



Lewis Larue Farmer

July 27, 1985 - July 2, 2024

Legacy of Love

In my Father's house are many mansions:

if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14.2 (KJV)

Lewis Larue Farmer better known as Big or Lil Lew was born July 27, 1985 to Annette Farmer. He was the 3rd out of 6 on his mother side and the baby boy on his father side. He was preceded in death by his father Preston Clark.

Lewis Farmer ascended in his career at NSWC Dahlgren Division so he could reach back and help others.

The Richmond, Virginia, native grew up in a single-parent household with five siblings living in a two-bedroom apartment and as a youth, needed to get on the right track. After an enlightening conversation with his high school basketball coach, Farmer decided to turn his life around and focus on academics.

Lewis said putting education first "was the bridge and the stepping stone" that enabled him to earn a bachelor's and two master's degrees and propelled him

to serve as a system tester in the Electromagnetic and Sensor Systems Department at NSWC Dahlgren Division.

“Not to seem cliché, but God heard the prayers from others who prayed for me when I didn’t know how to pray for myself,” Farmer said. “I honestly feel that way. I truly appreciate anybody who ever took a little bit of stock in me.”

After graduating from John F. Kennedy High School, Lewis attended Virginia Union University (VUU), where he earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. He continued his higher education at Virginia State University and earned a master’s in mathematics and another in computer science.

Lewis worked as a teacher at John Marshall High School before becoming an instructor at VUU, where he eventually became chairperson of the mathematics department.

In 2016, Lewis joined NSWC Dahlgren Division and within the past eight years has recruited at least 15 VUU graduates to also join the workforce.

In his spare time, Lewis was an active participant with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and in his church.

“I’m real big on remembering where I came from,” Lewis said. “I’m in this position so I can inspire people who are in seats I sat in previously. That’s very important to me.”

Lewis began his career at NSWC Dahlgren Division as a cost estimator in the Integrated Combat Systems Department. As a system tester, he supported the Ground/Air Task-Oriented Radar program. In this role, he was responsible for writing test procedures, planning test events and executing tests locally and at various events across the country.

Lewis leaves to cherish wonderful memories: his beloved mother, Annette Farmer (Orlando Battle); 4 brothers, Derek Farmer (Rebecca), Mario Farmer, Jerrod Jackson and Kelvin Wall; 5 sisters, Kimberly Wall, Andrea Ruffin, Cavonia Washington, Tonya and Tanya Edwards; devoted friends Robert Timmons and William Banian III, a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph St.
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Wake

JUL 26. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church
2705 Hartman Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall

SR

“ I met Lewis at work, and he always had a quick smile and a great sense of humor. He was quick to help whenever I needed anything. He gave me some advice that was right on time here at work and I know it was from the kindness of his heart. His presence is greatly missed here! Even after knowing him for such a short time, I feel confident that he is with our father, God. My condolences and prayers for his family and friends for God to comfort you now, and in the days to come.

Susan Robey - August 05, 2024 at 01:13 PM

K(

“ To my brother who was more like my protector, well I had 5 n right in the middle it was me always crying about something or wanted just to be under you because I knew I could most likely get my way, even if u had got a lil upset with me. I wish I could get those days back and I wouldn't change a thing. We were far from bad, u just made things alot better from us not just sitting around not doing anything. Wish I could tell u how much u meant to me and how important you were in my life. I'll never forget nothing you showed me. I wish I had more time with you. I know I'll see you again bro. Your job on earth is done. Bro I love you. I hope I can make you proud of me bro. I'm trying. Sleep in paradise Lew Farmer

Kimberly Wall (Farmer) - July 28, 2024 at 12:32 PM

BA

“ I knew Lewis from high school. He was a good dude and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Brandon Alexander - July 26, 2024 at 08:35 AM

BG

“ My sincere condolences to the Lewis Farmer Family. Lewis was such a great person and a wonderful person to work around. He always had a positive attitude and a pleasant smile. The NSWCCD B40 Division will surely miss him. To the family, a mini prayer for you: Heavenly Father, we come before You with heavy hearts, seeking comfort and solace in our time of grief. We ask You to wrap Your loving arms around those who are mourning the loss of Lewis Farmer, and to fill their hearts with Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Also, I will leave you with a scripture "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 " Sleep well my friend"



Brenda B. Gates
NSWCDD B43 Branch Head

Brenda B. Gates - July 25, 2024 at 10:39 PM

MT

“ Marjorie T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lewis Larue Farmer.

