



## Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis

May 11, 1933 - September 18, 2021

Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis, age 88, wife of the late Tolar Lewis, passed away Saturday, September 18, 2021

Mrs. Lewis was born in Conway, a daughter of the late Austin M. and Clyde Tompkins Dorman. She was a member of Juniper Bay Baptist Church where she served many years. Mrs. Lewis had a passion for caring for the elderly. She loved to travel and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Gideon Auxiliary. She was predeceased by six brothers and 3 sisters.

Surviving are: one son, Dennie Lewis (Dawn) of Conway; two daughters, Debra Thompson (Kenneth) of Conway and Kim Bridgeman (Paul) of Laurel Hill, NC six grandchildren, Lauren Lewis, Matthew Lewis, Joni Jordan, Jennifer Squires, Stormie Singleton, and Madeleine Singleton, five great grandchildren; and one sister, Jeanette Leaphart of Columbia, SC.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday from Juniper Bay Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor James Webb and Kenneth Thompson officiating. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church sanctuary.

The family will receive friends in the sanctuary of Juniper Bay Baptist Church from 10:00 until 10:45 AM Wednesday.

Memorials may be sent to Juniper Bay Baptist Church, 5265 Juniper Bay Road, Conway, SC 29526 or to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800

Sign an online guestbook at <http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## Juniper Bay Baptist Church Cemetery

5265 Juniper Bay Road  
Conway, SC, 29527

# Events

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**SEP 22** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Juniper Bay Baptist Church Cemetery  
5265 Juniper Bay Road, Conway, SC, US,  
29527

# Comments

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“ I jokingly say Mrs. Annie Ruth picked Kenny to be her son-in-law when he was 15, hanging freshly strung tobacco in the Lewis's curing barn. The memory of her raving is indelibly etched in my brain. (That selection was just fine, because the Thompson family got Debra in exchange). Everyone knows how wonderful Mrs. Annie Ruth was -- just look at that sweet face-- fewer witnessed her mischievous streak demonstrated after the wedding when she sewed five pounds of rice "nice and tight" into pockets (and makeshift pockets) in Deb's honeymoon wardrobe. She was wise, teaching me the pitfalls of catalog shopping, steering me away from ordering towels from Fingerhut as I prepared for college -- and safeguarded me from a lifetime of junk mail. I learned to generously share the bounty of our garden from observing Mrs. Annie Ruth. The mules that plowed our clay soil couldn't produce as their tractor did in rich loam. I remember a shoe box full of butter beans thrilling my mother. And when our sister Louise retired back to Conway, Mrs. Annie Ruth was on her doorstep with a shirt box full of Amaryllis bulbs.

Now in Texas, nearly every visit to my family included at least a short time with her as family-by-choice. A graveside service for Mrs. Annie Ruth was perfect! I can picture those she loved so much surrounding her plot of earth. This salt-of-the-earth woman was at home in the gardens. She was a devout, courageous Christian, lovingly standing for "right", regardless of any personal pain it may have caused. Additionally, there was strong mutual respect between Kenneth/Debra, (including their daughters) and Mrs. Annie Ruth that grew over their 47 years of marriage. When Mr. Tolar passed, Kenny and Debra did even more to keep her safe and happy in her own home. Eventually she transitioned to living with them. After they could no longer care for her in their home, Saturdays were centered on Mrs. Annie Ruth. During our last visit, she shared that if people lived as Kenneth/Debra do, the world would be a better place. Amen, Mrs. Annie Ruth. Your legacy lives on.

**Tempie Thompson Lyons** - September 28 at 07:38 AM

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“ Irene Patrick lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis



**Irene Patrick** - September 27 at 11:48 AM

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“ Rhonda Sanders Butler lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis



**Rhonda Sanders Butler** - September 27 at 07:15 AM

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“ Debra, Dennis and Kim, I am so sorry to hear about your Mama. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.



