



Gary Lewis

June 10, 2026

Gary Lewis, Sr., age 79, entered eternal rest on June 10, 2026, at his home in Harvey, Louisiana. Born November 18, 1946, in New Orleans to Nearly Hollins and Lionel Lewis, Sr., he was lovingly known as “Daddy,” “Gary Boo,” and “Pawpaw.” As a proud New Orleanian, Gary devoted 30 years of service to the Housing Authority of New Orleans, earning recognition for his dedication. Outside of work, he lived life fully, filling his days with music, activism, shopping, and conversations with family and friends. He stood boldly for civil and voting rights, and found joy in record stores, classic songs, and the dance floor. Always well-dressed, he carried a cool spirit and a warm presence wherever he went. He leaves to cherish his memory his children, Garry Lewis, Jr (Cassandra), Tanya Renee Wardsworth (Patrick), and Brian Keith Lewis; grandchildren, Brionne Jene Roberts, Garry Lewis III, Dominique Javonte Lewis, Janasia Epiphany Lewis, Tyler Jordan Lewis, and Taylor Paige Wardsworth; great-grandchildren, Malia Janae Lewis and Beautii Lewis; his brother, Carl Lewis; and a host of loved ones. Our Daddy, Gary Boo, and Pawpaw will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Relatives and friends of the family, also pastors, officers, members of Regular Baptist Church, and all neighboring churches are invited to attend the Celebration of Life at D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125, on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 10:30am, Rev. Dr. T. A. Hodge, officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:30am until service time. Interment will be held at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Gretna, LA

70053. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery

434 7th St.
Gretna, LA 70053

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
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Funeral Service

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