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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Myrtis Cecilia Allen Lewis would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

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"We Are Not Satisfied Until You Are"

A CHRISTIAN
FAREWELL
for



Myrtis

CECILIA ALLEN LEWIS

SUNRISE

October 28, 1955



SUNSET

April 24, 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 11:00 AM

MT. TABOR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3695 Popular Springs Road | Marianna, Florida 32446

Reverend Dr. Dwight Cockerham, Sr., Pastor and Officiant

Obituary

MYRTIS CECILIA ALLEN LEWIS peacefully transitioned on April 24, 2026, in Clinton, Maryland. She was born on October 28, 1955, in St. Augustine, Florida, to the late Mr. Elijah Allen, Jr., and Mrs. Jennie Allen. She was the eldest of two children born to this union.

EDUCATION

Myrtis received her primary education in the St. Augustine public school system and furthered her education at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Having a keen interest in human resources, Myrtis later obtained certifications in Human Resources Management and was a member of the Society for Human Resources Management.

MARRIAGE

Myrtis was united in marriage to William “Donnie” Lewis on April 29, 1980, in Greensboro, Alabama. Their union was one of true love and devotion that stood the test of time. She openly acknowledged how blessed she was to have such a committed partner as Donnie.

CAREER AND LIFE

Myrtis was an avid reader and writer. She loved history and could discuss almost any topic with anyone; her knowledge was vast. She was a thoughtful and considerate friend—many have been recipients of her beautiful cards handwritten in calligraphy. Her love shone through with the delicious cakes she would bake for gatherings and friends—the pound cake with the cherries on top and the red velvet cakes will be sorely missed. She was a great listener and adviser, too.

Throughout her life, Myrtis demonstrated strength, resilience, and independence. She was a devoted military service wife and traveled in support of him as his duty station assignments changed, both domestically and internationally. She always spoke fondly of her travels and the friendships she made along the way. Donnie’s last assignment at the Pentagon brought them to the Washington, DC, area where they settled after his retirement.

Myrtis was the consummate administrative professional, serving long-term in various human resources capacities at Macy’s Department Store, Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries, and Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC.

For over 20 years, Myrtis courageously battled a debilitating illness, Polymyositis. She maintained a positive attitude and held on to her independence until around 2020 when the disease robbed her of her ability to walk. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she and her loving husband chose to remain private about the difficulties she faced as her health declined. Through it all, she was an exemplary model of endurance and faith.

In August of 2024, her beloved husband, Donnie, who had been her sole caregiver, passed away unexpectedly. In the wake of this loss, Myrtis leaned on the support of close friends who came to her aid. If she could express her gratitude, it would surely be heartfelt.

FAMILY

Myrtis was preceded in death her parents, Elijah Jr. and Jeannie (Granberry) Allen, her grandparents, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins. She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving sister, Clothilda Allen; nephew, Wynton Simmons, and his wife, Taylor Simmons, both of Florida; one great-niece, Sophia Simmons; one great-nephew, Quinton Simmons; uncles, Rudolph Allen, and Aaron Granberry, IV(Alice Elaine), aunts Fannie Willis, Karen Rowe, cousins Brenda Archer, Carol Archer, Ruby Lee Atkins, Samuel Edmon, Larry Granberry, Sr., Quinton Granberry, Sandra Miller, Rolan Granberry, III, Adietra Granberry, Aaron M. Granberry, and Arianna Granberry; as well as a host of in-laws from the Lewis family and other relatives and friends.

Also cherishing many fond memories is her friend, Karen Perrin, who stood by Myrtis during one of the most difficult seasons of her life. The Perrin children—India (whom Myrtis considered her goddaughter), Marcus, and Lonnie II also provided support and care when she needed it most. Also, offering love and support during her final years are friends, Linda Harris, Brenda Marshall, V. Fay Mays-Bester, and Cheryl Baite. We also extend sincere appreciation to the many caregivers who compassionately assisted her.

In the words of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:7,
“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

*When tomorrow starts
without me
And I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise
and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me,
Then I'll wish so much
you wouldn't cry
Like the way you did today
While thinking of
the many things
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time
you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow
starts without me,
Please try to understand
That Jesus came
and called my name
And took me by the hand.
He said my place was ready
In Heaven far above
And I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
So when tomorrow
starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
Every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.*

Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Dwight Cockerham, Sr., Presiding

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Farewell Viewing Directed by Peoples Staff

Selection..... Choir

Invocation.....Minister

Scripture.....Minister

Reflections Friends and Family

Acknowledgements and Resolutions..... Peoples' Staff

Selection..... Choir

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Dwight Cockerham, Sr.

Recessional

