



Ms. Alice Fay Lewis

September 23, 1949 - November 8, 2024

In Loving Memory Of

Alice Fay Lewis was born on September 23, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the union of Manasee and Louise McCormick who both preceded her in death (Manasee 2001, Louise 1964, Step-mother Gustie McCormick 2022) and brother Manuel Frederick Sally 2002.

Alice accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age. As a young lady she joined Oak Grove A.M.E Church under the leadership of Reverend David E. Mitcham. It was then Alice began a lifelong tenure serving the Lord on many auxiliaries, multiple choirs, kitchen and women's ministry and co-chair to many Annual Women's Day services. The spirit of servitude remained ceaseless under the leadership of Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram and Dr. Robert Brumfield. Her faithfulness to Oak Grove never wavered, she continued by tuning in every Sunday morning for worship at 9 A.M. up until the most recent Sunday preceding.

Alice briefly worked for the United States Postal Service before attending Wayne State University where she earned a Bachelor's of Art degree. In 1971 Alice met Theophilius Lewis and in 1972 they married and to their union two daughters were born; Arricka VerShawn and Anissa Evonne. Even while becoming a new wife and mother Alice continued her education with a concentration on accounting, she had a niche for order and numbers! Her

academic accomplishments led to a position with the Internal Revenue Service. During her 34 year career she held many positions, she retired as an Appeals Audit Officer in January 2006.

Living life and navigating through its vicissitudes seemed to never shake Alice; always a devoted Mother, Granny, Daughter, Sister, Auntie, and Niece to her eight Aunt's and Uncle's. She was the voice of reason, the calm and keeper of finances, chosen and named conservator over many of her immediate family estates. When Alice retired at the tender age of 57 she made a commitment to live life to the fullest. Although she always served her family and within the church the new assignment God called her to, was to volunteer time and offer support at Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit. In between Granny duties an assignment she never took lightly, Alice set time to travel, stamp my passport please! Some of her excursions include Alaska, Italy, Hawaii, Jamacia, Aruba and many cruises, too many to name. She enjoyed spending the quality time and adventure with a few of her favorites Linda Pryce, Clara Blackman and the Women's ministry of Greater Grace Church, a group she traveled annually with.

Vigorous, an understatement to Alice's passion for life. She enjoyed playing softball on the women's New Detroit softball team in the early 80's, she was umpire for a youth softball league, and she loved to bowl on many bowling leagues and tournaments. Her teammates recently remembered her as a strong bowler with average in the upper 200's. She loved to play backgammon and cards, pinochle, tunk and spades but her favorite was bid whist and she was good! Alice was a member of Sophisticated Ladies card groups, she regularly played and hosted. She also enjoyed playing with family & friends until the wee hours of the morning and had the patience to teach anyone that asked to learn.

When duty called Alice accepted with no hesitation. In 2014, she moved to

Houston TX to assist her eldest daughter Arricka VerShawn and her family with navigating in a new city with her two young sons. When she arrived she took on her duties exceptionally and still found a way to create and cultivate relationships in a city she knew no one. She attended Brook Hollow The Church Without Walls, where she participated in the senior bible study group SALT (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly). She joined the Copperfield Cuties bowling league and she volunteered at HCA North Cypress Houston Hospital. The relationships built during her time in Houston remained strong through distance and years.

In February 2022, Alice and her two daughters decided it would be best for her to move back to Detroit to be surrounded by immediate family members and friends and nurtured by those she had poured so much love into over the years. After living a full life, steps ordered by God, heaven's curtains parted and God whispered, "Come and rest – my child" to Alice on Friday November 8, 2024. She was surrounded with love during her transition.

