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To the usher ministry

Richard's Funeral Home

All of the Flower Arrangements

The cards, gifts, your prayers, your love and your patience during this painful
time for the family.

Love Always,
The Family



Celebration of Life



Anthony Mark Lewis

Sunrise

03/17/1960

Sunset

11/17/2023

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Funeral Mass: 10:00 AM

Greater Works Ministries of Winter Haven

2110 Oakhurst Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33881



*Allow God to be the
center of your life*

The page is decorated with watercolor-style floral illustrations in shades of blue and green. These decorations are located in the top right, bottom left, and right edge corners, featuring various flower shapes and leafy branches.

Family
is
everything

In memory of Tony;

The Life of the Man, Deacon, Husband, Father, and Poppie.

The Deacon - Loved the book of Proverbs, because those are the instructions of life. Especially chapter three.

The Husband - Knew how to love and entertain his wife

The Father - Was loving and a disciplinarian to all, but especially the boys, because he wanted them to be men, and he adored his daughters.

The Poppie - That was a totally different love affair with the little people. What can I say?

Proverbs 3: 1-4

1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

- 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.*
3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
4 So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Obituary

Anthony Mark Lewis was born March 17, 1960 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born to his parents Lula Pearl Reynolds, William M. White, and Earl Reynolds. Anthony “Tony” enjoyed being a husband, a loving and caring father, and adored his grandchildren; better known as The Little People.

Tony was well known for his immense love for football, which 5 out of 6 sons and 2 grandsons played (while denying his daughter to play, as badly as she wanted). He played college football at West Virginia State, which eventually landed him the opportunity to play Semi-Pro football in Canada and in East Cleveland. He was also a Youth Coach for the Police Athletic League for many years to follow.

Tony had a love affair with Harley Davidson, and he enjoyed the ride she gave him. Every now and then, they would allow his wife (Susan) and his clan of Little People to enjoy the ride, as well. He adored family time at dinner whether it was with his mother in Cleveland, with family in Alabama, or in Boston on Sundays. Tony also had a lengthy career in truck driving, where he drove for BP Oil for 32 years learning the highways and byways like the back of his hand. And don't you dare use a GPS in front of him, because he was the GPS. The list goes on for all of the things “Top Cat” was known for. Being the Grill Man, his hats and his style of dressing, and did we mention his love for his Mercedes, which was his other form of a foreign woman?

Deacon Anthony relished on Sundays in ministry under the leadership of Bishop Joe Hallman and Pastor Debra A. Hallman of Greater Works Ministries of Winter Haven, where he also assisted in fellowship under Men's Ministry.

Simply put, Tony emitted love to every person in his inner circle, or in his words, “A long wooden spoon in beans,” but love always abides in him.

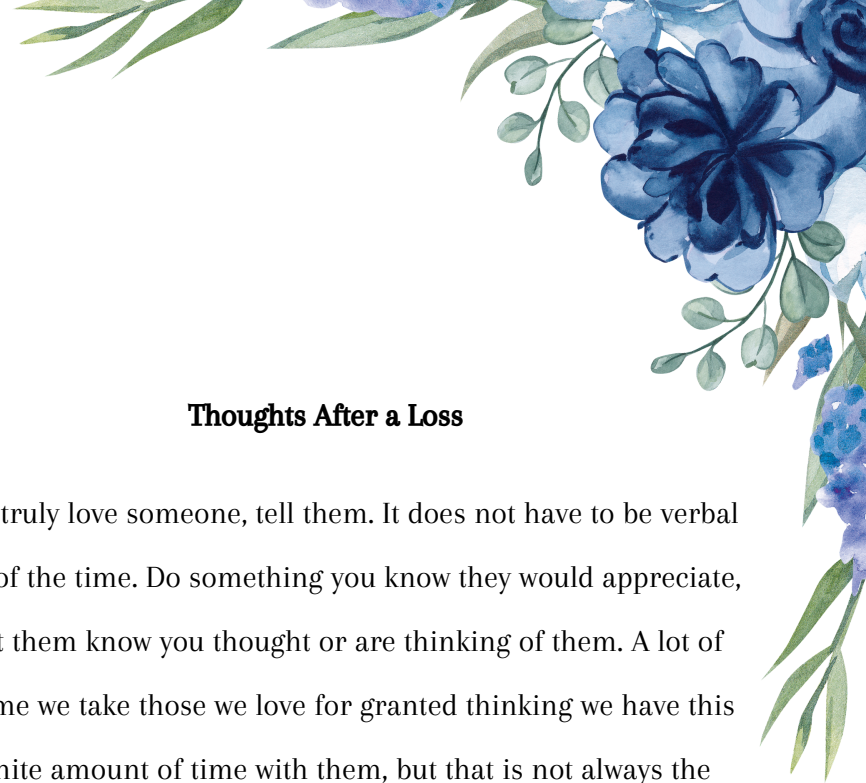
Anthony leaves behind his wife Susan M. Lewis, but dearly known to him as Sue. His mother Lula Pearl Reynolds, and his only sister Arvetiaus Raimer (Ken Raimer).

