



Lewis Tyler Lockaby

December 14, 1925 - March 7, 2015

Lewis Tyler Lockaby, 89, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at The Woodlands at Furman surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Greenville County, he was the son of the late John W. and Zadie Edwards Lockaby. Lewis was a 1943 graduate of Travelers Rest High School. Upon graduation, Lewis enlisted in the US Navy where he served in WWII. He obtained the rank of Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class and was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with a star for the invasion of Okinawa and WWII Victory Medal and China Service – American Campaign Medal. After his Navy service, Lewis continued his education at Newberry College where he lettered 4 years on the varsity basketball team and obtained his BA Degree in History and Political Science in 1950. After teaching a few years, he continued his education at Western Carolina University where he obtained his MA in Education in 1966.

A true educator, Lewis taught at Mountain View High School, Blue Ridge High School, Woodland Elementary where he was Principal, Bryson Middle School where he was Teacher of the Year and finished his teaching career at Northwest Middle School. Outside of teaching, Lewis served on the Travelers Rest City Council, Board of Directors at Roper Mountain Science Center, original member of Board of Directors for North Greenville YMCA and on the Board of Directors for the North Greenville Food Crisis Center. He was voted

Citizen of the Year in Travelers Rest and served as Boy Scout Master at T. R. U. M.C. He was recently inducted into the Textile Baseball Hall of Fame. He was a member of Travelers Rest United Methodist Church where he served on numerous boards and committees.

Surviving is his wife of 64 years, Frances Holtzclaw Lockaby; daughters: Ruth (Robert) Anderson, Carrie (Ned) Burgess and Fara (Aubrey) Stewart; 7 grandchildren: Tyler and Eric Anderson, Josh and Jonathan Burgess, Ashley Hebrank, Katie and Caroline Stewart; 7 great-grandchildren and a sister, Margaret Hudson

Along with his parents, Lewis was predeceased by 3 sisters: Lois Tollison, Eloise Foster and Ruth Lockaby and 2 brothers: Boyd and Roy Lockaby.

A visitation will be held Monday afternoon from 1 until 2:00 p.m. at Travelers Rest United Methodist Church. Funeral service will follow the visitation in the church sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Travelers Rest United Methodist Church, 19 South Main St., Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at thehowzemortuary@yahoo.com.

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051.

Cemetery Details

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church Cemetery

19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC

Church Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church
19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC

Burial

MAR 9. 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest United Methodist Church Cemetery
19 South Main Street
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Tribute Wall

EC

“ Sympathy to family. I just heard of his death. He and Frances were very good neighbors when I was young. I remember his smile and pleasant ways. May God comfort you in his loss. Ernestine Willis

Ernestine Willis Clanton - March 29, 2015 at 06:58 PM

MD

“ Mr. Lockaby was my eighth grade science teacher at Northwest Middle. I was always inspired by his genuine love for God and students. He had a great sense of humor in class but always commanded our respect at the same time. He was a true light in the world, and unashamed of his faith. He was the type of teacher desperately needed today. Mark Driskill

Mark Driskill - March 15, 2015 at 04:55 AM

CN

“ I had Mr. Lockaby at NW Middle school.....he always had a smile and a way of making us all want to participate...even the shy like myself....he was one of my fathers (Hosea Edwards) best friends and cousins....my prayers go out to his family and friends.

Leigh Edwards Newby

Carole Leigh Edwards Newby - March 10, 2015 at 03:49 PM

JA

“ *Carrie and Ned,
My deepest sympathy to you and the family. Your dad has left a great legacy for the TR community to continue to honor for many more years to come. May you find comfort in celebrating the life of one who lived a life so full of service to others.*

Joyce Arledge

Joyce Arledge - March 10, 2015 at 01:21 PM

SA

“ *It was such a joy to know Uncle Lewis. Working with him was always such a joy. He was a true gentleman and a wonderful human being. There are so many good memories of Uncle Lewis, Uncle David and Uncle Herman. My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Lock any and the entire family*

Scott Ayers - March 10, 2015 at 11:03 AM

CC

“ *I was in Mr. Lockaby's class at Northwest Middle School. I always looked forward to his class. He was always cheerful and made me want to learn. I ran into him in a restaurant years later. I was married and had kids by then, but he still remembered me! He was a sweet soul and he will be missed. Your family is in my prayers.*
Cindy Cowan

Cindy Wilkey Cowan - March 10, 2015 at 07:31 AM

KR

“ *Karen E Robertson lit a candle in memory of Lewis Tyler Lockaby*



Karen E Robertson - March 09, 2015 at 12:24 PM

GB

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I was honored to serve with Lewis on Travelers Rest City Council and to this day carry on his tradition of being the council member to make the motion to adjourn our council meetings. He will be missed.*

Grant Bumgarner - March 09, 2015 at 10:12 AM

MP

“ *Mr. Lockaby was my 8th grade science teacher at Northwest Middle School. I know my giggling must have drove him crazy at times but seeing him a few years later he told me how much he loved my laugh. What a sweet man! His love for teaching, his students, his community dim only to the love he had for his family. He would light up when talking about each of you (which he did often). We are all better people because of Mr. Lockaby! Praying for all that knew him and was touched in some way by him.*

