



Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.

March 5, 1941 - January 29, 2026

Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr., 84, received his wings on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rendal, affectionately known as Lew or Bro. Lewis, was born on March 5, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland. He left school early but in later years acquired his diploma through the external diploma program. In his early teen years, Bro. Lewis worked as a farm hand for various farmers on Kent Island. Later he worked in the seafood houses shucking seafood. He relocated to Pondtown, Md and started working in construction and then as a truck driver for Gillespie and Son. In 1964, he became employed by General Foods, now Kraft-Heinz, until his retirement in June of 2000. After retirement, he worked for Queen Anne's County Public Schools in several different capacities.

In 1960, Lew met the love of his life, Joan Burke, affectionately known as Bunny. Lew and Bunny were joined in holy matrimony on December 28, 1968 and from this union two children were born Rendal Jr. and Tamika.

Lew was an avid basketball and baseball player, playing with the Hornets of Barclay and his General Foods team. He loved to attend sporting events especially when he could root for his Baltimore Orioles or his Washington Redskins. He also loved to sing and was well known for singing everyone's favorite "Nearer My God to Thee". Bro. Lewis was a devoted member of St. Daniel's U.A.M.E. Church in New Castle where he served as a trustee.

Lew was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Barbara Tolson, and brother, Charles Fisher. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 57

years, Joan “Bunny” Lewis, his children, Rendal Jr. (Rita), Tamika, and bonus son Derrick Burke; his grandchildren Rendal the III and Sean Gabrielle; his brothers, Irvin, Ernest, Arnold (Joanne), Michael (Vernadette), Stevie (Tiffany), and Aaron Lee; sisters, Marie and Olivia and a host of brothers-in-laws, sisters-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and cherished church family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Chestertown
855 High St.
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-2161
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul UAME (Wilmington, DE)
3114 N. Market St.
Wilmington, DE 19802

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ We are extending our sympathy and prayers to the Burke family & friends on the loss of your loved one. John & Billie Carroll



Billie Carroll - February 10 at 10:12 AM

BC

“ Mrs. Joan & Rendel I can still hear him signing We will all miss him! KQAFRA

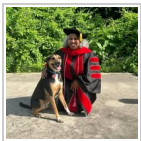
Bud Campbell - February 09 at 06:01 AM

ES

“ Cousin Joan, Freddie & Tamika(and entire family)- Please accept my sincere condolences. May cousin Rendal rest in peace.Love Eulanda, Eileen, LJ and Arlene.



Eulanda Scott-Shingleton - February 08 at 05:04 AM



“ Sending my prayers and love to you all. May the Lord comfort, strengthen, and keep you. Blessings and love,
Sherry (Robinson) Hudson



Sherry Hudson - February 07 at 11:35 AM

SP

“ Sharon Perkins lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Sharon Perkins - February 07 at 12:10 AM

TH

“ I REMEMBER HEARING RENDAL SING, I STOOD ON THE BANKS OF JORDAN ONE DAY IN HIS AMAZING UNIQUE VOICE WHICH I HAVE ADMIRERD AND NOW LIST AS MY SECOND FAVORITE HYMN. SECOND ONLY TO A SONG LED BY HIS WIFE BUNNY, GOD HAS SMILED ON ME. WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN HE WAS. HE WAS A POSITIVE MAN WHO LED BY EXAMPLE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. WE LOVE YOU. FROM DEBBIE, GLENN AND TOMMY.

Thomas Debbie and Glenn Harrison - February 06 at 11:34 PM

JD

“ Jan L. DeBrew lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Jan L. DeBrew - February 06 at 01:27 PM

JB

“ Jackie Brown lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Jackie Brown - February 06 at 10:54 AM

JB

Ms. Joan, Freddie, and Tamika

So sorry for the loss of your husband and father. My prayers and sympathy are with you.

Jackie Brown - February 06 at 06:06 PM

LR

“ Lee And Buck Ryans lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Lee and Buck Ryans - February 06 at 09:14 AM

EB

“ Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Esther Blackiston - February 05 at 09:34 PM

EB

Prayers to the family at this time and many blessings. RIP and he will be missed by many. Esther Blackiston.

