

The Life Story of Karyn
ASHLEY LEWIS

A Blessed Life

Karyn Ashley Lewis was born April 30, 1994, in Las Vegas, Nevada. To know Karyn was to love her. Karyn was born with Prader-Willi Syndrome but she met every challenge with determination and courage. Karyn graduated from Canyon Springs High School in 2012. She participated in R.O.T.C. and Special Olympics. After graduation, she attended day programs for adults with disabilities. She enjoyed creating crafts, going on outings, and challenging staff to card and board games including chess. Karyn was an enthusiastic game player and won most of the time. She enjoyed teaching you how to play a game so she could expand her winning portfolio.

Karyn was savvy with technology and enjoyed playing online games and watching YouTube videos. She also loved sports and was a Dallas Cowboys fan. Karyn accepted Christ early in life and was baptized at Calvary Southern Baptist Church. She enjoyed attending Sunday School and singing along with the choir. She also loved visiting her other church home, Second Baptist Church. Karyn's favorite activity was spending time with family. She loved visiting family in St. Louis, and attending family reunions in St. Louis, Mississippi, Chicago, and Detroit,

Karyn's wonderful memories will be cherished by her mother Carolyn King, her father Howard Lewis, brothers Jason Lewis and Howard Lewis and sisters Australia (Israel) Tomori and Patricia Lewis; grandmother Earlie King; aunts Telegra King, Tolaurea Samuel, Lanetta Simpson, Sonya Lewis, and Sareta Lewis; uncles Dirk Roberson, Tyrone Roberson, Anthony Lewis, Patrick Lewis; nieces and nephews, Jason Lewis, Jr., Zaya Lewis, Lamar lewis, Anijah Lewis-Weatherspoon, Zion Tomori, Kayla Lewis and Lameron Lewis; a host of great and grand-aunts and uncles and cousins, friends, and her church family.





Official Order of Celebration for Karyn ASHLEY LEWIS

Musical Prelude	
Processional	Clergy & Family
Call to Worship.	
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament: Psalm 23	Minister
New Testament: John 14-1-6	Minister
Musical Selection	Evengelist DeGlorias Bass
Obituary/Acknowledgements	Sherry Stidhum
Video Presentation	
Reflections	Two Minutes Please
	Ms. Terri Harvey
	Ms. Bessie Mitchell
	Ms. Rose Maben
	Mr. LaKendrick Thompson
Ms. Wilma Bright-A	ldridge and Ms. Lucille Long
Musical Selection	
Eulogy	Pastor Ronald J. Winston
Recessional	

Reception (Immediately Following the Service) Calvary Southern Baptist Church Fellowship Hall















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Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) is a rare genetic disorder caused by a deletion in chromosome 15. Symptoms usually appear in two phases. Infants experience low muscle tone, feeding difficulties, and developmental delays. Around school age, individuals develop extreme hunger. This inability to achieve satiety, leads to chronic overeating and obesity. People with Prader-Willi Syndrome typically have mild to moderate intellectual impairment and behavioral problems. Additionally, small stature, hands and feet, high pain threshold and excessive daytime sleepiness are also demonstrated.

There is no cure for PWS but advances in growth hormone and other research has dramatically improved quality of life for individuals. With strong community and family support, they can lead active and fulfilling lives.

At the time of her diagnosis, Karyn was the youngest person in the state of Nevada to be diagnosed with PWS. As she matured and understood her disability, she was very open about her struggles with PWS and happily shared her experiences with families of newly diagnosed individuals.

Karyn was very blessed to have a huge loving community of support! Please consider honoring her by making a contribution to these organizations to continue the work toward supporting individuals with PWS and their families.



Prader-Willi Research Foundation



Prader-Willi USA

In Honor of

Karyn
ASHLEY LEWIS

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has chosen for me

I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I've found that peace at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.

<u> Acknowledgement</u>

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Everyone's thoughtfulness will be forever remembered.

-The King and Lewis family

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." ~1 John 4:7~

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