



## Alvin C. Lewis

November 4, 1934 - September 4, 2025

It is with profound sadness and deep gratitude for a life well-lived that the Lewis family announces the passing of Alvin “Al” Charles Lewis, age 90, who departed this life peacefully on September 4, 2025, surrounded by loved ones at his home in Roswell, Georgia.

### A Life Rooted in Purpose

Born in Montz, Louisiana, on November 4, 1934, Alvin was the youngest of ten children born to Eugene and Martha (Bourgeois) Lewis. Raised in a household that valued faith, hard work and integrity, Al carried those principles throughout his life. He held various odd jobs in his youth—from carpentry, harvesting parsley to racking bowling pins—before graduating from Our Lady of Grace Catholic School (Reserve, LA) in 1955.

Al earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA in 1959. He was a proud alumnus of the beloved HBCU. That same year, he married his childhood sweetheart, Rosalie James, whom he met in first grade and wooed with a heartfelt letter in middle school. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised four children.

### U.S. Service and Career

After college, Al was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving as a Mathematical Statistician at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. His career spanned both private industry and federal service, including pivotal roles in the Saturn Space Program with Chrysler Space Division and as a Quality Engineer with Fairchild Hillar Corporation. The later opportunity led him to relocate his family from Reserve, LA to Rockville, MD.

In 1970, Al began a distinguished career at the National Bureau of Standards (now National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)), where he applied his expertise in statistics and operations research to public policy and consumer safety. He later became Director of the Civil Rights Office at NIST, where he championed equal employment, diversity, and inclusion until his retirement in 2002. His work earned him numerous accolades, including the NIST Equal Employment Opportunity Award in 1977.

### Community and Mentorship

Al's commitment to service extended beyond his professional life. He mentored youth in Montgomery County, MD, led tutoring programs, and served on boards including the NAACP Labor Industry Committee and District of Columbia Metropolitan Consortium for Minorities in Engineering (METCON). He was also a Regional Vice President with Mid-American Investors, promoting financial literacy and empowerment.

### Family, Friendship, and Passions

Shortly after retiring, in 2002, Al and Rosalie relocated from Rockville, MD to Roswell, GA to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Al was a man of many talents and interests—a true Renaissance Man. He was a self-taught undercover master chef who enjoyed his family congregating together every Sunday to enjoy his legendary cooking. He loved playing Bridge, refurbishing classic cars and fixing anything with his hands. His home was a haven of

hospitality, where everyone was welcome and no one was a stranger. His circle of friends reflected his open heart and global spirit; and his wisdom earned him the nickname “Walking Encyclopedia.” He was deeply involved with the Forever Young Friends group at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and cherished his role as a grandfather and great-grandfather.

### Legacy of Love

Alvin is survived by his devoted wife of almost 66 years, Rosalie James Lewis; his children Kendall Lewis (Frances), Lucretia Lewis Gaston (Kevin), Kevin Lewis (Luanne), and Keary Lewis; grandchildren Princess Thompson (Courtney), Kevin Wesley Gaston II, Charlie Fuller (Cory), Devin Lewis, Drew Lewis, Michael Lewis (Haley), Brandon Lewis, Alexis Lewis Bolton (Nathan), Kelli Gaston, and Kennedi Lewis; and great-grandchildren CJ Thompson, Justice Thompson, Brooklyn Lewis, Ayden Lewis, Jackson Lewis, Corinne Fuller, Cory Fuller Jr., and Caleel Fuller. He also leaves behind a host of beloved relatives and friends.

He now joins his parents and siblings in eternal rest: William Wolfe, Lydia Wolfe Winchester, Dorothy Wolfe Thomas, Henry Wolfe Sr., Mildred Lewis Thomas, Albertine Lewis Tyran, Rita Lewis Williams, Joseph Lewis, and Marion Lewis Wallace.

### Services and Memorial

- Visitation: Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 6PM–8PM ET at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, GA
  - Funeral Mass: Monday, September 22, 2025, at 10 AM ET at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 535 Rucker Rd., Alpharetta, GA
- Streaming Link: <http://www.facebook.com/stacatholicchurch.com>  
(Note: Link will not be active until time of event.)

