



Joyce Lewis

August 4, 1951 - December 28, 2020

***Mrs. Lewis' Celebration of Life will be livestreamed on First United Methodist Church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FUMCTerrell>
In accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions and if you are planning to attend her service in person, we ask that you please wear your mask/facial covering, check temperature and sanitize hands upon entry to the church. There is limited seating due to social distancing protocols in place in the sanctuary. On behalf of Mrs. Lewis' family and First United Methodist Church, they thank you for your cooperation and understanding. ***

Joyce Lewis, longtime resident of Terrell, passed away peacefully at her home on December 28, 2020, surrounded by her family. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on January 4, 2021, at First United Methodist Church, Terrell. Joyce was born on August 4, 1951 to Howard Reinsch and Barbara Lovelett in Enid, Oklahoma. On that day her father earned his pilot wings in the United States Air Force and became the father of twin girls, Joyce and Janet. Her father was a career Air Force Officer and flew B-52s for Strategic Air Command. They lived in several air bases in the Midwest where she lived with her parents, twin sister, and younger sister, Suzanne. She graduated from MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas. After high school she attended the University of Texas at Austin and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta women's sorority. She met her future husband, David Lewis, while there and earned her degree in history. They married in the Randolph

Air Force Base Chapel in San Antonio on July 31, 1971, and soon moved to Terrell. Joyce had a passion for child development and started her career as a Child Welfare Worker in the Kaufman County Courthouse that lasted for seven years. She loved being a wife, homemaker and mother of two sons, James and John. Her second career that lasted over two decades is the one she is most known for, teacher and director of Methodist Pre-School. She loved her students and they loved her. Many could only say "Mrs. Wewis", but she loved it. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Terrell and the Social Science Club.

Preceded in death by her father, Joyce is survived by her mother, Barbara Berr of San Antonio; husband David and sons: James Lewis of Terrell, and John Lewis and fiancée Meara Chadwick of Austin, and their beautiful baby girl Amelia Lewis; sisters: Janet Scott and her husband, Hugh Scott of San Antonio and Suzanne Valentine and her husband Chuck Valentine of Mobile, Alabama; nieces: Katherine Cezeaux and husband Jason, of Dayton, Ohio, their children, Claire, Madeleine, and James and Lauren McCarthy and husband, Christopher, of Richardson, and their son Collin as well as other extended family members, church family, a host of friends and beloved students, all of whom will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers a memorial may be made to Methodist Day School, 503 W. College St., Terrell, Texas 75160.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Lewis*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *This is coming so long after Joyce's homegoing, but I just read this in the Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly. I have many fond memories of the twins when we were sorority sisters. My condolences to her family.*



*Sherry Neill Kent
Epsilon Delta Chapter*

Sherry Kent - August 21, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 03, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Lewis.*



January 01, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Lewis.*



January 01, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Pauliann Watson lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis*



Pauliann Watson - January 01, 2021 at 12:31 AM



Joyce was a lovely lady. Although I didn't know her long, she always made me feel like her family. It was a pleasure to take care of her. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for David and her sons, Janet and her mother Barbara. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pauliann Watson - January 01, 2021 at 12:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Lewis.*



December 31, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *Joyce lit up a room the moment she entered it! Her kind spirit was contagious...she inspired you to be a better person. Praying for the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, to be on David, James, John, and the entire family.*

Christi Carr Andersen - December 31, 2020 at 12:07 PM



“ *I remember birthday/Christmas parties at the Candler's house for many years. I loved Joyce with all my heart. We had so much fun together especially in the dental office. We had trouble trying to stop talking long enough to clean her teeth. Rest in peace my sister.*

Doris Clayton - December 31, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Mrs Lewis was the first face we saw at MDS and for a new mom's heart made me feel 100% safe with putting my daughters at the school. My youngest was blessed to have her for a teacher. She was a wonderful teacher whom my daughter did and still does continue to adore. One of the sweetest ladies I have ever met in my life.*

Heather Graham - December 31, 2020 at 09:28 AM

MW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, David and family! May your memories with Joyce bring you comfort in your time of sorrow.*

Michelle Walz - December 31, 2020 at 08:53 AM

MW

“ *Michelle Walz lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis*



Michelle Walz - December 31, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joyce Lewis.*



December 30, 2020 at 03:56 PM

NW

“ *Joyce had such a contagious joyful spirit. She will truly be missed. Prayers sent for support and strength to David and the boys. Noreen Walker*



Noreen E Walker - December 30, 2020 at 11:09 AM

KD

“Joyce touched my family and gave me strength. Such a good hugger with the brightest smile.



