

ATTENDANTS

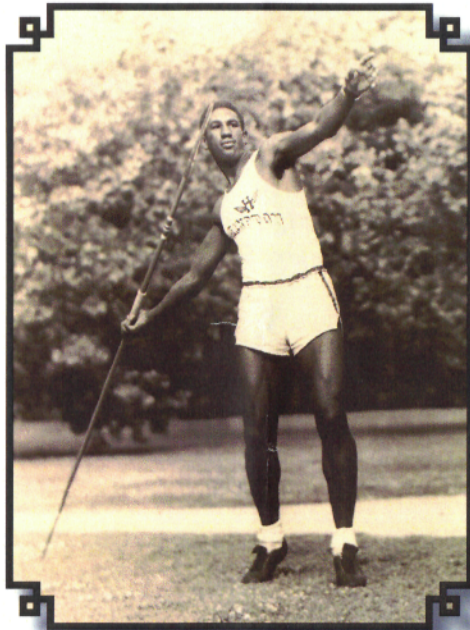
William Lewis, Rhett Lewis, Pernell Lewis, Derrick Lewis, Sean Lewis, Ken Edelin, Jr.

HONORARY ATTENDANTS

Rev. Sam Goodwin, George Glymph, Josh Thomas, Henry Pelham, Larry Tidwell, Joseph Young, Sr., Paul McGriff, Reguster Dawkins, LeVon Walker, T.T. Barnes

FLORAL BEARERS

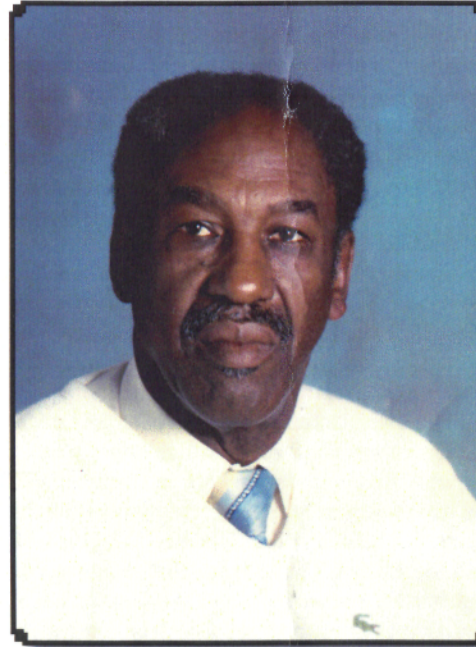
Jenae Lewis Marshall, Cheyenne Freeman, Omololu Achikeobi-Lewis



Appreciation

USCL, Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ramona Edelin, Cathleen Drew, & Laquavios Jones - Percussion.

In Memoriam



William Charles Lewis, III

December 1, 1925 – July 13, 2012

Bundy Auditorium
University of South Carolina, Lancaster Campus
Lancaster, South Carolina

Saturday, July 28, 2012

11:00 A.M.

WILLIAM CHARLES "PAP" LEWIS III peacefully departed this life at the age of 86 on July 13, 2012 in Lancaster, SC. He was born on December 1, 1925 in Orangeburg, SC on SC State College's campus into a family of educators and coaches who cherished active involvement in Church and civic life. His parents, William Charles Lewis II and Alethia Lightner Lewis, founded the first Black Presbyterian church in Orangeburg, SC. His mother was the first woman Elder in the Presbytery. His father was a professor as well as the first football coach for SC State College and was a founder of the MEAC.

He attended Felton Training School in Orangeburg, SC. Later, he completed high school at Mather Academy in Chester, SC where he lettered in football, basketball, track, and tennis. He was drafted out of Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) into the US Navy as a boatswain's mate and served on an attack cargo ship out of Seattle, WA from 1944-45. In so doing, he became one of the first Blacks to enter the Navy at a seaman class. After returning to Hampton Institute, he made All-CIAA; and lettered in football, basketball, track, and tennis. He earned a BS in physical education, minoring in science.

