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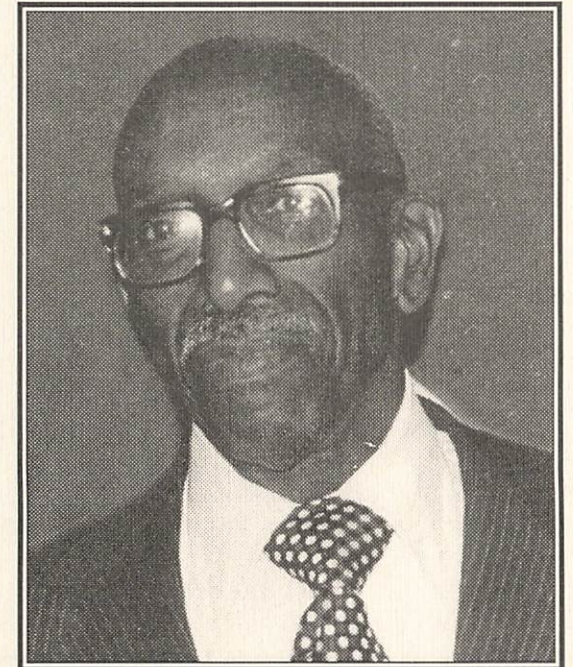


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A Celebration of Life for

Rufus Andrew Lewis

November 30, 1906 — August 19, 1999



Monday, August 23, 1999
1:00 p.m.

Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church
Rev. Michael Foxx Thurman, Pastor

OFFICIATING

Rev. G. Murray Branch

INTERMENT

Greenwood-Serenity Garden Cemetery
Montgomery, Alabama

Ross-Clayton Funeral Home

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Obituary

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He returned to Montgomery and joined the faculty at Alabama State Teachers College as Athletic Coach and Librarian. Soon afterwards, he met and married the late Jule Adelaide Clayton. They were blessed with one child, Eleanor Lewis Dawkins.

Lewis was a member of Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Southern Pride Lodge No. 431, A. A. Peters Masonic Lodge No. 900, National Urban League and a Charter Member of Alpha Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

He was a Civil Rights Activist since the 1940's. He became involved in Voter Registration believing that in order to be a full fledged citizen you must be registered to vote. He taught Veterans returning from World War II. Lewis believed that if a man could go to war and fight for his country, he should also be entitled to vote. The Veterans School was at St. Jude and Booker T. Washington High Schools. In the early 50's, Coach Lewis owned and operated the Citizens Club, where to be a member, you had to be a registered voter or be enrolled in classes to become a registered voter.

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In 1994, a public library was dedicated and named in his honor. In 1995, Coach Lewis was inducted into the Alabama State Sports Hall of Fame.

He was co-owner of Ross-Clayton Funeral Home, Inc., where he served as Secretary-Treasurer and chairman of the Board of Directors.

Survivors include his daughter, Eleanor Lewis Dawkins, foster daughter, Julia (Melvin) Thomas, Pomona, Calif; grandchildren, Karen Dawkins, Montgomery, AL, Kevin (Karrie) Dawkins, Arvada, CO, and Ken (Kimberley) Dawkins, Aurora, CO; great grandchildren, Cameron, Aurora, CO and Aimee and Brian, Arvada, CO; nieces and nephews, Mrs. Virginia (Joseph) Dickerson, Montgomery, AL, Mrs. Mildred (James) Hall, Montgomery, AL and Robert (Shirley) Mitchell, New York; very special friend, R. W. Pringle, Montgomery, AL; several grand nieces and nephews, many devoted friends and associates.

A very special thanks to all the many men and women who worked with Coach Lewis before and during the Voter Registration and Civil Rights Movement, it was the joy of his life.

Order of Service

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HYMN“Amazing Grace”

SCRIPTURERev. M. F. Thurman

Old and New Testament

Psalms 23 - John 14:1-7

PRAYERRev. L. F. Ross, Sr.

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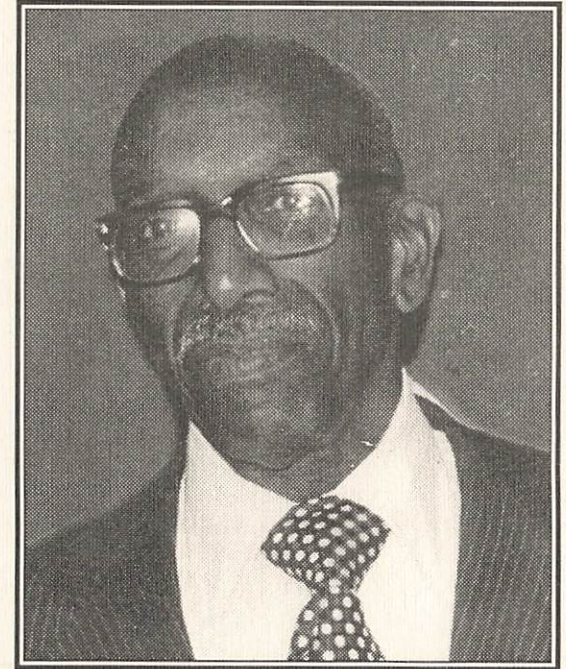


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Honorary — State Funeral Directors

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In Appreciation

The Family of Mrs. Jule Clayton Lewis wishes to express thanks and appreciation to the many friends for their kind expression of sympathy during her passing. These expressions have made the burden of this tragic incident lighter.

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Flower Bearers

Courtesy Guild, First Baptist Church
F. A. Clayton Memorial Usherettes, First Baptist Church
Beta Nu Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

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INTERMENT — Oakwood Cemetery

Obsequies

For
Mrs. Jule Clayton Lewis



MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1958

11:00 O'Clock A.M.

First Baptist Church

Montgomery, Alabama

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Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Pastor, Officiating
Local and State Funeral Directors Association, Directing

OBITUARY

Mrs. Jule Clayton Lewis was born in Montgomery, Alabama. She was the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Clayton. She attended Alabama State Elementary and High School. She was a graduate of Spelman College and Wisconsin University.

In 1935 she was married to Mr. Rufus A. Lewis. To this union was born one daughter, Miss Eleanor Lewis.

Mrs. Lewis worked as a teacher and Jeanes Supervisor in the public schools of Alabama for a number of years. In recent years she operated, with her business partner, the Ross-Clayton Funeral Home.

As a child she joined the historic First Baptist Church, and was a faithful member all of her life. She was a member of several fraternal, social, and business organizations of the City, State and Nation.

She died on Thursday, June 19, 1958 after having lived a short, but a full and useful life.

She leaves her husband, Mr. Rufus A. Lewis, two daughters, Miss Eleanor Lewis, and Mrs. Julia Thomas, other relatives, and a host of friends.

PROGRAM

Processional — "Flee As A Bird" — Dana.....Family

Hymn No. 238 — "Lead, Kindly Light".....Church Choir

Scripture Rev. H. H. Johnson, Pastor
Hutchinson Street Baptist Church

Prayer Rev. B. D. Lambert, Pastor
Maggie Street Baptist Church

Hymn No. 73 — "It Is Well With My Soul.....Church Choir

Eulogy Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Pastor

Hymn No. 449—"Come, Ye Disconsolate".....Church Choir

Recessional — "Going Home" — DockFamily