Esther Blackiston - February 05 at 09:36 PM

GC

“*Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - February 05 at 09:29 PM

GC

Ms. Joan: our prayers and blessings are with you during the loss of your husband. He was a fine gentleman and always enjoyed his singing. My father always loved to hear him sing and he would talk about it forever. Please know others are praying for you and God is Good. Hold onto the wonderful memories you have and the road will be a little smoother. God bless and blessings to your family. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - February 05 at 09:33 PM

LD

“*Lawrence Dunn lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Lawrence Dunn - February 05 at 05:23 PM

AE

“ Mrs. Joan- my heart breaks for you! Mr Rendall was one of the kindest, sweetest gentlemen I know. I cherish my memories of him with the CATS team and hearing his wonderful voice! He loved to raise his voice in praise of God!! I know we will see him again one day. Thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us. Love you Mrs Joan!! Andrea



Andrea Edwards - February 05 at 04:30 PM

ST

“ Sharon Truitt lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Sharon Truitt - February 05 at 04:02 PM

LH

“ Love you, Aunt Irene Harrison purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr..



Love you, Aunt Irene Harrison - February 05 at 02:03 PM

LH

“ Love you, Aunt Irene Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr..

Love you, Aunt Irene Harrison - February 05 at 02:03 PM

CG

“ *Carmen and Buzz Garland purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr..*



Carmen and Buzz Garland - February 05 at 01:46 PM

JP

“ *Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Janet Pauls - February 05 at 01:17 PM

BC

“ *Bud Campbell lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Bud Campbell - February 05 at 07:09 AM

RB

“ *Robin Brown lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Robin Brown - February 04 at 09:53 PM

JS

“ Condolences to the Lewis Family May The Almighty Savior keep your in his comfort during this difficult time, hang in there family !!!!



James Munson Sr. - February 04 at 08:41 PM

LJ

“ Dear Family,
"THE FALLEN LIMB"
A limb has fallen from the Family Tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "GRIEVE NOT FOR ME."
Remember the best times, the laughter, the SONG.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my SOUL is at REST,
Remembering all, how I Truly Was BLESSED.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I MISS YOU ALL DEARLY, SO KEEP UP YOUR CHIN,
UNTIL THE DAY COMES WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN.
(Author Unknown)



*Precious In The Sight Of The LORD Is The DEATH Of HIS SAINTS
(Psalm 116:15)
Prayers❤️ Blessings!
Lorraine & Family*

Lorraine Jenkins - February 04 at 07:45 PM

RR

“ *Reginald V Ryans lit a candle in memory of Randal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Reginald V Ryans - February 04 at 07:19 PM

VF

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to Ms. Joan, Fred, Tamika and Family.*



Veronica Fenwick - February 04 at 03:59 PM

HF

“ *Helen Iva Fisher lit a candle in memory of Randal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Helen Iva Fisher - February 04 at 03:14 PM

VE

“ *Joan and family, our condolences and prayers are with you. May your memories of Randal comfort you during the coming days. Jean Phillips, Lutricia Henry & Valerie Elliott*



Valerie Elliott - February 04 at 01:49 PM

JH

“*Joyce Henry lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*”



Joyce Henry - February 04 at 01:29 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr..*”



February 04 at 11:28 AM

MJ

“*Mary & Phyllis Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*”



Mary & Phyllis Johnson - February 04 at 08:57 AM

JN

“*Joe & Jeannie Nickens lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*”



Joe & Jeannie Nickens - February 04 at 08:25 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - February 04 at 07:20 AM

CS

“ *Charlotte A Scott lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Charlotte A Scott - February 03 at 09:07 PM

JK

“ *Trust God, through it all. Prayers being sent up for the entire family.*



Jean Knowland - February 03 at 08:39 PM

HM

“ *REST IN PEACE, DEAR FRIEND AND FORMER CO- WORKER AT KRAFT FOODS. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, OUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY, 🙏 FOR THE FAMILY.*



Herb, & Jennie Mills - February 03 at 08:36 PM

EM

“ Eddie & Tina Moaney lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Eddie & Tina Moaney - February 03 at 08:23 PM

AH

“ Alfreda Henry lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.



Alfreda Henry - February 03 at 08:17 PM

IC

“ Dear Burke Family you have my deepest sympathy and prayers



Iris Carter - February 03 at 07:18 PM

CP

A great family he be miss ❤️ by all

Charlotte Patchett - February 05 at 09:04 PM

SS

“ *Sammy & Faye Scott lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Sammy & Faye Scott - February 03 at 07:13 PM

TW

“ *Timothy Williams lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Timothy Williams - February 03 at 06:51 PM

LR

“ *Lora Robbins lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Lora Robbins - February 03 at 06:49 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Sudler lit a candle in memory of Rendal Freddie Lewis Sr.*



Rhonda Sudler - February 03 at 03:02 PM