After graduation, Pap continued to develop his athletic prowess, including exhibition tennis matches with Althea Gibson and other world-class African American tennis players as well as playing against the Harlem Globetrotters. He was drafted to play in the Canadian Football League, but received a better offer from Miriam Lee Graham, whom he married and who has been his wife for 60 years. This loving union produced six children: William Lewis, IV; Rhett Lewis; Michael Lewis; Pernell Lewis; Derrick Lewis; and Denise Lewis.

He was a lifelong Presbyterian: serving Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church as a member of the Choir, Deacon, Elder, and Treasurer; serving Ladson Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC as Deacon; after having been raised in St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg.

He began his coaching career at Wilson HS, Florence, SC (1951-55) as Athletic Director, Head Coach of Football, Basketball, Track. From 1955-64, he served as Head Coach of Football, Track and JV Basketball Coach at Booker T. Washington HS, Columbia, SC. From 1964-1970, Coach served as Athletic Director, Head Coach of Football, Basketball, and Track at Barr Street HS, Lancaster, SC. Finally, Pap served as Head Coach of Basketball and Tennis, Assistant Coach of Football at Lancaster HS, Lancaster, SC from 1970-1995. He led many of the teams at these schools to championships.

In the "off" season, he ran clinics, held exhibitions, and in general inspired and developed the younger aspiring athletes while riding herd on his athletes with his ever-present admonition: *No drinking, no smoking, and no dissipating*. By the way, he also managed Gay St. Community Pool for many years.

Coach William Charles Lewis, III, the only African American to retain a head coaching position in the State of South Carolina after forced desegregation in 1971, was inducted into the SC Coaches Hall of Fame in 2006. In 2012, he was inducted into the Florence, SC Coaches Hall of Fame. If Coach wasn't at practice, he was golfing, which became such a favorite pastime for him, he co-founded the Tri-County Golf Club, also serving as president for a number of years.

Coach was predeceased by his son, Michael Allen Lewis and his sister, Annette Lewis Phinazee. He is survived by: his loving wife – Miriam Graham Lewis; four sons – William Charles Lewis, IV (Sharon), Robert Rhett Lewis, Vincent Pernell Lewis, and Lyndon Derrick Lewis (Omiley); a daughter – Cheryl Denise Lewis; 10 granddaughters – Nia, Shante, Kendra, Kiara, Kanika, Imani, Kalifa, Nayah, Jenae, and Omololu; one grandson – Sean; and one step-grandson – Kem Ra; a niece – Ramona Edelin; two grandnephews – Ken Edelin, Jr. and Ramad Speight; and a grandniece – Kimberley Freeman; and a host of relatives, former players, and close associates and friends whose lives he profoundly influenced.

Order of Service

PRELUDE – *Wind Beneath My Wings*
Musical Arrangement - Jason Mousuri

PROCESSIONAL - *How Great Thou Art!*
Gayle Gordon - Soloist

PRAYER – *Henry "Bobo" Pelham*

MUSICAL SELECTION – *I Will Not Complain*
Sandy Mungo - Soloist

SCRIPTURE – *Rev. George Williams*

MUSICAL SELECTION – *Joseph Young, Sr.*

COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS - *Josh Thomas, Mattie Hebert,
Joseph Young, Sr., Sam Barnett, Richard Priester, Benny MacMurray*

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

MUSICAL SELECTION - *The Lord's Prayer*
Gayle Gordon - Soloist

EULOGY – *Coach George Glymph*

MUSICAL SELECTION - *It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to
Yesterday - Joseph Young, Sr.*

PRAYER – *Rev. Lorenzo Smalls*

MILITARY HONORS

BENEDICTION - *Rev. Lorenzo Smalls*

RECESSIONAL - *Musical Arrangement - I Am Free*
Jason Mousuri