Marjorie T. - July 25, 2024 at 08:38 PM

A(

“ Advanced Sensor Systems Division (B40) purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.



Advanced Sensor Systems Division (B40) - July 25, 2024 at 03:20 PM

JW

“ Justin W. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.



Justin W. - July 25, 2024 at 11:29 AM

SA

“ Sara purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.



Sara - July 25, 2024 at 06:04 AM

SA

“ Sara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lewis Larue Farmer.

Sara - July 25, 2024 at 06:04 AM

KA

“ Kwadwo Amakye purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.



Kwadwo Amakye - July 24, 2024 at 07:13 PM

A1

“ Alpha Phi Alpha Gamma Chapter Spring 13 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.

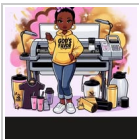


Alpha Phi Alpha Gamma Chapter Spring 13 - July 24, 2024 at 05:24 PM

K(

“ I love you so much. One of my very first bestfriends. You were an amazing brother growing up, u made sure you protected me and also made sure we were always doing some thing. U made my childhood years wonderful, that's something I'll always hold close in my heart n I'll never forget. U taught me how to ride a bike with no training wheels, how to skate and how to tie my shoes and awhole lot more. U taught me things I'll never forget. And I thank you so much for that big bro. It's always been the 6 of us siblings on moms side n I'll never say anything different. A will always say our names in order from oldest to youngest. I'm proud of you bro I love you. Continue to sleep peacefully bro. We won't ready for you to leave us but God had other plans and now your my guardian angel. I'm proud of you and I thank God for you being my brother.i love you lil lew

Kimberly Wall (Farmer) - July 24, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ rest in power god brother

Nitta Bullock - July 24, 2024 at 12:43 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.*



July 24, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ *Tzawe Wang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lewis Larue Farmer.*

Tzawe Wang - July 24, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ *Wanda Payne lit a candle in memory of Lewis Larue Farmer*



Wanda Payne - July 23, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ *Debra, Doreen & Dawn VUU purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.*



Debra, Doreen & Dawn VUU - July 23, 2024 at 03:02 PM

DV

“ Debra, Doreen & Dawn VUU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lewis Larue Farmer.

Debra, Doreen & Dawn VUU - July 23, 2024 at 03:02 PM

CF

“ You have my condolences to the family a kind and caring person will be miss Carolyn Friend GSBC

Carolyn Friend - July 19, 2024 at 06:34 PM

MN

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to his mother and family. May you be comforted in knowing that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. I met Brother Lewis when he joined Good Shepherd Baptist Church. He was very kind and friendly to us all. He was active as a church trustee serving and carrying out his duties. We shall truly miss his presence with us. May God bless and keep you.

Mrs. Brenda Nichols - July 17, 2024 at 11:06 AM

DH

“ To Annette and family: My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. May God grant you strength, comfort and peace today and in the days to come.

Derith Hatcher

Rising Mount Zion Baptist

Derith Hatcher - July 16, 2024 at 02:41 PM

MW

“ I first met Lewis a few years ago during a group project at work and got to know him a little. Recently I was given the opportunity to learn, work, and talk with him on a daily basis. Being in the same room with him was always fun, and he was always there for me if I had questions. He helped me feel ready to take on any new challenges.



My deepest condolences to his family.

