



Martha Lewis Knudsen

September 30, 1945 - March 31, 2024

Martha Lewis Knudsen

Ecru, MS

Martha Lewis Knudsen went home to be with the Lord at the age of 78 on Sunday, March 31, 2024, with her beloved family at her side.

She was a wonderful, loving, wife, sister, aunt, and friend. She was born and raised in Webster County. She was an honor graduate of Eupora Special Consolidated District High School and Mississippi State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Masters of Education. She will be fondly remembered for her love of making a difference in the lives of children. She was an educator for 40 years. She taught at Houston Elementary School, Houston, MS and Ponderosa Elementary School, Spring, TX. She was an Assistant Principal at Salyers Elementary School, Spring, TX and a Principal at Anderson Elementary School, Spring, TX. She was dearly loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed.

She was a member of Cherry Creek Baptist Church.

Martha is survived by her caregiver and nephew James (Staci) Lewis and family, Amber (Steven) Hall, Hayden Hall, and Andrea Lewis; multiple nieces and nephews; step-daughter, Debbie (Charlie) Knudsen Orr; step-grandsons, Doug Goehring and Chase Orr; honorary grandchildren, Tyler (Vicky) King, Ashley Barton, Ethan Barton, and Scott Barton; and goddaughters, Kari Sams and Kelli (Marc) Managhan.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jim Knudsen; her companion, Ray Barton; parents, John Terry and Martha Ann Shaffer Lewis; six brothers, Clatie Lewis, Thurman Lewis, George Lewis, Raymond Lewis, James Lewis, and Guy Lewis; three sisters, Florence Boyd, Sarah Holland, and Vera Lewis.

Bro. Dustin Long will be officiating.

Pallbearers will be James Lewis, Steven Hall, Sean Akins, Bryce Akins, Brant Akins, Tyler King, Shane Montgomery, and Barry McLaughlin.

Memorials may be made to Cherry Creek Baptist Church, P. O. Box 603, Ecu, MS 38841.

Cemetery Details

Cherry Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cherry Creek Baptist Church
275 Subertown Rd.
Ecu, MS 38841

Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *A kind, intelligent but also very wise lady! She was always fair, professional & loved children! My condolences to her family! May she RIP!*
Nora

Nora Garner - September 02, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ *Martha was a beautiful and gracious lady who touched so many of our lives. I never liked Sandies until I had hers as a Christmas gift. She is going to leave a huge hole in our lives.*

Virginia Stark - April 05, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Martha Lewis Knudsen.*



April 02, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Debbie Moore and Jane Flanagan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Lewis Knudsen.*

Debbie Moore and Jane Flanagan - April 02, 2024 at 03:48 PM

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“ *I met Martha through her close in-law, Mandy Knudsen. Martha impressed me as loyal and protective, spunky and funny, but fair and always caring. No wonder everyone loved her. Then I met her partner, Ray. What a wonderful unique couple. Martha will always occupy a soft spot in my heart, and I send heartfelt condolences to the family. I offer the following prayer, which is the most solemn in my Jewish faith: "Shema' Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad....Hear oh Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is One." Amen.
Martha may you rest in peace.
*Dr. Jeffrey Kass**

Jeffrey Kass, MD - April 02, 2024 at 11:16 AM