



Bennie Lewis

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“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36

On August 17, 2021, our beloved father, son and brother, Bennie Lewis, transitioned into eternity, and he will be truly missed.

Bennie was born September 20, 1943 in Murphysboro, IL to the late Willie Mae Langford Lewis and Norah Lewis Sr. He was the second born son of their seven children, and all of them were boys.

As a small child, Bennie vowed to achieve his life's dream, and with that, he began his journey from rags to riches. He began bundling hay at a young age. By the time he became a teenager, he worked at a local barbeque place in Murphysboro, Carl Witts.

He graduated from Murphysboro Township high School and then joined the Army.

He married and started his family with his wife. He had three children, Fred, Jackie, and Paul.

Bennie was employed at Caterpillar Tractor company for over 30 years before he retired.

He had a passion for cars, so he opened his own business, Lewis Auto Sales.

Bennie passed away peacefully in his sleep, August 17, 2021. He had to go, but he leaves his most prized possessions behind, which are his children. Paul Lewis, Fred (Jamie) Jones, Kelvin Gilmore, and Jacqueline (Mark) Bell.

He also leaves his brothers, whom he loved dearly: John Lewis, Carbondale, IL; Reco (Betty) Lewis, Decatur, IL; Bobby Lewis, Decatur, IL; Randy Lewis, Toledo, Ohio.



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He leaves 12 grandchildren that he loved: Rodneisha, Jatafta, Lance, Trenton, Kendall, Zachary, Kellena, Jaylon, Celina, Halle, Ashlee, and Easton.

He also had 4 great-grandchildren: Daylynn, Isiah, Rashad, and Hudson.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents Norah and Willie Mae Langford Lewis; his older brother Norah Lewis Jr. and brother Frankie Lewis; and grandsons Ishamel Lewis, Taft Lewis.



Events


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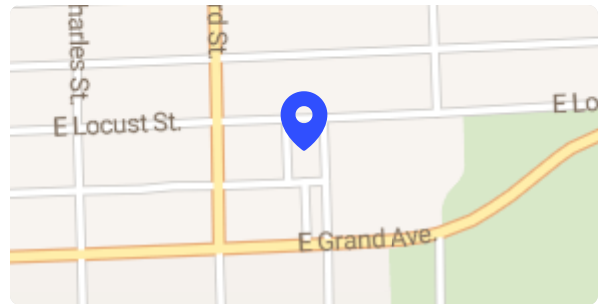
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, August 24, 2021

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **New Beginnings Apostolic Church**
1549 E Locust St, Decatur IL 62526

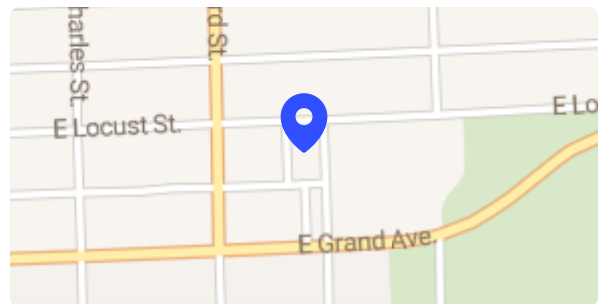


Homegoing Service


 **Tuesday**, August 24, 2021


 11:00 AM CT

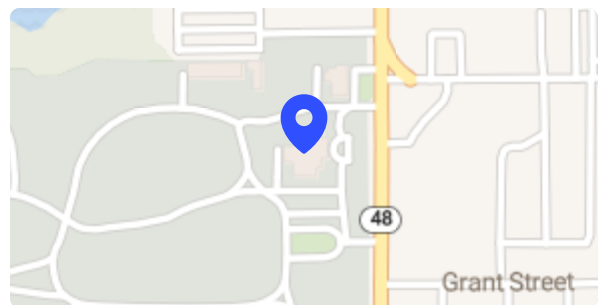
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Burial

 **Tuesday**, August 24, 2021

 **Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526





Tribute Wall

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FL

Freda Mcgee Stewart-Lasley posted:

I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of a very dear friend. I send my heartfelt condolences to the entire Lewis Family. God allowed JB and my paths to cross 21 years ago and he was truly a wonderful friend. I will always cherish those precious memories of him. You don't find too many genuine people in the world anymore, but he was a very caring man that loved his family and valued his friends. I will miss you my dear friend. May you Rest Peacefully in God's Loving Paradise ❤️. I will see you on the other side. ***Freda McGee Stewart-Lasley ***

September 1 at 12:19 AM

SC

Stella Crawford posted:

I just learned of Bennie's passing today. He was a joy to know and he added so much spark during our family reunions around the different states. The Langford, Christian, and Mason families will truly miss Bennie but will continue to remember and cherish the time he spent with us. On behalf of the reunion committee, we send our condolences, regards, and prayers to his family. Stella M. Crawford LCM Reunion President Birmingham, Alabama

August 31 at 3:00 PM

DT

Dale Tolly posted:

Worked with Bennie a lot of years in Security at Caterpillar. Great guy to work with. -- Dale Tolly

August 28 at 11:00 AM

BG

Beverly Glenn Smith Green posted:

I'm truly gonna miss you my friend couldn't make it to say good-bye I always asked you to come to Decatur you always said I wasn't gonna be getting on your nerves I give condolences to your family ❤️ I love you always 🌹 and I'll see you later ❤️💙

August 23 at 2:03 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Lewis family.



August 21 at 3:03 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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