



Martha Louise Curtis Lewis

September 8, 1940 - February 22, 2023

Martha Louise Curtis Lewis, of Salisbury, NC, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on February 22, 2023. She was born on September 8, 1940, in Piney Flats, TN, to Louise Crumley Curtis and John Clifton Curtis.

Martha graduated as valedictorian from Daniel Boone High School in Johnson City, TN, in 1958. She attended East Tennessee State College (now University), graduating with honors in 1961. Shortly after graduation, she married Samuel Edwin Lewis, her loving husband of almost 62 years. As newlyweds, Martha accompanied Ed to Decatur, GA, where she taught at Tilson Elementary School to help put him through Columbia Theological Seminary. Upon his graduation in 1963, they moved to Rock Hill, SC, where she taught at Richmond Drive Elementary School. When Ed was called to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville, NC, in 1970, they settled in the town for the remainder of their careers. Martha taught math to middle school students for many years in the Mooresville Graded School District. After both retired, they moved to Salisbury, NC, in 2004.

Martha's math classes were notoriously difficult, but she was an incredible teacher who prepared her students for success in high school and beyond. She also faithfully fulfilled her role as a preacher's wife by doing whatever the church needed, including, at various times, teaching Sunday School, playing the piano or organ, leading youth groups and women's circles, and directing the choir. Martha lived a life of service, developing young students and living her faith.

Martha enjoyed music and had a lovely soprano singing voice. Her keen intellect and incredible memory made her a formidable bridge player. She loved shopping and laughing with her sister Pat, spending time at Ocean Isle Beach, and watching the UNC Tar Heels and the Atlanta Braves. Having grown up on a farm, Martha was a phenomenal cook who worked wonders with the simplest ingredients. She was also the consummate hostess; once she knew your favorite cake, casserole or side dish, she would make it for you on a regular basis.

Most of all, Martha loved her family and its traditions, particularly holiday ones. She was happiest when everyone was sharing a meal and she was answering to frequent calls of “Mom” or “Nana.” We love her very much and miss her greatly.

Martha is survived by her husband Ed Lewis; their three children Stephen Lewis (Mary Ellen Huckabee) of Atlanta, GA, Melanie Burton (Scott Burton) of Salisbury, NC, and Mark Lewis (Julie Lewis) of Wilmington, NC; their seven grandchildren (Caroline, Roarke, Charlotte, Meredith, Katherine, Sawyer, and Lola); and her sister Pat Davis (Jerry Davis) of Southport, NC. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant daughter Stephanie Lewis, and infant granddaughter McLean Lewis.

There will be a memorial service for Martha at 11:00am on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury (308 West Fisher Street, Salisbury, NC 28144), with visitation at the church following. There will be an interment earlier in the week at Happy Valley Memorial Park in Johnson City, TN.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Lewis family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
308 W. Fisher St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

WB

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to the Lewis Family in the passing of Martha. Even though all the children were gifted in many areas, I recognized their musical ski early on and I am proud to have had a part in their musicianship.

But I never knew that Martha herself was such a good musician. Don't know about Ed, but I'll bet he can carry a bucket of music.

Nevertheless less. I do ask God's blessings on your Familh.

Willie Beaver

Willie Beaver - March 02, 2023 at 12:35 AM

JP

“ Mrs. Lewis was especially kind to my son Ben by offering him an opportunity to move into advanced math at the eighth grade in Mooresville. The entire Lewis family is loved and deeply respected in My family and many others.



Joyce Johnson, Mrs. Phifer - March 01, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Louise Curtis Lewis.



February 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM

LR

“ Sending our deepest condolences to Ed and his family in the loss of Martha. Our family first met Martha when Ed was Interim Minister at Forest Park Presbyterian Church many years ago. She was a lovely Christian lady who dedicated her life to her church and to family. May Martha's precious memories live on in your lives forever. Comfort and peace to you.

*Love and Prayers,
Landrea & Rick Rhyne & family
Statesville, NC.*

Landrea Rhyne - February 26, 2023 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ *Pat and family*

*Praying for each of you
What a beautiful woman*

*Boones Creek class 1970
Boones Creek, Tn*



Carol Carter - February 26, 2023 at 11:20 AM

RB

“ *I remember team teaching the Young Adult Sunday School Class with Martha not too long afterb they came to Mooresville.*

Reid Brodie - February 25, 2023 at 06:08 PM

BB

“ *Knowing Martha as a friend was a special gift. She was always so uplifting and supportive . As her family knows such a wonderful cook. Always looked forward going to her home for bridge and a wonderful breakfast. My deepest sympathy to her wonderful family that she loved and cherished. Betty Brawley*



Betty Brawley - February 25, 2023 at 03:44 PM