- Interment: Green Lawn Cemetery, 950 Mansell Road, Roswell, GA
- Repast: Edenwilde Clubhouse, 12455 Edenwilde Drive, Roswell, GA

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Southern University's College of Sciences and Engineering <https://foundation.sus.edu/college-of-sciences-engineering/> Select "Dedicate Gift" checkbox and include Honoree Name: Alvin C. Lewis (Class of 1959)

# Cemetery Details

## Green Lawn Cemetery

10993 Alpharetta Hwy  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA 30075  
(770) 645-1414  
[info@northsidechapel.com](mailto:info@northsidechapel.com)

## Funeral Mass

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
535 Rucker Road  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ I knew Al for 40 years. He was a great man and a great friend who will be missed.

Leon Langford - September 28, 2025 at 07:09 AM

BJ

“ Blaimes Jr, Jacqueline J & Baron J Smith send our love prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Rosalie J Lewis, Kendall and the entire Lewis James families

Blaimes Smith Jr - September 22, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ Ever since meeting Mr. Lewis (via my Aunt Frances marriage to Uncle Kendall) as a nearly 10 year old child, it has always been a pleasure to be in his company. I have also enjoyed visiting his and Mrs. Lewis' home on multiple occasions. I have always felt welcomed as part of the family. He will definitely be missed.

Jasmine D Smith - September 22, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LN

“ Lucille N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin C. Lewis.

Lucille N. - September 20, 2025 at 01:38 PM

MW

“ Mitchell and Charlsie (Penny) Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin C. Lewis.

Mitchell and Charlsie (Penny) Wilson - September 20, 2025 at 11:43 AM

MW

“ *Mitchell and Charlsie (Penny) Wilson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alvin C. Lewis.*



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**Mitchell and Charlsie (Penny) Wilson** - September 20, 2025 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Scott Smith (Smitty) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin C. Lewis.*

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**Scott Smith (Smitty)** - September 20, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ *Scott Smith (Smitty) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Alvin C. Lewis.*



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**Scott Smith (Smitty)** - September 20, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ *To the Lewis Family. I have fond memories of when we lived in Maryland, how our families would visit each other. Our prayers are with you.*

*Trina Carter-Smith and Hilda Mae Carter*

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**Trina Smith** - September 19, 2025 at 11:36 PM

GE

“ Gloria Foster, Grow family, David Evans purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Alvin C. Lewis.



Gloria Foster, Grow family, David Evans - September 18, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alvin C. Lewis.



September 16, 2025 at 02:09 PM

KP

“ Karen C Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin C. Lewis.

Karen C Phillips - September 15, 2025 at 09:49 PM

KP

“ Karen C Phillips purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alvin C. Lewis.



Karen C Phillips - September 15, 2025 at 09:49 PM

GD

“ Alvin is another brother that I am losing that will always be in my heart. I think about that wonderful girls trip he brought us one from Maryland to New Jersey he made sure we had fun.

Gloria Dumas - September 15, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MS

Sending our condolences and prayers to the family 🙏🙏🙏 The Southall and James Family

Maurice Southall - September 16, 2025 at 10:23 AM

YG

“ Rose and family, how do we begin to salute Alvin C Lewis. He was a giant, a man of kindness, generosity, and love of mankind. I was introduced to Al by Rose's cousin when I needed a ride from Laplace Plantation to attend classes at SUNO(college) in New Orleans. Without knowing me, he arrived at my house on the Plantation at 5 am. On the way to SUNO, he picked up 3 other students also out of the goodness of his giant heart before he reached his workplace. Garland and I are praying that God will wrap his arms around all of you as you go through these difficult times.  
Garland and Yvonne  
Marrero LA

Yvonne Green - September 14, 2025 at 04:33 PM

MH

“ Michael H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alvin C. Lewis.

Michael H. - September 13, 2025 at 12:51 PM