



## Vivian M.D.

February 19, 1931 - February 18, 2007

LEWIS-MOON, Mrs. Vivian M.D. - Age 75, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2007 at her residence. Memorial Service 6PM-8PM Friday, February 23, 2007 at Woodside Church. Family hour 12Noon Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., with funeral service commencing at 1PM. Rev. Deborah Kohler officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 12Noon Saturday. Dr. Lewis will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 9AM-3PM Friday. Vivian Moon Lewis was born in Pensacola, Florida on February 19, 1931 to parents, Edward C. Moon, Sr. and Vivian (Crawley) Moon. She was the youngest of three children. Her brothers were Edward C. Moon, Jr. and Inman H. Moon. She was the mother of three children, Vivian S. Howard, MD, William P. Lewis, and Beverly L. Gooden. At the age of 7, her family moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended public schools and received her high school diploma from Douglass High School in 1948 where her uncle, Frederick Moon, was the principal. She attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee from 1948-1952 where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology. She attended graduate school at the University of Oklahoma from 1953-1954. In 1955 she applied for admission to the University of Oklahoma Medical School, and became the first African-American female admitted to the Medical School. While there, she met her husband, Billie Lewis, who was also a medical student in the same class.

They were married in their sophomore year. She and her husband received their medical degrees in 1959. They both came to Flint and started a rotating internship at Hurley Hospital from 1959-1960. She completed a Pediatric Residency Program in 1963 at Hurley Hospital. She was then employed by Mott Children Health Center where she became the first African-American female Pediatrician in Flint. She went into private practice at Lewis Medical Services from 1970-2000. Vivian has been active in the church throughout her life. She was a member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church from 1964-1983. She has been a member of Woodside Church from 1983 to the present. While at Woodside Church she served as the Church Moderator from 1988-1989, and had been involved in many professional and community activities. She leaves to cherish her memory: her beloved husband of 49 years, Billie Lewis, M.D.; former husband, J.W. Sanford, M.D.; children, Vivian S. (James) Howard, M.D., William P. Lewis, Beverly L. (Issaac) Gooden; grandchildren, Amber Howard, Alyssa Howard, James Howard, III, Lance Howard, Allen Lewis, Aaron Lewis, Billie Lewis, David Gooden, and Christopher Gooden; sister-in-law, Bobbi Moon (Oklahoma City); niece, Carletta (Billy) Abernathy (Birmingham); nephew, Ronald C. (Sheila) Moon (Oklahoma City); first cousins, Erma Martin, James Crawley, Gloria Crawley, Betty Brandon, all of Flint, Freddy Smith (Chicago), Eva Garden (Cleveland), Estella Thompson (Kansas City), Alice Humphrey (St. Louis); adopted cousin, Lenore Croudy; adopted god-daughter, Dr. Brenda Rogers-Gray; many other loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vivian M.D.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Dr. B. Lewis, Vivian, William & Beverly,*

*Each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. She will be sorely missed. I know that she is in the presence of God and I ask that he comforts each of you during your time of loss.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Sibyl*

**Mrs. Sibyl Lewis Gaines & Family** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Lewis was an amazing woman. Accomplished, kind, thoughtful and radiant. She will be unbelievably missed by all who knew her. To Dr. Billie, Viv, William and Beverly: My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families at this time. Love, Michele*

**Michele Duncan (Ruffin)** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the family of Dr. Vivian Lewis, may God be with you during this time, Dr. Lewis was a great lady, and my son's doctor for may years, and a friend, she will be greatly missed, I will miss her and I love her dearly.*

**Debra Miller** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ TO: The Lewis Family

*I wish to express my deepest sympathy at this time of loss for your family.*

*Dr. Vivian were my children's pediatrician and she was a great Dr. to them and very patient with me. She would be proud to know that they too, are parents now.*

*May God comfort you and give you peace.*

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**Bettie J. Flowers** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ To the Lewis family our prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of such a warm and caring person in Vivian. She will be truly miss.

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**Warren E. Southall M.D.** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ DR. LEWIS:

*YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE WITH GOD.*

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**JUDGE RAMONA ROBERTS** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dr. Lewis,

*When I lived in Flint Michigan back in 1989-1996 with a great opportunity to recieve service from Dr. Lewis for my son "Lorenzo" whom she alway brought a smile to his little face. My prayer and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time.*

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**Pamela Friday-Norfolk** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ To: Dr. Billie Lewis (my fraternity brother), Vivian, William and Beverly.  
May God surround himself with you during this difficult time. My prayers are with you. God Bless.

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**Gregory Renick** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ Dr. Lewis was a trusted physician and respected professional. She was my daughter Rachel's first doctor and gave her great care.

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**Gail P. Edwards** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We extend to the Lewis family our deepest sympathy and prayers in your time of sorrow. Dr. Lewis was Aaron's physician many years ago and we attribute his pediatric health to her outstanding care and guidance.

*Be blessed and comforted by your fond memories of your wife, mother, grand-mother, and friend just as we will. We are grateful to God for her life and the numerous contributions she made towards the health issues facing African Americans in particular. To God be the glory for the things He has done!*

*With you in spirit!*

*Aaron and Phyllis Cunningham*

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**Aaron and Phyllis Cunningham** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Dr. Lewis and family, my sincere condolences to you during this trying time. I pray for peace from the Comforter and strength for the days ahead.*

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**Hazel Miller** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Vivian was my daughters first physician, we considered her a prized person who kept our little one(now a college grad)in great health. Please accept our sincere sorrow at her passing. May you find comfort and peace in the coming years.*

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**Donna and Deirdre Scales** - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM