



Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis

September 5, 1927 - May 23, 2017

Edith Cherry Lewis, age 89, wife of the late Odell B. Lewis, passed away Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Conway Medical Center.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Conway, SC, a daughter of the late William Jesse and Mattie Woodle Cherry. She was also preceded in death by nine siblings and was the last surviving family member of the W.J. Cherry family.

Mrs. Lewis was a graduate of Conway High School where she was a majorette in the High School Marching Band. During the post war years, Mrs. Lewis traveled to Washington, DC and worked in the secretarial pool for the FBI. She returned to Conway, SC, married, and was blessed with five children. Mrs. Lewis was a student in the first class of Coastal Carolina College in 1954 and she completed her RN degree at the University of South Carolina and subsequently worked as a Registered Nurse in a variety of hospitals, including Conway Hospital, Georgetown Hospital, Newberry Hospital, and Baptist Hospital in Columbia, SC. Mrs. Lewis also loved writing and was a gifted writer. In addition to her avid journaling, she wrote a weekly column for the Conway Field and Herald, "Through the Eyes of a Woman." During her years as a Girl Scout leader for her daughters' Girl Scout troops, she wrote a book, "Do's and Don'ts for Teenage Babysitters," as a guideline for the young girls to follow. She also wrote a book chronicling the family lineage and a book of bible stories and prayers for her grandchildren. Mrs. Lewis was always very close to her brothers and sisters. After buying the Cherry family farm in Willow Springs where she and her siblings had grown up, she received great

enjoyment from hosting Christmas at the family home place for the entire Cherry family. In addition to writing, Mrs. Lewis was an avid reader, often reading 4 or more books a week. This continued up until the very last days of her life. She loved playing cards (especially Bridge and Penny Poker), dominoes, and Bingo. Mrs. Lewis loved to travel and see the world. No matter where her daughter was living as an army wife, Mrs. Lewis traveled to visit her, including flying overseas to Germany. While in Germany, she also traveled to Holland and France. Her employment with the International Traveling Nurses Organization gave her another opportunity to travel and experience new adventures. During this time, she worked in New Mexico as well as in Saudi Arabia. She travelled in Greece, Turkey and Egypt where she got to experience a new first – riding on a camel. Mrs. Lewis was an active member of Conway First United Methodist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) leader while her children were young. She was also a member of United Methodist Women and the Ladies Circle Club. In addition to her leadership in the Girl Scouts and MYF, Mrs. Lewis was active in The Garden Club.

Survivors include; her two daughters, Cherry Lewis Thompson and husband, Phillip, of Conway, Lynette Lewis Leventis and husband, Peter, of Columbia, SC; her three sons, Edward O. Lewis of Georgetown, SC, Robert B. Lewis and wife, Gigi, of Columbia, SC, Charles J.D. Lewis of Conway; her 10 grandchildren; Scott Thompson (Michelle), Chris Thompson (Crystal), Brad Thompson (Christy), Victoria Leventis Shew (Jason), Katherine Leventis Beverly (Forrest), Amber Lewis Todd (Jordan), Robert John Lewis, James Robert Lewis (Mary Leith), Alexandra Cherry Lewis, Harry Robert Lewis; and fourteen great- grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, May 26, 2017 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Reverend Kyle Randle officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Campground Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 1001 5th Avenue, Conway, SC 29526.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Conway Manor for the care and support given to Mrs. Lewis during her residency at their facility.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Campground Cemetery

9th Ave
Conway, 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

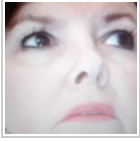
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
608 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Conway, SC 29526
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Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Edith Lewis,
We are so sorry to hear of her death. My mother, Helen Johnson Henson was one of the ones to attend the first class of what is now known as Coastal Carolina University with her. They were also great friends as my mother was a lab technologist and Edith was an R.N. at Conway Hospital. I've heard some of the funny stories those two shared. I understand she was quite entertaining. Robert and Edward were classmates of mine at CHS, and they had their mother's outgoing personality. I know she will certainly be missed for being such a special mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. I'm sure her family will carry forward all that she has taught and shared with you. Her life will live on in each member of her family. As Christians, we all look forward to reuniting with our loved ones in heaven one day. Heaven received an angel we knew on earth as "Edith Lewis" and one day we'll see her again. Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire family.
With sympathy,
Debbie Johnson and Helen Johnson Henson

Debbie Johnson - June 12, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ Edith was my mother's (Rae Woodle Daniels) first cousin. I visited Edith at Conway Manor and really enjoyed hearing lots of stories about the cousins. She was so entertaining!

