

# *Celebrating A Wonderful Life*

**Dr. Angela Yvette Armstrong Radford Lewis**

July 30, 1962-January 18, 2019

**Saturday  
January 26, 2019  
Noon**

Memorial Hall Brooks Gym  
at East Tennessee State University  
Johnson City, TN

**Sunday  
January 27, 2019  
2:00 PM**

Bethesda  
Original Church of God  
Nashville, TN





# Obituary

Dr. Angela 'Angie' Yvette Armstrong Radford Lewis passed away January 18, 2019 at her home in Johnson City, TN. Angela was born on July 30, 1962 to the late Walter and Dorothy Armstrong in Columbia, Tennessee where she spent her childhood years, attending Maury County Public Schools.

After attending Columbia Community College, Angela completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics with Consumer Services at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 1984. Three years later she earned a second Bachelor of Science degree from MTSU in Vocational Economics Education. Less than a decade later, she returned to her beloved alma mater where she earned a Masters degree in Vocational-Technical Education. In 2003, Angela graduated from The University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a PhD in Human Ecology. Angela also earned her Funeral Directors Certificate from John A. Gupton College in 2017 and had hopes of soon opening her own funeral business with her son Jonathan.

A lifelong educator, Angela taught middle and high school home economics in Bayou La Batre and Loachapoka, Alabama and in Columbus, Mississippi in the late 1980s and early 1990s. During that time she received the Governor of Alabama Golden Apple Teacher Award and a host of other recognitions for her work in the classroom. After several years in the classroom, Angela transitioned to the Tennessee State Department of Education where she served as an education consultant and state advisor in the late 1990s.

Her career in higher education began when she returned to MTSU as a faculty member in the Department of Human Sciences in 1998, and in 2003 she received the University's Outstanding Teacher Award. In 2004, she took her first administrative role at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) as chair of the former Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. In 2009, Angela moved to the Clemmer College of Education, where she served for five years as an Associate Dean and 17 months as the Interim Dean. In 2015, Angela moved to the office of academic affairs and served as the Associate Vice Provost for undergraduate education for curricula, programs, and service. After she completed a fellowship with the American Council on Education (ACE) at James Madison University in 2017, she was promoted to Vice Provost and Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives at ETSU.

Angela was an active career-long member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences where she received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award for her tireless accomplishments in the field. She also was a proud member of the Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society.

While Angela scaled the ranks of success in education, she became a devout follower of the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and faithfully served the Christian Church until her death. Angela served as a choir member, health ministry member, missionary, Christian education teacher, pastor's aid, education-support volunteer, and most proudly as an usher.

Over the span of more than 50 years, Angela was blessed to be a part of congregations at the former 14th & Phillip Street Original Church of God, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, Bethesda Original Church of God and Friendship Baptist Church. In addition to supporting her pastors and local churches, Angela served in several leadership capacities at the district level, most recently as Usher President for the Bethel District Baptist Association.

Angela also had a passion for public speaking and ministering inside and outside of the church as she delivered hundreds of speeches proclaiming a message of excellence, hope, and faith in God to people across the nation.

In every community she lived, Angela quickly built and nurtured relationships with those she met. Even more, she worked as a fierce advocate for education, seniors, and health awareness. Most recently she served as board member for United Way of Washington County, TN, Inc., Boys & Girls Club of Johnson City/Washington County, Johnson City Public Schools Foundation, Inc., Johnson City Senior Services Advisory Council, and the African American Health Education Religion News, Incorporated (AHERN) Board of Directors.

Angela enjoyed seven wonderful years of marriage to the late Coach Ralph Stacey Radford before he passed in 1994. Five years later, she joyfully entered holy matrimony with Emanuel Lewis on September 25, 1999.

Angela leaves behind Emanuel and her loving son, Jonathan Stacey Radford of Jacksonville, FL along with three beloved sisters – Waltelle (Warren) Boyd of Indianapolis, IN, Brenda (Ronald) Walker of Columbia, TN, Sherrill (Clifford) Woods of Nashville, TN and an adopted brother Elder Samuel (Amaryllis) of Mesquite, TX. Additionally, she leaves behind an uncle, Floyd (Mildred) Smith, and an aunt, Carolyn Smith. Angela's beautiful smile, memories, and legacy will be cherished by a host of adopted sons and daughters, nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, friends, colleagues, former students, church, and community members for years to come.

A portrait of Angela, a Black woman with short dark hair, smiling and wearing an orange top. The portrait is positioned in the bottom left corner of the page, partially overlapping the text.