Alice Fay leaves to cherish her memories sister Lena Sally, daughter Arricka Griffin (Anthony) grandsons, Anthony Caleb Griffin, Ayden Griffin, Daughter Anissa Lewis (Eddie), granddaughters Mychael Furman, Jordin Jerks & Zenith Fay great- granddaughter to be, bonus son Greg Lewis (Vanessa) grandsons Joshua Lewis (preceded in death) GregBryce Lewis, granddaughter Kassidi Lewis, great-grandsons, Christian and Brayden Lewis, and a host of nieces, nephews god-children, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

Saturday, Nov. **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace And Goodwill Baptist Church
20955 Bournemouth St
Harper Woods, MI 48225

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Charles Murphy lit a candle in memory of Alice Lewis*



Charles Murphy - November 26, 2024 at 01:32 PM

BS

“ *Bobbie Safford lit a candle in memory of Alice Lewis*



Bobbie Safford - November 24, 2024 at 04:31 PM

PL

“ *My condolences to the family. I met Alice in Houston Texas. We became friends. She was my bowling partner. We when to the same church. She love the Lord. After she moved back to Detroit we would talk all the time. Until she couldn't talk on the phone. I will miss her so much.*

Patricia Love - November 23, 2024 at 03:27 AM



“ Dear Arricka and your family, my deepest and sincere condolences to you and your family regarding the passing of your beloved Mother. She was always so nice to me whenever I came over (which was often back in the day) to spend the night. I smile with fond memories of you and me getting dressed to go out to a party. Then coming home quietly being sure NOT to disturb your Mom. I recall with a smile on my face how your Mom held it down and took excellent care of you and your sister! And your Mama's house was always spotless and beautiful. What a strong Black woman she was and an example! I recall with joy how much you loved your Mom and how extremely fortunate and blessed you were to have a Mom that could be there with you once you became a mother yourself. You were tremendously blessed by her presence and devotion. Arricka, she will ALWAYS be with you every second of every day. As one who lost her mother years ago, I know all too well the sorrow you must be feeling. Allow yourself time to grieve. If you want to talk at any time to someone who knows what you're going through, I am HERE. But most importantly sis', Lean on the Lord. He will carry you through this time of grieving. Many blessings, Mahogany & Family - The Clarke's of New York

I submit this poem as my gift to you and your Mom. You have my permission to use it as you wish. I will print it and frame it and mail it you very soon.

*Thank You Strong Black Mom
by: Mahogany Reynolds
November 22, 2024*

*A strong Black mom holds it down,
she does what needs to be done,
without wearing a frown,
as she moves and navigates life,
wearing her crown*

This mother of two, equally strong

*girls, made the sacrifices and set
them up for success,
and I know first hand, that Ms. Alice didn't
tolerate no foolishness*

*Her home, spotless, warm and pristine
her strength, her focus, defining what
a committed mother means*

*Thank you for opening your home to me,
your daughter Arricka's college homegirl,
Always willing to let me spend the night,
as she and I grew up in the world*

*As her soul rises to meet our Lord
and Savior, the Most High God in the
sky, so we cry, yes, we truly cry*

*Yet those tears, will become the water
that nourishes the fond memories over the years*

*Of her smile, her laugh, her power
and her devotion*

*So as her spirit rises over many oceans
and is embraced by the love of God*

*We bow our heads
place our hands on our heart*

*And wish her sweet eternal peace
knowing that in the spirit
she will never depart*



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*



November 22, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*



November 22, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*

November 22, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Peace and Goodwill's Women's Ministry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*



Peace and Goodwill's Women's Ministry - November 22, 2024 at 01:30 PM

PM

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Peace and Goodwill’s Women’s Ministry - November 22, 2024 at 01:30 PM

PS

“ Patrice, Joanie and Sharrow purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.



Patrice, Joanie and Sharrow - November 21, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LB

“ LaNorris Arma Keisha Kortni Kamille Boyd purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.



LaNorris Arma Keisha Kortni Kamille Boyd - November 21, 2024 at 02:52 PM

KB

“ We love you Fay, LaNorris, Arma, Keisha, Kortni and Kamille Boyd

Keisha Boyd - November 21, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*



November 21, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ *Love your girls: Zaire, Sloan and Brynn purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*



Love your girls: Zaire, Sloan and Brynn - November 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ *Aida Andrews purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Alice Fay Lewis.*



Aida Andrews - November 19, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ *In Memory of Alice Fay
Cherished memories from both Houston and Detroit.
She always put the feelings of others above her own.
A devoted Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, Cousin and Friend!
She tried to out-love everyone in every part of her life.*



Vincent J Kerney - November 18, 2024 at 08:30 AM