlene McCarty, Darlene (Larry) Moore, Albert Lewis, Robert Lewis and Gwendolyn (Toussaint) Moore; sister, Annie Ruth Williams of Meridian Ms.; grandchildren, Michaun Moore, Toussaint Moore Jr., Melissa Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Robert Lewis Jr., Braxton Lewis, Latashia Gant, Stephen McCarty and Edwin McCarty Jr; 9 great grandchildren. Private Graveside Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery - Assembly Area #5. Jerry was a 70 Year Member of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church 585 Fuller Ave St. Paul MN. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to the Capitol Campaign at Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church. This poem was shared at the graveside services for Jeretha by her daughter Darlene: "MY BEST FRIEND" I SMILE, AS I LOOK BACK OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE HAD. THOUGH MY EYES ARE FILLED WITH TEARS~I AM NOT SAD. FOR WE'VE SHARED SOME GOOD TIMES, WE'VE SHARED SOME TEARS, WE'VE SHARED SOME MOMENTS THAT I WILL ALWAYS KEEP NEAR. I'VE FOUND YOU TO BE SOMEONE IN WHOM I CAN DEPEND, MUCH MORE THAN A MOTHER, YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND. WHEN IN PAIN,

YOU COMFORTED ME, AND WHEN MY SPIRITS WERE LOW, YOU COULD LIFT ME HIGHER THAN ANYONE I KNOW. WHEN I WAS DOWN, IT WAS YOUR BRIGHT SMILE I WOULD SEE. WHEN I WAS DISCOURAGED, YOU WOULD STAND BESIDE ME. YOU ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME THROUGH THICK AND THROUGH THIN~ YOU'RE MORE THAN A MOTHER, YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND YOU WERE ALWAYS SO THOUGHTFUL, SO CARING, SO DEAR- AND THOUGH MILES WERE BETWEEN US, YOU ALWAYS FELT NEAR. I AM THANKFUL YOU TAUGHT ME TO MYSELF BE TRUE. TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT IN ALL THAT I DO. YOU'VE TAUGHT ME TO TRY AND LIVE FREE FROM SIN, I THANK GOD FOR YOU MAMA, YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND. THE TIME HAS NOW COME WHEN WE HAVE TO DEPART, BUT ONLY IN PRESENCE, NEVER IN HEART. YOU NEVER COMPLAINED OR EVEN ASKED WHY- AN EXAMPLE TO ME THAT I MUST ALWAYS TRY. TRY TO BE STRONG AND FIGHT TO THE END, TO HAVE PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE, LIKE YOU, MY BEST FRIEND. MY LOVE FOR YOU IS STRONG AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE. THOUGH THE DAYS MAY PASS AND THE TEARS WILL LEAVE ME. I TRIED ALL I COULD TO SHOW HOW MUCH I CARED. I BELIEVE YOU KNEW HOW MUCH FROM THE CLOSENESS WE SHARED. I LOVED YOU AS YOU LOVED ME, UNCONDITIONALLY TO THE END. THAT'S WHY I'LL MISS YOU SO DEARLY, YOU WERE MY BEST FRIEND.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I know my Mom was there to greet her!*

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**Misti Rose** - July 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My very sincere condolences to Darlene, Charlene and all of the Lewis family. Jerri was truly a special woman who touched the hearts and lives of all with whom she came in contact with. I consider myself very blessed to have known her. God grant her eternal happiness in heaven.*

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**Marty Gaona-Lundstrom** - June 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I can't imagine the sorrow you are feeling. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Eve Jensen** - June 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. I have many fond memories of "JERRI" when I visited the BARRS at 583 CARROLL. ST. PAUL will always be a memorable city, and I will always hold and keep CAMPHOR UMC in my heart My deepest sympathy and condolences to all.*

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**Lillian Manning** - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Lillian Manning** - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AQ

“ Avalyn Quick has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

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**Avalyn Quick** - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are all blessed for having known this Phenomenal Woman!

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**Barbara Stennett** - June 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ We are very saddened to hear of your loss and would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family.  
Gerald and Bonnie Lewis  
Blessings

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**Gerald and Bonnie Lewis** - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Charlene, my deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother.  
May God comfort you in your loss.  
Deb Olson BSF

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**Deb Olson** - May 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Dear Charlene and the entire Lewis family: I was so sad to hear of Jeretha's passing. My mom Ruby is also a resident at ECH and I have enjoyed so much getting to know Charlene. Caregiving is such a blessing, but also a commitment of time and love. Blessings to you, Charlene, to Jeretha's loving husband Joseph and to all of you who cared so much.