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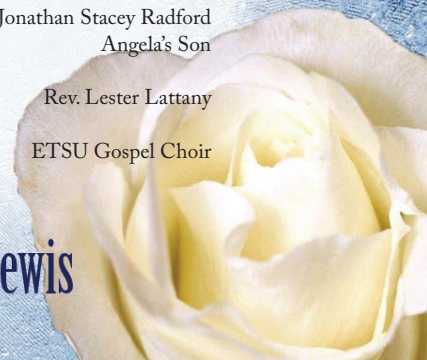


# Order of Service

Community Celebration of Life | Saturday, January 26, 2019 – Noon  
Memorial Hall Brooks Gym at East Tennessee State University – Johnson City, TN  
Officiant – Bishop Warren E. Boyd | Pastor – Rev. Lester Lattany

SELECTION	"Hiding Place"	Friendship Baptist Mass Choir
OPENING WORDS		Bishop Warren E. Boyd Angela's brother-in-law
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 40:25-31 – NKJV	Rev. Lester Lattany Friendship Baptist Church, Pastor
INVOCATION		Rev. Dr. C.H. Charlton Friendship Baptist Church, Pastor Emeritus
SELECTION	"There's A Bright Side Somewhere"	Friendship Baptist Mass Choir
WORDS OF REFLECTION <i>2-3 minutes</i>		Dr. Brian Noland ETSU, President  Dr. Kim Hale ETSU, Associate Dean of Clemmer College  Dr. Keith Johnson ETSU, Chair of Dept. of Engineering, Engineering Technology & Surveying  Mrs. Ann Eargle ETSU, Office Coordinator for Equity and Diversity  Mr. Joe Smith ETSU, Executive Assistant to the President for University Relations  Ms. Carshonda Harris ETSU, Director of the Multicultural Center
SELECTION	"It's Only A Test"	ETSU Gospel Choir
WORDS OF REFLECTION <i>2-3 minutes</i>		Ms. Jenny Brock Mayor of Johnson City  Dr. Brian Charette James Madison University, Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning & Engagement  Dr. Cerrone Foster – Friend & Mentee  Mrs. Christy Miller – Former Student  Elder Julian Cobb & Min. Nonie Bennah – Friends of Jonathan  Mr. Emanuel Lewis – Angela's husband
SELECTION	"Safe In His Arms"	ETSU Gospel Choir
FINAL REFLECTIONS		Minister Jonathan Stacey Radford Angela's Son
BENEDICTION		Rev. Lester Lattany
RECESSIONAL	"Every Praise"	ETSU Gospel Choir

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Homegoing Celebration | Sunday January 27, 2019 – 2 pm  
Bethesda Original Church of God – Nashville, TN  
Officiant – Bishop Warren E. Boyd | Pastor – Elder Derrick Miller

PRELUDE	Homegoing Hymns	Angela's Nieces & Nephews
OPENING WORDS		Bishop Warren E. Boyd Angela's brother-in-law
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Psalms 46 – NKJV	Pastor Yvonne Ogilvie Gilbreth New Zion Original Church of God, Angela's cousin
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – NKJV	Pastor Luzell Smith Jr. Fayetteville Church of God Angela's cousin
INVOCATION		Elder Samuel E. McDonald Sr. Angela's adopted brother
SELECTION	"All In His Hands"	Celebration Choir
WORDS OF REFLECTION <i>2 minutes</i>		
SELECTION	"Just As Soon As I Get There"	Celebration Choir
RESOLUTIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS		Leading Lady Waltelle Boyd Angela's sister
SELECTION	"When He Speaks"	Celebration Choir
EULOGY		Minister Jonathan Stacey Radford Angela's son
SOLO	"I'm Free"	Brother Kenny Tate Family friend
FINAL VIEWING		Family
RECESSIONAL	"He'll Welcome Me"	Celebration Choir



# Tributes



## LITTLE SIGNS by John P. Read

When a loved one passes on,  
Their spirit never dies.  
And as we journey on alone,  
They're always by our side.

Yes, I believe this happens  
From little things I see.  
Each day a little message  
An angel reveals to me.

A whisper of the breeze  
On a quiet summer's day  
Is a voice from an angel  
Who sadly passed away.

The gently falling rain  
That lingers upon my face  
Are the tears falling from heaven  
From a wife I can never replace.

The first snowflakes of winter  
Are an angel's frozen tears.  
A reminder of the love we shared  
Telling me you are near.

A falling leaf in autumn  
Is just another sign  
To let me know you're watching me  
And I'm still on your mind.

Yes, all these little signs,  
They help me to believe  
That death is not the end  
And you're still here with me.



## MOTHER TO SON by Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare.

But all the time  
I'se been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So, boy, don't you turn back.  
Don't you set down on the steps.  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.

Don't you fall now—  
For I'se still goin', honey,  
I'se still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

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# Acknowledgements

We, the family of Dr. Angela Yvette Armstrong Radford Lewis, are eternally grateful for your prayers and act of kindness exhibited during the illness and passing of our dear loved one. Every prayer and every act of kindness have proven to be a great source of comfort. A special thank you is extended to Cerrone Foster, Thurman Walters, the East Tennessee State University community, the Friendship Baptist Church family, and the physicians and nurses of Ballad Health for their love and care.

-The Family

## Flower Attendants

Nieces, Former Students &  
Columbia Central High School Class of 1980

## Pallbearers

Nephews & Cousins

## REPASTS

Saturday, January 26, 2019  
After Community Celebration of Life  
Friendship Baptist Church  
Johnson City, Tennessee

Monday, January 28, 2019  
After Interment  
New Zion Original Church of God  
Columbia, Tennessee

## PRIVATE INTERMENT


Monday January 28, 2019  
Pinecrest Memorial Gardens  
Columbia, Tennessee

## Funeral Services Entrusted to

Birchette Mortuary  
*We Always Remember the Families We Serve*  
219 E. Millard Street  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
(423) 926-6013

V.K. Ryan & Son Funeral Home  
*An Institution of Sincere Service*  
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