

In Loving Memory
Of
Reverend Roscoe John
Lewis Jr. ("R. J.")



A Great Man
A Great Husband
A Great Father
And A Man of God

- Service -

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1991
1:30 P.M.

ELM GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Marlin, Texas

Rev. Daniel Ward, Pastor, Officiating

You are not forgotten loved one,
Nor will you ever be, as long
as life and memory last we
will remember thee.

Precious Memories Unfolded

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

On July 5 the year was 1906, the place Shepherd, Texas, which is located in Polk County, a blessed event took place. The lives of Roscoe John Sr. and Rhodie Lewis were changed. Our Father in heaven blessed them with a son. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sr. named this son Roscoe John Jr. "R. J." as many knew him.

"When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

I Corinthians 13:11

As a young man R. J. was educated in the community school of Shepherd, Texas. He also attended Conroe Normal and Industrial College in Conroe, Texas. Early in R. J.'s life the Lord chose him to be one of His Gospel Ministers. Therefore, he was licensed by the Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Peason, Louisiana. Later, he was ordained in the Lake Station Missionary Baptist Church in Shepherd, Texas by the Reverend F. P. Olliver.

As Reverend Lewis's life was changing, he met, fell in love with and on February 25, 1952 married the "apple of his eye" Miss Corene Ratchiff. To this union no children were born, but they were blessed in so many ways. Reverend Lewis was also a member of the Hopeful Masonic Lodge #78 F & A M.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Reverend Roscoe John Lewis Jr. has pastored for fifty-eight years and has been the pastor of fourteen churches in his life span. Out of the fifty-eight years Reverend Lewis was the proud pastor of the Greater Providence Missionary Baptist Church for twenty-two years and eight months.

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things?"

Romans 10:15

Out of all that was said and doneseem as if he could hear his Lord saying unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

St. Matthew 25:21

Therefore, on Thursday, October 10, 1991 Reverend Roscoe John Lewis Jr. fell asleep in the "Arms of Jesus," leaving a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Corene Lewis of Marlin, Texas; a son, Selma Charles Lewis; one daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to carry on the works that were left undone.

Two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

"And God shall away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

Revelations 21:4

The Funeral Cortège Enters Service

Prelude Soft Music

Processional

The Opening Song *"The Last Mile of the Way"*

God Speaks Comfort Rev. Charles Bailey

Old Testament Psalm 90:1-9

New Testament St. John 1:1-6

We Talk to God in Prayer Rev. Cleaitus Haynes

Selection *"Going Up Yonder"*

The Church Expressions Elm Grove Baptist Church
and others

Sentimental Expressions (Limit 2 minutes please)

Minister's Expression Rev. Wm. Johnson Jr.

Precious Memories Unfolded (Read silently to soft music)

Hymn of Consummation (his favorite)

"Guide Me Over Thou Great Jehovah" (only two verses)

The Funeral Cortège Departs

To the Garden Alone

Hillcrest Cemetery

Marlin, Texas

Hopeful Masonic Lodge #78 F & A M In Charge

The Body Borne in Honor

by

Bro. W. I. Ratcliff

Bro. William T. Williams

Bro. Puncho Dorsey

Bro. T. O. Ratcliff

Bro. Ross Proctor

Bro. Willie Ray Land

Marlin Ministers Fellowship

Honorary Pallbearers

Rev. Raymond Alexander

Rev. Cleaitus Haynes

Bro. Marion Gude

Rev. Charles Bailey

Bro. Joseph Roddy

Bro. Michael C. Roberts

Acknowledgement

The family of Reverend R. J. Lewis would like to take this moment to thank each one of you for your kindness shown to us during this hard time. We feel that he is now resting and is in good hands. Words can never express just how grateful we are to you and we pray that God will continue to shower you with his blessing from on high.

- The Lewis Family

There's a Tree That's Good For the Healing

By Eula M. Allen

I told a friend the other day that I would soon be coming his way. I told him this body was getting weak surely but slowly, there's a leak. Sometimes I would get up and sit back down, but still I make it, round by round; someone told me about a tree and just one leaf would heal me. I know that death was coming as a thief, so I asked my friend to pull me a leaf; Don't you worry and don't you fret, today I have not one regret. No more prescriptions to be filled, this old body is already healed. This should not take you by surprise, I told you I was going to paradise; I said it wouldn't be very long you'd look for me and I would be gone. I've fought a real good fight, between me and God, it's alright; I don't want you to be sad, rejoice and be exceedingly glad. I'm not suffering, I have no pain, I am going where there's more to gain; I have finally made it to that tree, my friend was waiting with a leaf for me.

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TURN ON THEIR HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY.

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