Kristy Dooley - December 30, 2020 at 12:03 AM

JR

“Joyce and David were our neighbors on Glenda st in Terrell in the 80s. She was always warm and I loved her wonderful laughter and her warm friendly nature. Jay and I are very sad to hear of her passing. God bless the Lewis family

Jyothi Reddy - December 29, 2020 at 10:23 PM

SC

“Sarah And Barbara Coffman lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis



Sarah and Barbara Coffman - December 29, 2020 at 07:10 PM

DP

“Joyce was such a special woman, and she will be missed. I loved her laugh! Prayers for David and her sons.



Debbie Peden - December 29, 2020 at 05:27 PM

KS

“ *Kay Squires lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis*



Kay Squires - December 29, 2020 at 01:01 PM

ML

“ *Mary Leach lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis*



Mary Leach - December 29, 2020 at 12:19 PM

KB

“ *Kimberly Brown lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis*



Kimberly Brown - December 29, 2020 at 10:34 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis*



Sharon Boyd - December 29, 2020 at 09:49 AM

GC

“Joyce was always so kind and gracious, when we ran into each other. I wish I had known her better. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Cherish all the memories of Joyce and celebrate.

Ginny Cartwright - December 29, 2020 at 09:11 AM

LU

“My condolence to you all. May God grant you peace, love & guidance.



Lori Uptmor - December 29, 2020 at 01:19 AM

MM

“Joyce was such a pleasure to be around. Always a smile, and she was so very sweet and kind. David, prayers to you and your sons. God bless.

Margaret Lovell Matura - December 28, 2020 at 10:28 PM

BY

“Mrs. Lewis was such a special lady and wonderful teacher. David loved her and enjoyed being in her class.

Beverly York - December 28, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BN

“David you and the boys are definitely in our prayers. Joyce was always such a bright light and I'm sure she still is

becky & bruce nitschke - December 28, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Joyce Lewis.



December 28, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Kenna McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis



Kenna McDaniel - December 28, 2020 at 08:53 PM



I was very saddened to hear of Mrs. Lewis' passing. She was my daughter, Kelsi Blackmon's, first teacher at Methodist preschool. She was such a phenomenal teacher and kind, loving person. She will be missed by many. Mine & Kelsi's thoughts and prayers to her family, David and sons.

Kenna McDaniel - December 28, 2020 at 08:57 PM



*David and family,
Please accept our sincere condolences in your loss of Joyce. You, your family, friends, church, and the community are destined to fill the void with good memories of her time shared. We will always remember Joyce's constant smile, contagious laugh, and always present sense of humor. She will be missed by all who knew her. Rick and Sandy Traylor*

Rick and Sandy Traylor - December 29, 2020 at 10:14 AM

BL

“ David my condolences to you and your family on the loss of Joyce- what a precious soul she was. Prayers of comfort and peace in the days ahead.



Becky Lewis - December 28, 2020 at 08:26 PM

SF

“ Joyce was so sweet, but such a fighter. I had the privilege of knowing her through church, Methodist Day School and Relay For Life.
Prayers for David and family.

Sherri Faulk - December 28, 2020 at 08:24 PM

LH

“ Linda Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Joyce Lewis



Linda Hernandez - December 28, 2020 at 07:49 PM

LH

“ Joyce was such a Sweet and kind person and she will be truly missed. Sending Prayers to the family 🙏

Linda Hernandez - December 28, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JW

“ David, so sorry for your lose. She will be greatly missed. She was a very sweet lady.



Jim Yvonne Wynne - December 28, 2020 at 07:39 PM

KW

Joyce was such a loving and kind soul. She was Payton's first teacher. She sent a thank you card address to Payton. The first piece a mail Payton received address to her. We still have it and that was 17 years ago. She will be missed. Praying for the family.

Kelly Wynne - December 28, 2020 at 09:38 PM

MH

I don't know of a more positive, genuine person than Joyce. I send condolences to the family and everyone who knew her.

merita harper - December 29, 2020 at 09:19 AM

KJ

Joyce touched many lives and made them better for having known her. Especially her students. They loved her so very much. Heartfelt condolences to David, James, John and her family.

Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson - December 29, 2020 at 03:33 PM

JD

I am so saddened to hear about Joyce. She was such a sweet considerate lady. She was there for me when I first found out about having breast cancer. She got me through a lot during these last years. Heaven received a special angel.

Janice Dunn - December 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM

LB

David, to you and your family I am so sorry for your loss, I know the pain of losing someone so special but I also know that time does heal and that all the good memories will always be with you and your boys.
Linda Bankston

Linda Bankston - December 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM

 Lynn
Clayton
Vaughan

Joyce was a blessing and inspiration to so many. She lived life to the fullest and shared sunshine, joy, encouragement, and laughter wherever she went. She taught us to focus on God-given blessings, even in the chaos of life. She leaves a beautiful legacy. We will miss you, Joyce, but there is peace in knowing your eternity.
Lynn Vaughan

Lynn Clayton Vaughan - January 04, 2021 at 09:49 AM