Janet Daniels Lawrence - May 25, 2017 at 10:08 PM

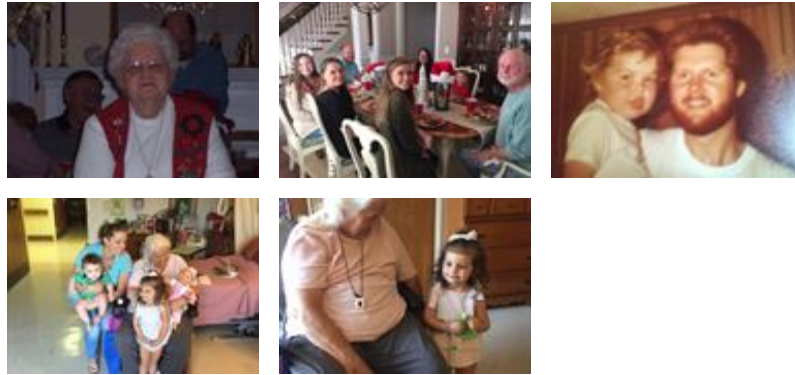
BP

“ I worked with Edith at the hospital and thought very highly of her. I have never forgotten her and I never pass her old home place on Main Street that I do not think about her. I wish I had known how to get in touch with her. I would love to have visited her again. She was a wonderful and interesting lady, and my sincerest thoughts and prayers are with her family. I know she will be missed. Bunny Peterson, RN

Bunny Peterson - May 25, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - May 25, 2017 at 09:01 PM

SB

“ Sammy Branton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis



Sammy Branton - May 25, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis.*



May 25, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ *Cindy Kaminski sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis*



Cindy Kaminski - May 25, 2017 at 12:24 PM

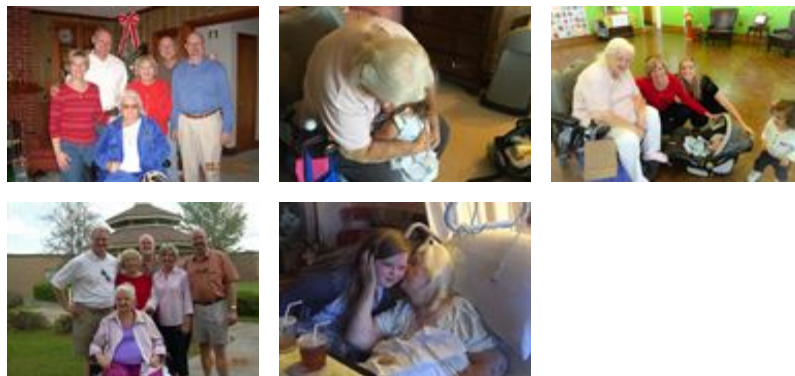


Keeping your family close in my heart and prayers for the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Someone as beautiful and special as Edith will never be forgotten.

Cindy Kaminski - May 25, 2017 at 12:26 PM



“ *44 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - May 25, 2017 at 11:58 AM



My family is so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you during this very difficult time. I'm thankful that you have great memories to share and will always be able to treasure them in your heart and mind.

Carole Bailey - May 25, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis.*



May 25, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ *Sheila Harvey purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis.*



Sheila Harvey - May 25, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *Miss Edith was a wonderful person and a great nurse. She certainly had a life well lived. My condolences to the entire family.*



Rhonda Sanders Butler - May 25, 2017 at 07:50 AM

BM

“ *Amber & Family - My condolences to each of you. May the love you all share and our Lord sustain you through this time of loss of your dear sweet loved one. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Belinda

Belinda Mils - May 25, 2017 at 07:40 AM

AL

“ *Edith is and was always a very kind, sweet and wonderful person. Edith and two of her fellow female nurses came to visit Marie and Me several times when we were living in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. I was working on the King Abdul Aziz International Airport Project in Jeddah for Fluor Corporation. Edith and her two friends were working as nurses at a hospital in a town about an hour and a half away from the airport. We would always have a beautiful and joyous time telling stories about our experiences in Saudi Arabia, other places we all had visited and with friends and family back the USA. I remember her great laugh, soft voice and her very calming demeanor. Time would past so fast during our visits. Before you knew it, we were driving Edith and her friends to the King Abdul Aziz International Airport Airline Terminal and accompanied them to their check in counters. Edith would then say, we will be back to visit when we are headed out on our next trip. It was always such a joy to see her and such a blessing to have her visit.*



God Bless You, You will always be in our hearts and minds.

Andrew Leventis - May 24, 2017 at 11:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis.*



May 24, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ *Lynette, you and your family are in my prayers as you gather to honor your mother. I never had the pleasure of meeting her, but she must have been a wonderful woman, and I know you will miss her deeply. Draw comfort from each other, and hold those precious memories close to your hearts.*

*With love to you and your family,
Perrin*

Perrin Kreidler - May 24, 2017 at 08:48 PM



“ *Pamela Davis And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis*



Pamela Davis and family - May 24, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Sending prayers of Love, comfort and peace from Japan. She was a beautiful lady and will surely be missed. Love to you all.*

Baxter and Tammy Alexander - May 24, 2017 at 07:17 PM

RB

“ Rachel Smoak Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis



Rachel Smoak Ballenger - May 24, 2017 at 05:24 PM

CC

“ I am saddened to hear about the death of Mrs. Lewis. I enjoyed meeting her and keeping up with her through Lynette and Charles. She was a very special person. She lived a full life and had many wonderful experiences. I was always amazed at what an avid reader she was and how she kept her mind so active.

I know she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. I hope the family will have peace and comfort in knowing she is at rest.

*With deepest sympathy,
Cathy Crabtree*

Cathy Crabtree - May 24, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ Gene McDowell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edith Cherry Lewis



Gene McDowell - May 24, 2017 at 02:58 PM