

Celebration of *Life*



Violet M. Lee

Sunrise June 26, 1958

Sunset May 15, 2020

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Visitation: 9:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

VIOLETTE M. LEE

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." ~ 2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

Violette Michelle Lee was born in New Orleans on June 26, 1958, the youngest of six siblings born to the late Roosevelt Lee, Sr. and Rachel Robinson Lee. On the afternoon of Friday, May 15, 2020, God sent an angel to escort His beautiful child to the heavenly gates.

Violette was reared in a God-fearing home, and at the age of 17, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at Greater Hill of Zion. Violette graduated from George Washington Carver High School in 1975 and shortly after, she attended Delgado Community College.

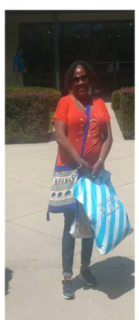
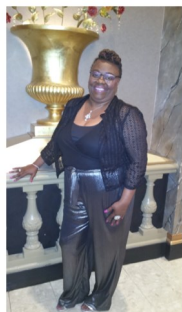
From 1982 until 1994, Violette worked for the United States Department of Agriculture in the robotics division and met many lifelong friends. She then became a Caregiver at Gilda's Preschool Academy from 1996 until 1998 with her last job in New Orleans being an Administrative Assistant at the Orleans Levee Board, where she was employed until August 2005. Following Hurricane Katrina, she relocated to Oxon Hill, Maryland, joining her brothers whom relocated to the DMV some 30 years earlier. She began working with Southern Management Corporation in January of 2006, where she was a proud team member at Oxon Hill Village Apartment Homes for 14 years.

In 2014, she became a member of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. She served in several ministries, including Discipleship Group 4 and the Carpenter's Shelter. She also enjoyed supporting the Sanctified Symphony Orchestra in many administrative functions. Violette had a sharp mind and a creative flair and loved to make people happy with her love and cooking delicious meals. Family and friends alike will always have memories of her cooking prowess from the numerous New Orleans inspired meals to her one of a kind dishes that she curated by way of her catering company "Deliciously Seasoned by Ms. V". She loved to cook great food, entertain family and friends, eat all types of fare, dance, listening to music and cheer for the New Orleans Saints.

Spending time with family was Violette's greatest pastime. She is preceded in death by her parents Roosevelt Sr. and Rachel, brother Robert, sister Carolyn and brother Roosevelt Jr. (Joan) of Fort Washington, Maryland. Left to cherish her memories are her two children Tahirah and Jamal; brother Ellis (Edna) of Mitchellville, Maryland; brother Dennis and his wife Gwendolyn of New Orleans, LA, who was not only a sister-in-law, but a best friend and as she said "ride or die" who could not be closer if they were related by blood; three grandsons Taft, Tre'Vaughn and Tyrique, and one granddaughter Leah; a host of nieces, and nephews; and special friends fondly known as "The Crew".

Let Everything that has breath praise His holy name, Violette is now sitting at the right side of our Lord.







Order of Service

Prelude.....Instrumentalist

Opening Prayer.....Deacon Dennis Lee

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Psalm 121.....Rev. Edward Jackson

New Testament.....Ephesians 2:8-10.....Rev. Marla Hawkins

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Dwayne Reed

Acknowledgements/Condolences.....Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Reflections.....Gwendolyn Lee

Ayanna Lee

Alma Haygood

Terry Cotten

Sheila Bowser

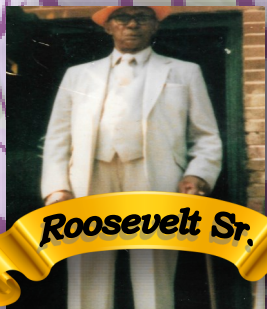
A Celebration of Life—Read Silently

Musical Selection.....Teddra “Nicky” Gordon

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Closing Prayer & Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Recessional.....Instrumentalist



Roosevelt Sr.



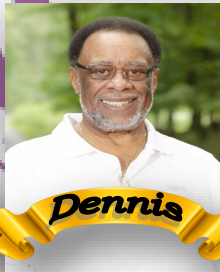
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Ellis



Roosevelt Jr.



