

Leon Bell, Jr.
Demond Chaseberry
Joseph Pittman, Jr.

Active Pallbearers

Aaron Bell
Reginal Alex

Letroy Ayers,
Demetrius Alex
Daqwayln O'Neal

Honorary Pallbearers

Leon Bell, Sr.
Charlie Templeton, III
Donnie R. Chaseberry
Joe D. Templeton
Daylen Vance

Norman Templeton
Viseroy Jackson
Jeremiah Thomas
Sammy D. Alex, Jr.

Kevin Templeton
Marque Jackson
Joe Pittman, Sr,
Corey Jones
Bryan K. Templeton

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Dorothy J. Lewis wishes to express our deepest appreciation for all those who diligently called her and visited with her during her time of need. We would like to acknowledge all expressions of love and kindness that you have shown to our family during this most challenging time and express our deepest gratitude to each of you for your love and support. Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, and all other acts of love and kindness that everyone has done to console us during our time of bereavement. We have suffered a great loss, but we must hold on to God's unchanging hands for we know Him as a God that will not leave us nor forsake us but will be with us always.

May God richly and abundantly bless each of you for sharing and caring.

Interment

Grable Cemetery
FM 2011
Longview, Texas

Funeral Services Entrusted to:



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Celebration of Life Service

for

Dorothy J. Lewis

"Black Fox"



March 5, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Fredonia Baptist Church

5412 FM 349
Kilgore, Texas

Rev. R. L. Hawkins, Officiating

"I Never Left You"

*I watch you every day. I am always very nearby.
I know deep in your heart; you realize I am here.
I watch you while you sleep, in your bed at home.
I hear you when you speak to me when you are on your own.
You cannot understand the reason why I have gone.
But I will never leave you I am there to keep you strong.
Talk to me, I hear you, though you may not see.
We share an unbroken bond that will always be.
Death will not keep us apart, for our love is forever.
Just remember me in your heart, and one day we will be together.
Live your life and live it fully, don't waste a single day.
Remember I am always with you every step of the way.*



Obituary

Dorothy Jean Templeton Lewis was born on October 8, 1939, to the parents of Charlie Templeton and Beatrice Harris. Dorothy was the knee-baby of seven girls and four boys.

She completed her education at Fredonia High School. Dorothy joined Fredonia Baptist Church at an early age. Dorothy later went to college for a mortuary degree where she trained at Bigham Mortuary. She became an Eastern Star.

She married Shelly "Bobby" R. Lewis in California. To this union Lamoor "Elmo" Lewis and Erbia "Donnie" Ladon Lewis were born. She and her husband then joined Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church where she became the Church Clerk, Women Sunday School Teacher, President of the Choir, and a member of the Deaconess Board. She then rejoined Fredonia Baptist Church where she served on the Deaconess Board, Mission Board, sung in the senior choir, and worked in the kitchen until her health failed.

She ran the Jeanie Café and Tango Teenage Club in Longview, Texas. She worked at Snow White, Alpine, and Village Cleaners for most of her adult life, but retired to care for her spouse. She was also known for pressing and curling women's hair. She loved her family and friends dearly. She was always ready to help anyone in their time of need.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Shelly Lewis; sons, Lamoor Lewis & Erbia Lewis, I; her parents, Charlie & Beatrice Templeton; and siblings, LT Templeton, LC Templeton, Isiah Templeton, Mattie Mae Moore Templeton, Louise Wright Templeton, Donnel Williams Templeton, Mozell Ingram Templeton, Pauline Perry Templeton, Charlie Templeton, Jr., & Louella Alex Templeton.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory daughter Lahoma Lewis Duffey (Rodney) and sons Lamoor Lewis Jr (Gee), Erbia Lewis II (Penny). She also leaves brother-in-law Earl Lewis, Jerry Lewis (Regina), sister-in-law Alice Speights, daughter-in-law Sikirit Lewis, and grandchildren Lekeithan Lewis, Latriece Thomas (Jeremiah), Joseph Pittman Jr, Carmen Pittman, Jerrian Lewis, Shaniyah Lewis, Jaz'Lyn Lewis, Erbia Lewis III, Gaven Lewis, great grandchildren Asheri Thomas & Josiah Pittman, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Big Momma,

I am so happy I got to be in your presence you are an extraordinary woman, a God-fearing woman and I love you with all my heart. I know sometimes it might have seemed what you were saying was going in one ear and out the other. Just know I was listening, I heard you, I acknowledged you. I appreciate everything that you have done for me. Coming back home will not be the same without you. I am going to miss pulling up in the driveway and seeing you sitting there. I am going to miss picking up food and just sitting at the table enjoying our conversations. I am going to miss you doing my hair because no one else can do it lie you. Thank you for the memories, wisdom, and knowledge you gave me. I hope I can still make you proud.