Marie Shipman Pritchett

Marie Shipman Pritchett - March 09, 2015 at 08:14 AM

CL

“ Charles A. Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Lewis Tyler Lockaby



Charles A. Lindsey - March 09, 2015 at 12:41 AM

CL

“ I remember Mr. Lockaby when he and Mrs. Loclaby lived in one of the two apartments located on the campus of Mountain View State High School located in the Mt. View community across from Mt. View United Methodist Church and Clyde Lindsey's store. I was in elementary school at the time and remember Mr. Lockkaby as always being involved in the school athletic programs at Mt. View and Blue Ridge High Schools. I was in his civics class at Blue Ridge High. I'll always remember his infectious smile and friendly manner. He was one of the most approachable teachers during my time at Blue Ridge. The upstate communities will surely miss his presence. I feel fortunate to have been touched by his life. May almighty God send His peace to the family and may perpetual light shine on Mr. Lewis Tyler Lockaby.

Charles Lindsey
Charleston, SC

Charles A. Lindsey - March 09, 2015 at 12:33 AM

RB

“ Robert And Patti Burroughs lit a candle in memory of Lewis Tyler Lockaby



Robert and Patti Burroughs - March 08, 2015 at 11:59 PM

DR

“ *Carrie and Fara,*

We are sorry to read of the passing of your dad. We pray you feel the presence of the Lord around you during this difficult time.

*Love in Christ,
Dottie Dockery Rhoden & Rita Dockery Johnson*

Dorothy Rhoden - March 08, 2015 at 03:34 PM

VB

“ *Mr. Lockaby was my favorite teacher at Northwest. I remember his science class. He made me do my work and study because you could bet he would call on you in class. He and Mrs. Lockaby were the first teachers to encourage me to become a teacher. I'm proud to say I have been in education as a teacher and principal for 26 years. I always loved to talk baseball with Mr. Lockaby and he liked to tell me stories about playing ball with my dad in school. RIP Mr. Lockaby. My deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Van Bowers - March 08, 2015 at 01:55 PM

 Kathy
Gilbert

“ *He was my 8TH grade science teacher. He was a good teacher and a very nice person. He will be missed. Very sorry to hear he past away. Prayers sent to family.*

Kathy Gilbert - March 08, 2015 at 01:29 PM



“ *Fara and Family, Mr. Lockaby was my teacher at Northwest Middle School. I remember him as a kind, sociable person who enjoyed his students and took time to know us as his students. Every time I pass by the home, I think about him . As I read his obituary, I saw that he was also a man who contributed to his community. I'm not surprised because of the man I knew as a student. His light was bright, shining like the sun to make our world a better place. He deserves to be remembered that way! I pray you all take comfort in the man he was and that those memories give you comfort. He was a wonderful man! Praise God I had a chance to know him! May God grant you peace during this time in your lives.*

*Love In Christ,
Kelley Bracken Rainey*

Kelley Bracken - March 08, 2015 at 01:18 PM

LC

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Lockaby's passing. He was a special person and teacher! He taught me at Blue Ridge High School. Loved by many!!*

Lucille Campbell - March 08, 2015 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ *A wonderful chapter of my life has ended with Uncle Lewis' death. What wonderful childhood memories I have of the times he loaded up his car with all the neighborhood kids and took us swimming at Table Rock or Paris Mountain. I have no idea how many children he packed in his car, but it was a lot! I can picture Uncle Lewis leading our Sunday School which was held in the church kitchen with his spitting can sitting by his chair. I'm glad his illness was not prolonged. I am grateful that he is now whole and healthy and walking with the Lord. God is Good! Joy*

Joy Swieccki - March 08, 2015 at 08:42 AM

TA

“ I will remember his smiling face always..coming to dinner with Mrs.Lockaby.man he loved his potatoes..I will miss u but no more suffering.. Tammy Allison



Tammy Allison - March 07, 2015 at 08:29 PM

TM

“ May God be with each family member and friend giving you grace, mercy and faith for each day and challenge ahead. I had Mr. Lockaby for 8th Grade Homeroom and Science at Northwest Middle School. He was always a very intelligent, kind and interesting teacher. Whenever I would see him after graduating from TRHS and USC, I would speak to him whenever I saw him. He was always his kind and polite as ever. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain. I look forward to seeing him again in Heaven. Love and Prayers, Tonya Sabrina Mitchell

Tonya Sabrina Mitchell - March 07, 2015 at 07:29 PM

TD

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember many things he taught me at Northwest Middle. You all will be in my prayers. Tammy Anderson Dill



Tammy Anderson Dill - March 07, 2015 at 06:37 PM

FB

“ Dear Frances and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Lewis was such a wonderful friend and supporter of Papa. He always spoke of you both with such love. I know that he would be so sad to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort in this time.
Sincerely,
The Mann Batson Family

Frankie Batson - March 07, 2015 at 06:37 PM

JF

“ I remember the sweet principal at Woodland Elementary School. I went there as a student . Mr. Lockaby was a very sweet man.

Joan Frady - March 07, 2015 at 05:55 PM

JF

“ Joan Frady lit a candle in memory of Lewis Tyler Lockaby



Joan Frady - March 07, 2015 at 05:53 PM

PA

“ Awesome. Teacher. .Loved GodRIP.

Pauline - March 07, 2015 at 04:26 PM