Dennis



Carolyn

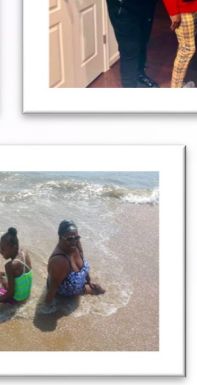
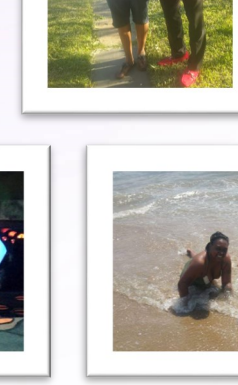
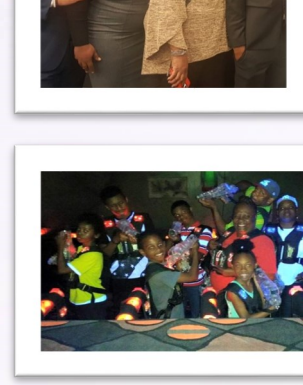
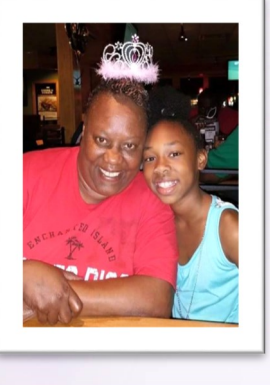
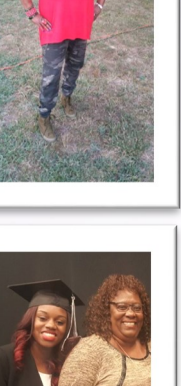
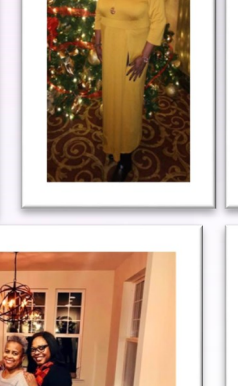
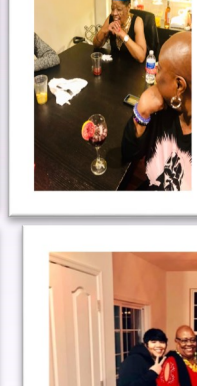
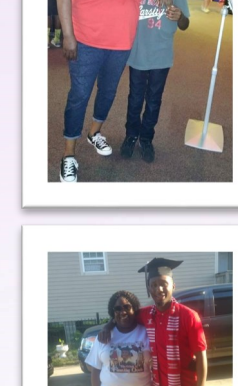
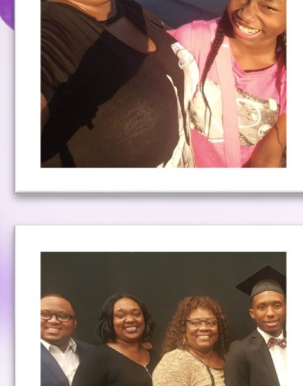
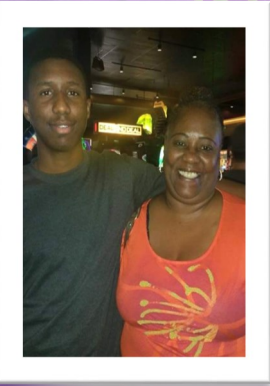