**Judy Johnson Vaught Adams** - September 22 at 02:25 PM

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“ Dennie, Deborah and Kim so sorry for the loss of your mother. Prayers and love sent to the family

Sandra Porter Strickland

**Sandra Strickland** - September 21 at 03:54 PM

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“ Dennie, Deborah and Kim, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss of your precious mother, heaven's gain! Mrs. Annie Ruth and Mr. Tolar were good friends with my parents, Marion and Elsie Vaught, deepened friendship through Gideon service, and special outings to celebrate birthdays. She was such a special lady, with a heart for the Lord, and I know you will miss her. I'm imagining there is great rejoicing in heaven, with her arrival. I hope all your special memories of time with her bring you great comfort now, and in the coming days.

Paula Vaught Adams

Paula Vaught Adams - September 21 at 02:17 PM



“ Paula, I never knew of this friendship! Debra is married to my brother Kenneth, and has been my sister since I was in high school. Thank you for commenting.

Tempie Thompson Lyons - September 28 at 07:44 AM

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“ Sorry for the loss of your mother. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Audrey Jordan-Smith - September 21 at 02:06 PM

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“ To the Family of Mrs. Annie Ruth---so very sorry to hear of your loss. My husband's Mom, Lucille Skipper, resided at Kingston Nursing Center prior to her passing on April 1, 2016. Many times during our visits, we would accompany Mom to the dining room for a meal or ice cream and popcorn on Fridays. Often your Mom, as well as other sweet ladies, sat at the same table. We thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and interaction we shared with all these precious ladies. We are blessed to have met Mrs. Annie. May God's loving presence as well as wonderful memories bring you comfort during this difficult time in your lives. In Sympathy and Love, Windell & Marilyn Skipper, Greer, SC

Marilyn & Windell Skipper - September 21 at 12:44 PM

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“ Deborah, Dennie and Kim,

Your Mom is with the ONE she has served all these years. She was a wonderful saint of God. David and I will cherish all the memories we made with her and the family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers!



David & Glenda Johnson - September 21 at 10:51 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis.



September 21 at 10:20 AM

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“ I'm so sorry. Prayers for all of you. I love you.

Doris Boyd Piver



Doris Piver - September 21 at 08:54 AM

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“ Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis



**Tammy Howell** - September 21 at 06:50 AM

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“ Dianne Porter lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis



**Dianne Porter** - September 21 at 01:03 AM



“ Praying for peace and comfort in the days to come.  
Dianne Hucks Porter

**Dianne** - September 21 at 01:06 AM

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“ Elaine Sarvis lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis



**Elaine Sarvis** - September 20 at 08:21 PM

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“ I will miss you my sweet special friend you have always been such a special Christian Lady and know while you were able you were a blessing to all the patient at the nursing home love you

**Nadine Hyman** - September 20 at 07:18 PM

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“ Dennie, I was so sorry to learn of your precious Mothers passing. I will definitely be in prayer for you and all your family, In Christian Love, Mona King

**Mona King** - September 20 at 07:14 PM

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“ So sorry to hear the passing of this sweet loving lady. We have known her and the family  
For many years. She will be missed.



**Jim and Harriette Davis** - September 20 at 04:59 PM

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“ She was my mother in law and as great a mother as any mother could be. She loved her family. What a faithful Christian!

**Kenneth Thompson** - September 20 at 04:42 PM



“ Kenny, I can attest that you were as great a son as any son could be to Mrs. Annie Ruth. Debra, Joni and Jennifer were the epitome of daughter and granddaughters, too. Your family will take comfort in knowing that they loved Mrs. Annie Ruth fully.

**Tempie Thompson Lyons** - September 28 at 07:52 AM

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“ Jane Hooks lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruth Dorman Lewis



**Jane Hooks** - September 20 at 01:21 PM



“ Mrs. Annie Lewis was one of the sweetest ladies...her friendship with my mother (Gideon's Aux.) was our connection when we visited at Kingston/Pruitt. She loved God and didn't hesitate to tell you about Jesus. May the family have comfort in the knowledge that she is reunited with Mr. Tolar and they are praising God together!! Loved you Mrs. Lewis.

**Jane Hooks** - September 20 at 01:24 PM



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**Jane Hooks** - September 20 at 08:42 PM

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“ My love and deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your sweet mama.

**Peggy Chestnut** - September 20 at 11:41 AM