Micah Webb - July 15, 2024 at 09:57 AM

MT

My deepest condolences to family and friends of Farmer. I'm definitely going to miss his friendship that he shared with many ,he is the definition of the meaning of the word friend. I will also miss the times when we would go to Northside Grille and fellowship wirth his coworkers at John Marshall High School .May God continue to watch over rhe family and friends during this difficult time 🙏

Mario Thornton - July 15, 2024 at 09:52 PM

SR

To the family of Farmer, as I call him. Farmer was full of life! He was a joy to work with at VUU. He was a people person and worked well with everyone. I will certainly miss Farmer's smile, sense of humor and Big heart! I pray for comfort and strength for the family. May the peace of Christ be with you and shine upon you to carry you through life. 🙏

Sharonda Burns Ragland - July 23, 2024 at 04:40 PM

II

“ I knew Lewis Farmer since living around the way from Dill avenue. Wonderful individual. Praying for everyone in the family as well as friends.

Isaiah Isaac - July 15, 2024 at 08:40 AM

JJ

“ This is very unsuspecting. My heart goes out Lewis's family. I grew up with Lewis and his brother Mario. Lewis was a very kind person and friendly. He had a laugh that was very genuine and welcoming. Be at peace my brother, the worries of the world are no longer yours. We will see you again!

Javone Johnson - July 14, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DS

“ We don't have the words to fully comprehend what “Farmer” meant to us. He was more than a friend; he was our matchmaker, the reason we are celebrating 8 years of marriage in the coming weeks. We were blessed to have him in our wedding.

Throughout the years, Farmer's kindness, warmth, and unwavering support touched our lives in ways we can't express. He was the kind of friend everyone needs - a listener, an advice giver, a supporter, and a true heart in our lives. His presence brought light and laughter to every gathering, and we'll forever cherish the memories we shared and the love he brought into our lives.

You will always hold a special place in our hearts, dear friend!

Continued prayers and strength for the family!

Dr. and Mrs. Karl Jackson, Sr.



Dr. and Mrs. Karl Jackson, Sr. - July 13, 2024 at 07:01 PM

MA

“ *My deepest condolences to Lewis' family.*

Marry Ashburn - July 12, 2024 at 08:40 AM

RJ

“ *Ricky J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lewis Larue Farmer.*

Ricky J. - July 11, 2024 at 11:43 PM

RJ

“ *Ret. SFC Johnson, Ricky B., Chester, VA
Lewis Farmer was a good man and a good friend to me. We worked together at John Marshal High School. We enjoyed hanging out after duty together. Every time I came through Richmond I would look Lewis up to hand out with him. He was always fun to hang out with and talk to. I'm really going to miss Lewis. RIP my friend and I will see you again. Condolences goes out to the family and we will always love Lewis like a brother!!!*

Ricky Johnson - July 11, 2024 at 11:40 PM

HT

“ *Deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of a good friend. I have worked with Lewis both at VUU and at the Navy and it was never a dull moment whenever he was around. He had a great sense of humor and also very focused on his work. His most important legacy apart from being such a great colleague and a great person to be around was that he gave back so much to his alma mater VUU by helping recruit those that came after him for opportunities in the Navy and continuing to make time from his busy schedule to teach and inspire students at VUU.
RIP, friend.*

Hailu Teju - July 11, 2024 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ Absolutely devastated to hear that Lewis left us so soon. We have worked together from the VUU days all the way to the Navy. Such a humble person with a lot of humor, We have shared so many memories working together.
Dhruva Mishra

Dhruva Mishra - July 11, 2024 at 09:14 AM

ST

“ I got to spend a good deal of time with and around Lewis at work. From what I knew, while here on Earth he was a fun and funny guy who loved to put in extra hours and spend his free time on Fortnite. But I sincerely hope that now he's enjoying an eternal reward with the Lord.
Until next time, Brother.



Stephen Thompson - July 10, 2024 at 04:20 PM

RF

“ *RET. SGM Lonnie E. Whitaker & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lewis Larue Farmer.*



RET. SGM Lonnie E. Whitaker & Family - July 10, 2024 at 01:50 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 - July 09, 2024 at 11:25 AM