*I love you,
Forever your Sweet Pea*



To Our Grandma,

*You will always be our grandma
No matter wherever we go
No matter years that pass
Or how big and tall we grow
We will never be apart
You will always be in our hearts*

*Love your,
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren*



Her Smile

*Though her smile is gone forever
And her hand I cannot touch
I still have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much.
Her memory is now my keepsake
Which with I'll never part.
Good has her in his keeping
I have her in my heart.
Sadly, missed but never forgotten*

*I will miss you Big Momma,
Jr.*

Dear Big Momma,

If flowers grow in heaven, Lord, then pick a bunch for me. Then place them in my grandmother's arms and tell her they're from me. They are for all the times you gently picked me up when I fell down, for all the times you tied my shoes and tucked me into bed or needed something but put me first instead. Tell her that I love her and miss her and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.

*Love always,
Carmen "Toodah"*

Momma,

I miss you so much. Things seem out of place in this world ever since you left. I feel blessed to have the memories to remember you by. I will miss your beautiful smile, your hugs, and your kisses. My heart is broken, and I don't think that it can ever be mended with time. Rest in love my sweet momma. You will forever be in my heart.

Love Always,
Nette



Momma,

How do I write a letter that I do not want to write? I would rather hear your voice, but I will wait until I dream of you tonight. When I was born and opened my eyes, you were the first person they could focus on and from that moment I knew you were mom. Your love was so strong like a drug, that I am forever hooked on. Your love and smile were like a virus that spread from person to person. I watched, learned, and studied your every move and that is what make me the man that I am today. Your prayers no doubt protected me from harm and kept me through each foreign country I was deployed to. You would say "lean not to your own understanding but trust in the Lord and he will direct your path." You were truly a woman of God! He has gained a new General for his Army now; she goes by the name "Big Momma aka Black Fox" and she is ready for battle! My eyes are filled with tears, and I am hurting because a part of me is gone but I can feel your presence. I could write forever about your love, loyalty, strength, character, selflessness, understanding, and humbleness. You were there for me when there was no one else. I owe all that I am to you, and I pray that I have made you proud until the end. I will continue to do all the things that you asked of me and look out for the family like you taught me. Tell Big Daddy, Dad, and Elmo I said I love and miss them too. I know you are all together watching over us. You all maybe gone physically but our time and memories we shared will forever remain in my heart.

Love your son,
Ladon AKA "Turn Over", "Dirty Red", "Roc"

Order of Service

Processional~~~~~Clergy, Pallbearers & Family

Musical Selection~~~~~Bro. Robert Morgan, Jr.
& The Inspirational Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament~~~~~Rev. Carolton Hollins

New Testament~~~~~Rev. Larry Davis

Prayer~~~~~Rev. R. L. Hawkins

Musical Selection~~~~~Bro. Robert Morgan, Jr.
& The Inspirational Choir

Remarks~~~~~Please Limit to 2 Minutes

Resolution~~~~~Millicent Dickey
Fredonia Baptist Church

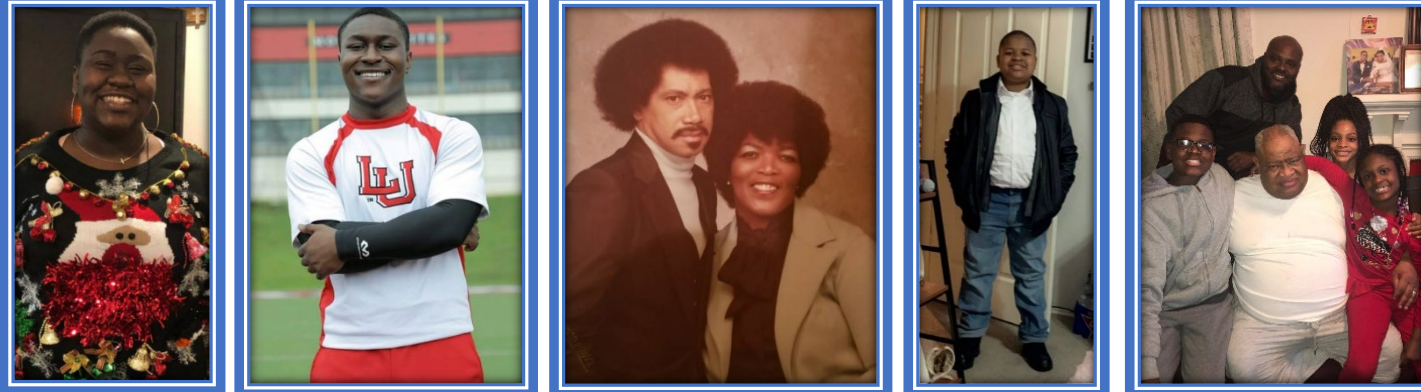
Hymn~~~~~Bro. Robert Morgan, Jr.
& The Inspirational Choir

Obituary~~~~~(Read Silently)~~~~~Soft Music

Eulogy~~~~~Rev. Earl Dean Sibling

Viewing~~~~~Directors of Bigham Mortuary





FAMILY MEMORIES