



Ray Lewis

October 7, 1927 - September 3, 2024

R.D. (Ray) Lewis went to be with the Lord on September 3, 2024. He was 96 years old. Jeremiah 17:7 says, “Blessed is the man that trusted in the Lord and whose hope is in the Lord”. This truly describes Ray.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 9th, at First Baptist Church in Lindale under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 8th, between 3 – 5 p.m. at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home. A private burial will be in the Mt. Sylvan Cemetery.

Ray entered the Marines at age 15 and was the youngest sergeant in the Marines at age 16. After 3½ years he was discharged and worked for Weavers Springs and Bumper Works for five years. Then having a great desire to be a policeman, Ray went to work for the Dallas Police Department in 1951.

While Ray was a policeman, he was awarded The Patrolman Of The Year and Detective of the Year. While Ray was working in the Juvenile Division in July 1959, and because of the keen ability he had for interrogating, Ray was asked to work in the Polygraph Division. Retiring from the Dallas Police Department in 1978, Ray and Rita moved to Lindale where he started Lewis Polygraph Service. Ray was awarded the Pioneer Award by the Polygraph Association in

2001. He retired at the age 83.

Ray was the spiritual leader of his family. He came to know the Lord in 1953 and immediately began to serve Him. It was after attending an advanced seminar in Chicago in 1972, led by Bill Gothard, that Ray promised to never start the day without reading the Word. He kept that promise for over 46 years. He taught God's Word for over sixty years, 46 of those years at First Baptist in Lindale.

Ray was a loving, caring husband, father, grand-father and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents Bessie and Raymond Lewis, two sisters and their husbands Thelma and Bill Hovey and Mae and Floyd Johnson, and a son-in-law Monty Angell.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 78 years Rita Lewis, daughter Sandra Angell of Terrell, son and daughter-in-law R.D. (Danny) and Vicki Lewis of Kerens, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Lindale First Baptist Church Building fund.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Sylvan Cemetery

13090 County Road 434
Lindale, TX 75771

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
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Funeral Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lindale First Baptist Church
105 Hubbard Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray Lewis*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - September 06, 2024 at 02:54 AM

GH

“ *When we first started attending First Baptist Church Lindale about 12 years ago, our first memory is -- after Gary had back surgery and was recovering while living in our RV at the SOWERS RV park, Lindale, Ray was so faithful to visit, and he never stopped that practice of visiting people he loved. We joined the Samaritans class, and never wanted to visit another class because of Ray's teaching. He was such a blessing, inspiring us to be all God wanted us to be in our Christian walk (even in our senior adults years). He never tired of sharing JESUS with everyone.*

We will always have sweet memories of Ray, giving us his wonderful friendship and being such a faithful Christian example. He and Rita were so comfortable to be around and made us feel like family. We will miss him.

*We extend our sympathy and love to Rita and the Lewis families.
Gary & Jolene Hambrick*

GARY HAMBRICK - September 07, 2024 at 05:02 PM

LB

“ Vickie & I have had the distinct blessing of having Ray Lewis as teacher for over 9 years. The first time I visited worship services at FBC over 10 years ago, we shook hands, said a few words, & he handed me his card for Samaritan class. A while back, I asked him for another of his “business” cards. He smiled, pulled one out, & commented that he was relaying the most important “business” in life.

Louie Brown

Louie Brown - September 06, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JF

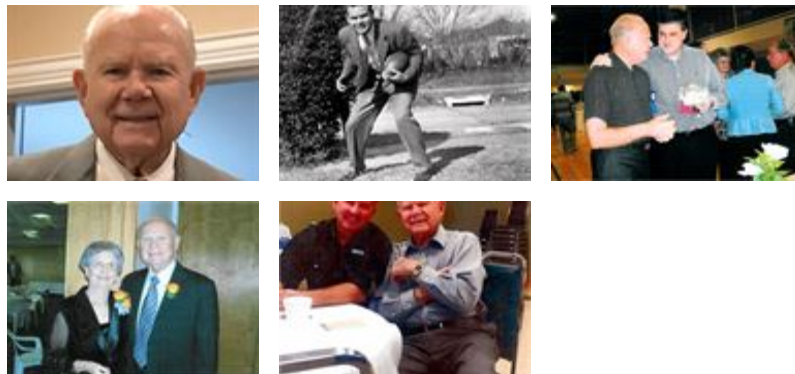
“ Ray's Sunday school teaching and life example was a great encouragement to us and definitely influenced our spiritual growth. Ray loved to play bridge and to win! We enjoyed our weekly bridge games and fellowship with him and Rita. He will be in our hearts and memories forever.

John and Jannis

Jannis Farmer - September 06, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - September 05, 2024 at 10:42 PM

CA

“ I will always remember how gracious Ray and Rita were to my mom, Edna Terry. As long as she was able, they would make sure that she had a ride to Sunday School & church! Ray will be remembered for the compassion for other people & sharing God’s word with everyone he met!
Clarlynn Terry Arbuckle

Clarlynn Arbuckle - September 05, 2024 at 04:08 PM

MW

“ I met Ray several years ago at the Christus workout center at Lindale. What a sweet and inspiring man!

Mark white - September 05, 2024 at 10:53 AM

DB

“ Dennis Bodiford lit a candle in memory of Ray Lewis



Dennis Bodiford - September 04, 2024 at 11:29 PM



“ Papa Ray was an absolutely amazing man. He touched my life as well as the lives of so many people over his incredible 96 year life. He will be missed dearly.

Dan Lewis - September 04, 2024 at 07:17 PM

JD

“ Uncle Ray always whistled. It was really nice when he did that.

Julie Daniel - September 04, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Lewis.*



September 04, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *My Papa devoted most of his life to telling others about Jesus, loving my grandmother, and reminding us of the importance of family. What an amazing legacy of faith, love, and hope!*



Denay - September 04, 2024 at 05:07 PM



They just didn't come any better than Ray Lewis I never sat in his Sunday school class but every time I saw Mr.Lewis he treated me as if we had been friends for all our lives that in its self was such a powerful testimony after every chance visit I would have with Mr.Lewis I walked away thinking what a genuinely fine man he was.

Dennis Bodiford - September 04, 2024 at 11:35 PM

VJ

I met the Lewis family in the very early 1950's. We lived across the street from them on Marvel St. in Pleasant Grove until I was 4 or 5 years old. Marvel was a dead end street and there was a shallow "pond" between our houses where Danny and I would go crawfishing and shoot marbles. Ray was like a big buddy to me and my 2 sisters and he always had time for us. When he would come home from work we would run over to welcome him back and he always made a big deal out of it. Rita and Sandra were sooo nice to be around. They treated us little kids like we were important and that really made an impression on us. They are the kind of people everybody wishes they had for neighbors and friends. And now I see that Sandra lives not far away from us here in Rockwall. What a small world. May God bless you and your wonderful family, Ray. Vincent Aloï Jr.

Vincent Aloï Jr. - September 05, 2024 at 12:56 PM