



Bernard Lewis

February 13, 1928 - August 26, 2020

Bernard C. Lewis Sr., 92, of Henrico, departed this life Wednesday, August 26, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clayton and Inez Lewis; son, Bernard C. Lewis Jr. He was the last surviving member of the first African American Firefighters in the City of Richmond (Engine Company #9). He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1989 after 26 years of service. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Patricia; daughters, Bernetta Washington, Bernice Carson (Rev. Norwood); son, Bernell Lewis (Ellen); devoted daughter-in-law, Arnette Sampson; sister-in-law, Joan White; nine grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren.

In 92 years you have worn many hats. As a member of the United States Air Force, you fought for our country.

As a part of the first group of Black Firemen in the City of Richmond you were a trail blazer paving the way for others to follow.

As a lover of music, we learned to appreciate all types of music.

As we grew older we learned to cherish our times together with you as a family.

A Strong Diverse Man..Wearer of many hats.

As you take off your earthy hats and join our Father, know that our lives have been blessed and enriched to have you as our father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

We love you and we will miss you.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Grave Side Service

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Lewis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear about the passing of Bernard. Pat, you and your family have my deepest sympathy. I was only 21 years old when I met Bernard in the Railroad Club. Just hold on to all the good memories because the memories will get you through lonely hours of the days and nights. Trudell Candis*

Trudell Candis - September 03, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *Ivory C Scott Sr and family would like to give the Lewis family our condolences. May God bless you.*

Ivory Scott Sr. - September 01, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - September 01, 2020 at 12:41 PM



*May the Lord give you strength during your time of bereavement.
Bernard was a wonderful person to know and he will be missed.
Hold on to and cherish the memories.*

*Blessings,
McCoy and Evelyn Welch*

Evelyn Welch - September 04, 2020 at 06:12 AM