



*Gladys Lawrence*  
*March 1, 1925 - August 21, 2018*

## The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the  
path of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life; and I  
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*





Gladys Lawrence, 93, of Southlake, was born on March 1, 1925 and spent her early years in New York City. As a teenager, her family moved to Springfield, Massachusetts where she graduated from Commerce High School. Returning to New York City she entered the wartime workforce. When the war ended she met the love of her life, Seymour (Sy) Lawrence. So, began a sixty-one-year marriage.

The 1950s saw the birth of three sons; Eric (1951), Steven (1954) and Stewart (1957). Along with the significant

challenge of raising three boys in a 4 room, fifth floor, apartment in the Bronx. Especially, with Sy building his career which included increasing amounts of travel for his job. Life has challenges and Gladys would meet them. The 1960s saw a move to Monsey, New York and the family home for the next twenty-five years. These twenty-five years saw the transition from parents to grandparents as the family grew.

Retirement in the late 1980s saw the fulfillment of what they had worked for with a golden fifteen years at a retirement community in West Palm Beach, Florida. This idyllic period came to an abrupt close with a series of severe strokes that left Gladys in a wheelchair, but mentally as sharp as ever. Husband, Sy, rose to the occasion and was both strong and devoted in his care of Gladys for several years until his own health limited his ability to do so. This saw Gladys and Sy move to Beaumont, Texas to be closer to family, son Eric and his wife Phyllis, and enter an assisted living. When husband Sy passed away in 2007, Gladys entered a nursing home in Beaumont.

This past year saw a move, with Eric and Phyllis, to North Texas to be closer to grandchild, Russell Lawrence, and wife, Laura, as well as great-grandchildren Mason, Tristan and Aubrit. Seeing these three boys, so reminiscent of her own three boys, growing up and interacting was a real source of pleasure for her in her final year. Gladys' final weeks saw a steady decline but also saw a steady flow of loved ones, from all over the country, come to see her one last time and let her know how much they appreciated her. Her strength, intelligence and perspective will be greatly missed by her entire family.

Survivors include her sons, Eric Lawrence and his wife, Phyllis, of Fort Worth; Steven Lawrence and his wife, Roberta, of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; and Stewart Lawrence and his wife, Beth, of Yorba Linda, California; grandchildren, Sandy Heller and her husband, Corey, of Davie, Florida; Russell Lawrence and his wife, Laura, of Southlake, Texas; Gregory Lawrence and his wife, Rachel, of Hollywood, Florida; Benjamin Lawrence of Baltimore, Maryland; Alexander Lawrence of Los Angeles, California and Randi Lawrence of Chicago, Illinois; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of sixty-one years, Seymour "Sy" Lawrence; parents, Anna and Sidney Begelman; and brother, Irving Begelman.













יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי בְרָא  
כְּרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן  
וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעֶגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba. B'al-ma di-v'ra  
chi-ru-tei, v'yam-lich mal-chu-tei b'chai-yei-chon  
u-v'yo-mei-chon u-v'chai-yei d'chol beit Yis-ra-eil, ba-a-ga-la  
u-viz-man ka-riv, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא:

Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam ul'al-mei al-mai-ya.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא  
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא  
לְעֵלָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא  
וְנַחֲמַתָּא, דְאָמְרִין בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam  
v'yit-na-sei, v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-leh v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei  
d'ku-d'sha, b'rich hu. L'ei-la min kol bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta,  
toosh-b'cha-ta v'ne-che-ma-ta da-a-mi-ran b'a-l'ma, v'i-m'ru:  
A-mein.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל  
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Y'hei sh'la-ma ra-ba min sh'ma-ya v'cha-yim a-lei-nu v'al kol  
Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל  
כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu  
v'al kol Yis-ra-eil, v'i-m'ru: A-mein.

## Mourner's Kaddish English Translation

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name throughout the world which He has created according to His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and during your days, and within the life of the entire House of Israel, speedily and soon; and say, Amen.

May His great name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, beyond all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world; and say, Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.

He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amen.



### Graveside Service

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:00 a.m.

Hebrew Rest Cemetery

Beaumont, Texas

Rabbi Matthew Michaels

### Memorial Contributions

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