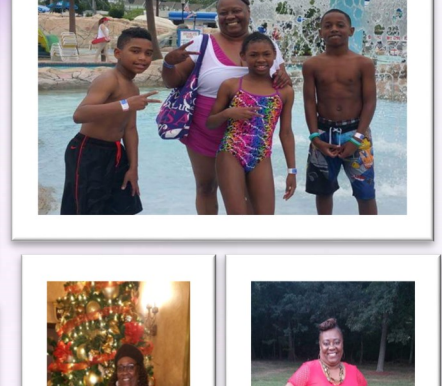
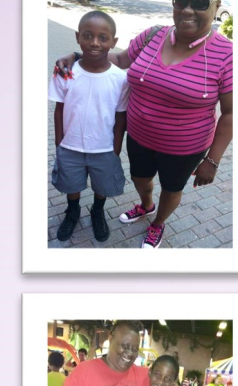
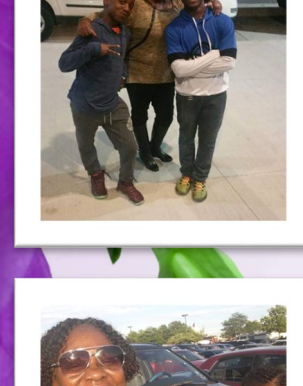
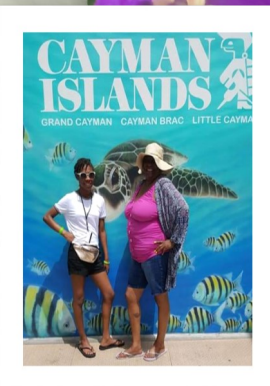
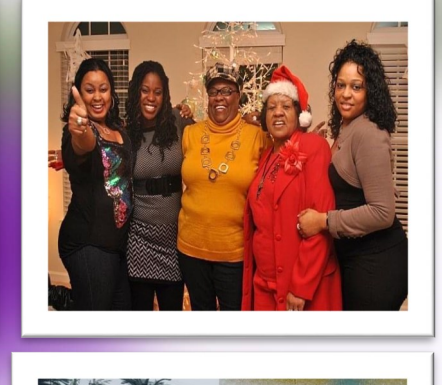
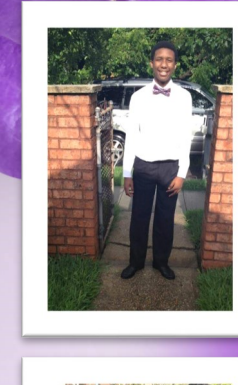
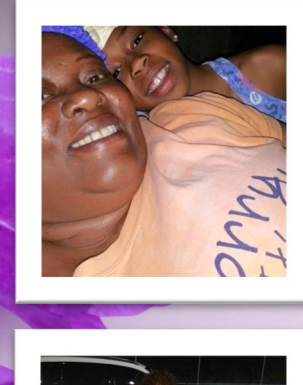
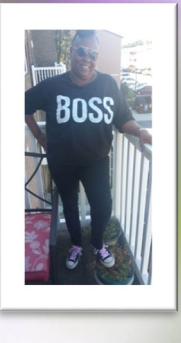
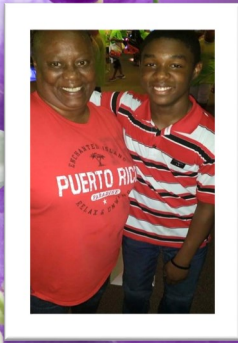
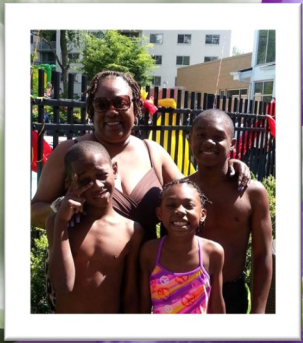
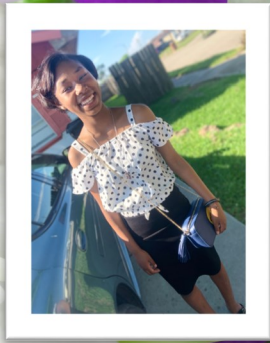


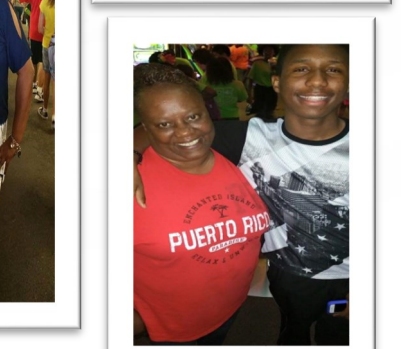
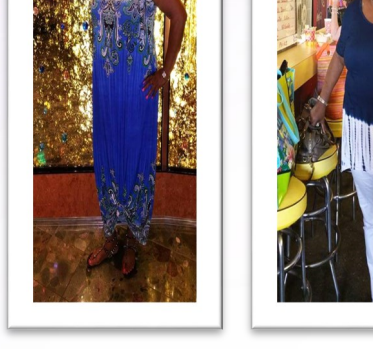
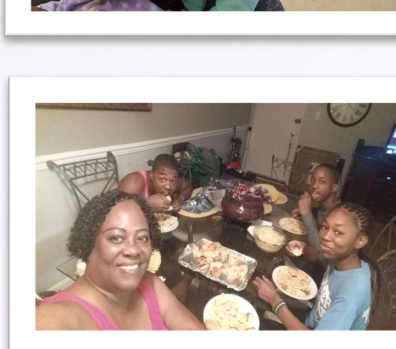
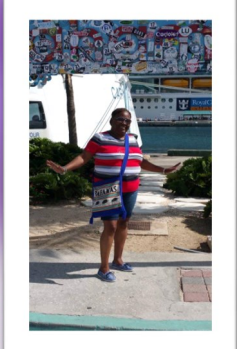
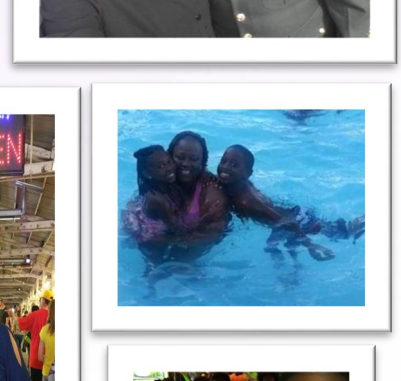
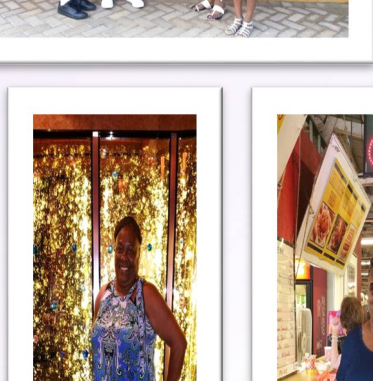
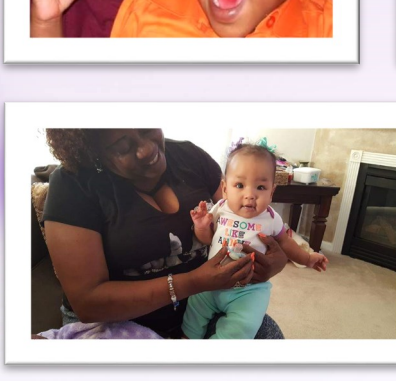
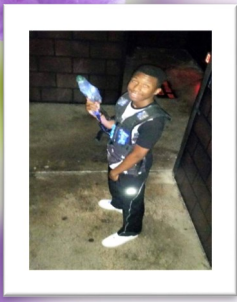
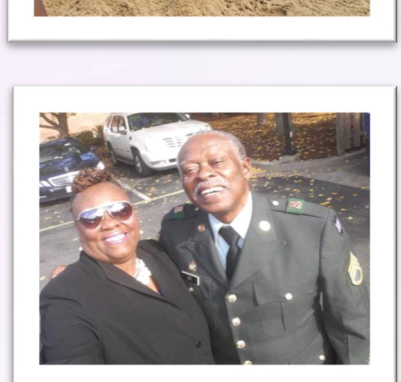
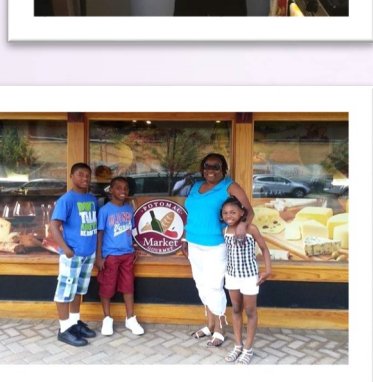
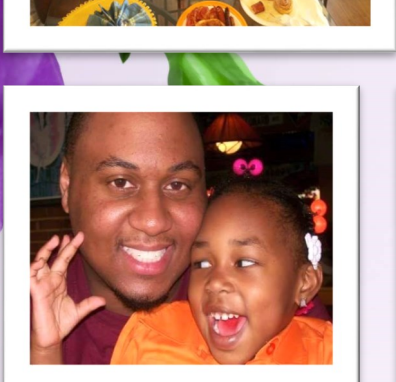
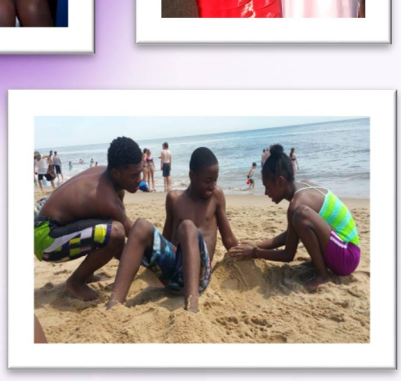
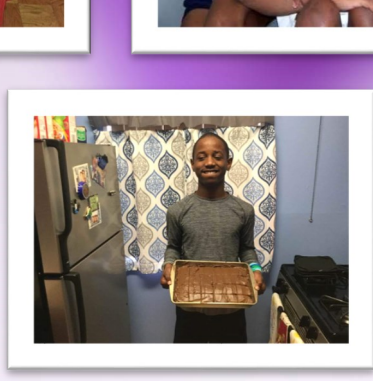
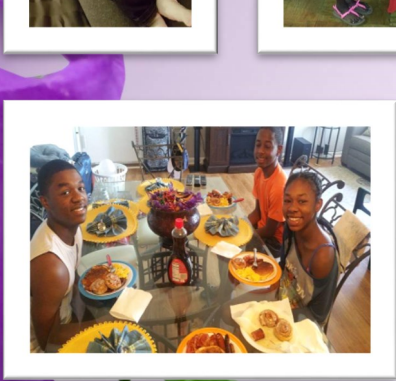
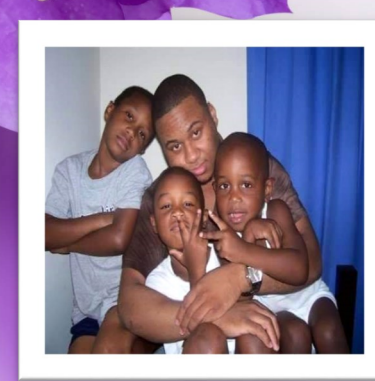
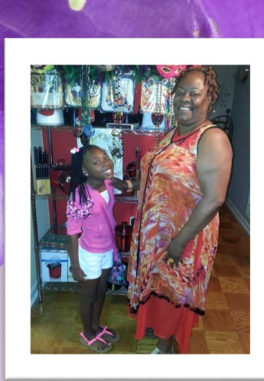
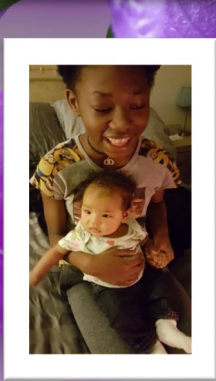
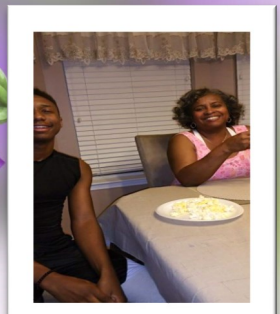
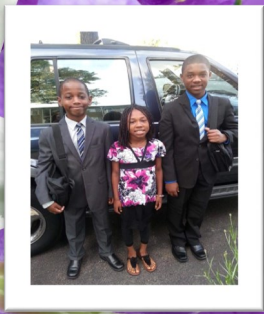
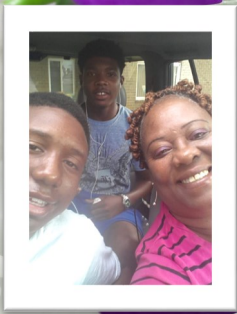
Robert