Thirteen children: Brandon Lewis, Jemar Lewis (Chenelle Lewis), Amber Lewis (Lesley McLaurin), Anthony Lewis II (Natalie Lewis), John W. Gross IV, Anthony L. Gross, Natasha Jean (Allan Jean), Robert M. S. Gross, and Ivelisse.

The Little People: Kyren, Amari, Jada Marie, Gabrielle, John the 5th, Yari, Addison, Ares, and Alessia.

And a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





Thoughts After a Loss

If you truly love someone, tell them. It does not have to be verbal or all of the time. Do something you know they would appreciate, or let them know you thought or are thinking of them. A lot of the time we take those we love for granted thinking we have this infinite amount of time with them, but that is not always the case. We don't realize that our journeys have already been predestined, but we have control over the path we take. With every choice we make, it must be meaningful and made with purpose. So, if you truly love someone, tell them.

Amber M. Lewis

Love Notes

Your Wife: *"You will always be the cream in my coffee, and the man that cultivates my heart. Love you always."*

Mom: *"You will always be my baby. I love you, and I will always miss you."*

Arevetiaus: *"You were a gentle giant, and mostly could get mom to believe any and everything you said."*

Lil Johnny: *"You came in right on time with your love for the family. You filled a big role as my mother's husband, plus the adult children, and a great Poppie."*

Anthony: *"You were more than my mom's husband. You became an integrated part of our family. I will treasure your presence in my life. You demonstrated unwavering love, support, guidance; leaving an indelible impact on me."*

Brandon: *"I'm proud to call you dad, and I've learned many lessons about being a man/father. Last year was tough, but you showed us all that you're still Big Bad Dirty Red. Love you, dad."*

Natasha: *"I adored your greatness embodied in one man."*

Robert: *"I loved you for your care and love of the family."*

Ivellisse: *"I loved his sound advice and the love he showed us all."*

Jemar: *"It's funny how we gave each other the nickname "Gada" over our bond for sports. Not only will that love for sports continue, but our bond will last forever as I carry our nickname. Love you, Gada."*

Amber: *"You were with me for my first breath, and I was with you for your last."*

Anthony II: *"Thank you for instilling in me the grind, the hustle, and the morals to be the best father and man."*

Love Notes

Kyren: *"Remembering him getting me to try banana peppers on pizza. I didn't want to try it, because I didn't think it would be good. He told me you can't say no to something you've never tried. Long story short, I have been eating them since, and I have never been scared to try something after that."*

Amari: *"You were very quiet, but had a lot to say, and were always dropping jewels."*

Jada Marie: *"I was always having a good laugh with him, and I always felt safe around him, too."*

Gabrielle: *"He could turn any bad situation into a good one."*

John the 5th: *"He was loving, loved his cars and motorcycles, and very easy to talk to."*

Yari: *"I will always remember the fun tunes of Poppie playing with me and Ares, and our motorcycle rides."*

Addison: *"He always made me happy (and he's my husband)."*

Ares: *"I love him!"*

Alessia: *"Bye bye, Pop Pop. Love you."*