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**Laurie Anderson** - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Robbie and I convey our deepest sympathy to the family of Sister Jeetha T. Lewis. We pray that all of you continue to be strong and keep the Faith she has instilled in the family for she will forever live in your heart until you see her again on when we are all called up to heaven to be with her.

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**Mr. & Mrs. Virgil LaVan Rush** - May 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Our warmest thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you now.  
Sincerely, Ray & Geraldine Nathan

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**Ray & Geraldine Nathan** - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Charlene,  
Thank you for letting your BSF friends know about the home going of your beloved Mom. The Lord was gracious in extending her life to give you more time with her this year for your loving temporary good byes until you are together again. It was precious to hear you tell us of your dear relationship with your Mom and I was blessed to pray for you and your family this year! You have been very loved--how rich you are! Now the One Who loves you above all will be walking beside you as you process this loss, even as you have assurance of being with her one day, never to be apart again--and praising our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, together forever! My heart and love go out to you and I look forward to seeing you in BSF again next year, if not sooner. My condolences to all your family.  
Linda Johnson

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**Linda Johnson** - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ One should be so lucky in life to experience the care and love as this family has given. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family. May God bless you.

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**Andrea & Kyle Tonniges** - May 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the Family of Mrs. Jeretha T. Lewis,  
So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One, (Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma) Mrs. Lewis. Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all of those who have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved, Mom, Mrs. Lewis. (John 11:41-44)

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**J. Moore** - May 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Charlene and Darlene, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. May God grant you calming peace during this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing her memory will forever live in your hearts. My prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Leatha and Roy McNeely*

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**Leatha McNeely** - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Darlene and Larry:  
Ray and I were sorry to hear of the death of your mother. You have our deepest sympathy. Although, we did not know your mother personally, she had to have been a kind, caring and loving person to have raised a daughter as thoughtful and precious as you. We will definitely keep you and your family in our uppermost thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you and give you strength.*

*Love you, Ray and Willye Chambers*

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**Ray & Willye Chambers** - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *How lovely that your beautiful Mom left for her REAL home on Mother's Day. Her smile and warmth were always a treasure. You know that I love you and you are in my prayers. Linda*

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**Linda Denson** - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *My name is Amy Klemm. I am volunteer at Episcopal Church Home.*

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**Amy Klemm** - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Charlene and Darlene, thank you for taking good care of Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Mom will be greatly missed for the joy she brought everyone at ECH. Blessings.*  
*Blaise B.*

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**Blaise Bindoula** - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Dear Charlene and Darlene,  
Deepest sympathy to you and your family. Mumsie was such a beautiful, warm, gracious, loving and generous lady. Her smile is etched in my memory. She is absent in body but present with the Lord. May you experience the God of peace as He comforts, embraces and sustains you.*

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**Dianne Hargust** - May 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Jeretha T. Lewis*

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**Jean Moore Kim hereford** - May 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Dear Charlene and Darlene, and Family,  
May God keep and comfort you in your hour of sorrow and remember he is faithful for joy cometh in the morning. My prayers are with you. Love you Denise, David , Cam and Bri.*

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**Denise Lilly** - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Charlene and Darlene,  
Our heartfelt sympathy is sent to you and your family. May God  
bless you and comfort you through this great loss.*

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**Jolene and Fredrick Blocton** - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grieving  
and transition. You will be remembered for your care to you mother.  
Blessings  
P.S. It is an honor to have the same birthday as Ms Jereatha!*

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**Allie Davis** - May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Darlene and Family, I was sad to hear of your mother's passing. But  
how beautiful that God chose your mother to come and spend  
Mother's Day with him. Please know that you are all in my prayers  
at this most difficult time. I understand fully the loss you all are  
experiencing. May God grant you peace and strength as you carry  
on your mother's legacy and all that she embodied in the name of  
Christ. With Love and Prayers,  
Sondra.*

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**Sondra Malone** - May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PY

“ *This lady will always hold a special place in my heart. Her smile and I loved the deep rich voice. (Missing her cakes)*

*Family - you all will be forever in my prayers for Blessings of Comfort and Peace. Believe that she is watching over all of you. She loves you!*

*God Bless-  
Pat Yates*

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**Pat (Harris) Yates** - May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *A strong southern women, who was the essence of our black females. An idyllic model. Let us never forget her image.*

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**Mike & Kally West** - May 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ *Darlene, Charlene, and Larry our hearts are with you and your family during these difficult times. Momma is in a better place. May she rest in peace.*

*Ivan & Nadine  
Love ya*

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**Ivan & Nadine Chambers** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Her spirit lives on through the many memories and influences that have shaped each and everyone of us. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Bob Pedersen*

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**Bob Pedersen** - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM