



Lewis Edward Gaither

March 20, 1948 - April 26, 2024

Lewis was born in Philadelphia on March 10, 1948. He was a Pittsburgh Steelers NFL Fan. He moved to MD in 1952. He graduated from Glenelg High School in Howard County, MD.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents James E. "Guy" Gaither and Florence Kelly Gaither. His siblings who preceded him in death are sisters Joyce and Dot, and brother Raymond "Louise" Johnson, and step-father James Harris. He leaves behind his brother Wayne Gaither (wife Paula Gaither) and James L. Gaither. He was also preceded in death by his best friend and Main Apple Scrapple Abdur Rahman. He also leaves behind best friend John "JJ" Jackson, Jr.

He married Sakeena Thompson and together they raised four children. He leaves behind his children Haleema Jenifer (son LaVon Hall), William Long III (daughter Ayla Long & son Gavin Long), taMica Gaither-Banks (son Bashiru Gaither and husband Drew Banks), and Taren Booker (husband Tony Booker). He also leaves behind a grandson, Jason Rahman. He leaves behind a host of friends, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was a devoted Deacon and Trustee at Alabaster Ministries under Bishop Timothy W. Tilman, Sr. for over 20 years. He retired from Giant Food where he worked 30 years. He was also a former bus driver and chauffeur. He loved his

Lincoln Towncar. He could tell you how to get anywhere up and down the East Coast with street names, beltway exit numbers, and landmarks. Anyone who knows him knows how much he loved cars. Over the years he owned quite a few. He could listen to the engine hum and tell you what kind of engine it was. He could fix anything. Once the boiler at the church (New Hope) was broken, he spent countless hours in the cold basement reading through the manual to fix it. It took some time, but he got it up and running. We were all grateful for the heat.

On October 6, 2023, he fell and had a stroke two days before his twins' birthday. He had been sick for the last six months. On Thursday 4/25/2024 he went to hospice. On Friday 4/26/2024 after plenty of visitors, we chose to remove the breathing tube and turn off the ventilator. His niece Tiffany Gaither read a prayer to send him off. He was fighting once the life support was removed. His Goddaughter Jackie Davis said he was fighting until he heard from Mica. I (Mica) whispered in his ear that he could go and I would be okay. My husband (Drew) whispered in his ear that he would continue to take care of myself and my son. And just like that he was gone.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge Cemetery

7900 Park Heights Avenue

Previous Events

Wake

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Alabaster Ministries Church
529 Gold Street
Baltimore, MD 21217

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To the entire Gaither Family I would like to extend my deepest sympathy. Lewis was always ready to help others when needed he was a kind man.*

Colleen Smith - May 04, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *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 - April 30, 2024 at 11:10 AM