



## Richard James Lewis

March 18, 1926 - February 23, 2014

Lewis, Richard James, 87, of Springfield, OH passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2014, at The Ohio State University Hospital. He was born March 18, 1926, in Springfield, OH, the son of Edward and Tena (Stephenson) Lewis. Mr. Lewis served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and World War II. He also retired from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH after 39 years. He is survived by his wife Vivian L. (Mitchell) Lewis of Springfield, OH; one son, David E. Lewis of Springfield, OH; five grandchildren, Jon and James Upshaw; David and Jennifer Lewis; and Mikayla Lester; two brothers; Edward Lewis of Columbus, OH; Julian (Sandra) Lewis of Dayton, OH; one sister, Rita (Harold) Jefferson of Las Vega, NV and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters; Ella, Audrey, Zinda and Barbara; three brothers; Eugene, Charles and Ross. Mr. Lewis was a God-fearing man who loved the Lord. He was a member of Wiley (now) Covenant United Methodist Church where he served in numerous areas of the Church. Mr. Lewis served as Sunday school teacher, Chairperson of the Finance Committee; Treasurer, Trustee Board Member, Lay Leader for the local church as well as the Springfield District, served as Chairperson of the Administrative Council. Mr. Lewis was instrumental in creating the church's Male Chorus. He also sang in the Gospel and Senior Choirs. Mr. Lewis was a staunch member and advocate for the United Methodist Men and the West Ohio Caucus of the Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR); the Jurisdiction and National BMCR. Mr. Richard J. Lewis was a friend and

mentor to many. The family will receive friends from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Covenant United Methodist Church, with funeral services to begin at 11:00 am. Condolences may be expressed at [www.jacksonlytle.com](http://www.jacksonlytle.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Ferncliff Cemetery

Springfield, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant United Methodist Church  
Springfield, OH

# Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to hear that your passed . You will be in my prayers dear Vivian. My deepest sympathy. With love, Ann Hawke

ann hawke - March 01, 2014 at 10:30 AM

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Sorry for your lost aunt Vivian. I wish I could have been more apart of the family. Valerie Lindsey-Howard

vlindseyhoward - July 01, 2014 at 10:52 PM