

Henry H. Lewis remembered for building churches

Henry H. Lewis, the man who founded a construction company that erected more buildings in the Archdiocese of Baltimore than any other in recent decades, died April 16.

The parishioner of All Saints Episcopal Church in Reisterstown was 78. A funeral service was held April 20 at the Baker Memorial Chapel at McDaniel College in Westminster.

Among Mr. Lewis's most important projects was the restoration of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore.

Mr. Lewis joined Cardinal William H. Keeler in a trip to Rome to get a papal blessing on the renovation project from Pope John Paul II.

Mr. Lewis' company, Owings Mills-based Henry H. Lewis Contractors, Inc., also built many schools and religious education buildings throughout the archdiocese, according to Nolan McCoy, archdiocesan director of facilities and real estate.

"He was very honest, and he was a model of integrity, and he was fair," said Mr. McCoy. "His motto was to provide the cheapest prices and the best construction across the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and his legacy and his reputation will live on."

Mr. Lewis founded his company in 1966. While under his management, it earned more than 50 excellence in construction awards from the Baltimore chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors and five national excellence in construction awards.