Violette

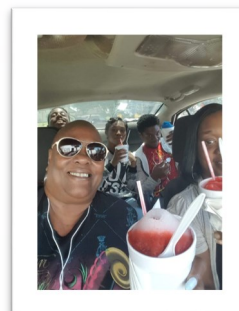
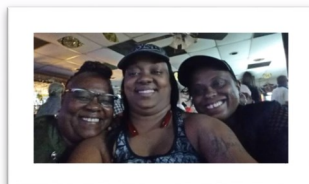
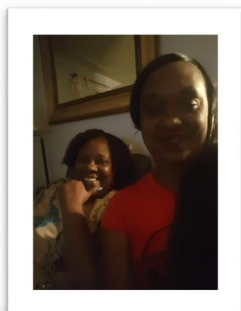
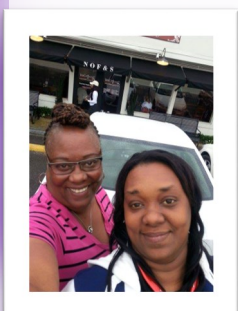
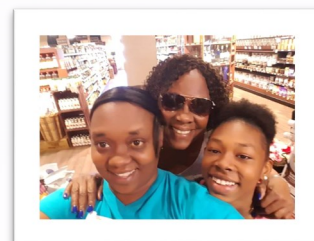
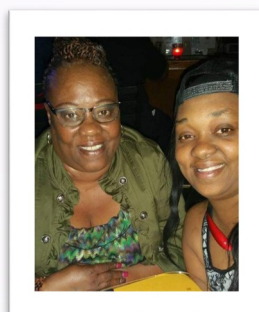
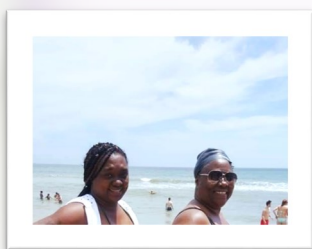






Five Minutes

*If I only had five minutes, the day you passed away.
I would have had time to tell you, all the things I needed to say.
I never got to tell you, how much you mean to me.
Or that you were the best, that anyone could be.
The last time I talked to you, I wish I would have known.
I would have said I love you and kept you on the phone.
If I only had five minutes, the day you passed away...
I'd hold on to you with real tight hugs, I wouldn't want you to go.
I would tell you that I'll miss you, more than you'll ever know.
Now God has called upon you, it's time to get your wings.
To leave this life behind you and enjoy all heavens beautiful things.
So wait for me in heaven, don't let me come alone.
The day the angels come for me, please be there to bring me home.
Love Always, Tabirah*





*"My best friend, confidant and Queen. You are loved today,
tomorrow and forever. Your loving son, Jamal"*



Reflections

Yanita Pakbar

Although I haven't known you very long, I just want you to know that the time you spent with me, the amazing advice that you have given me, and the importance you have had on my life is irreplaceable! I want you to know that you are loved and you will always be remembered in our hearts! I love you!!! Until we meet again, Sleep in Peace!!!

Courtney Perine

I just don't know where to begin... My heart dropped when I heard the news. Ms. Violette and I knew each other from working at Southern Management. She was like a second mom to me and she just was such a joy to be around. I loved her so much like we had so many great conversations, great laughs, and even at times we shedded tears. Still til this day I am speechless that the Lord has taken her home. I just know that we will meet each other again. I love you Violette Lee May you Rest in Heaven.

Xavier Hughes

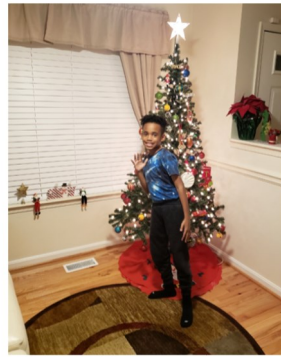
To my Second mother, you have and forever remain in my heart!!! As much as this pains us here on earth, I do know your in heaven beaming good vibes on all of us. You've embraced me as your own and I am "forever" grateful to have been able to be apart of your life and your family's. Thank you for being you and you are forever celebrated in my heart and in my family's hearts. I love you, we love you, and you forever be a part of us!!! Until we meet again, Rest happily my Queen!!!

Kendell Haywood

Mrs. Lee is one of the sweetest people I've ever met in my life. Her son, Jamal, has given me and continues to give me opportunities to perform with the SSO at Alfred Street Baptist Church. She would always ask me how I was doing when I would come to the church to perform and play with the orchestra and would inquire about my performances. She even came to my recital with Jamal. I have never forgotten the support that she and her family have given me and continue to give me. My heart is with them at this time and I'm grateful to have known Mrs. Lee.

Mona Ferrell

Most people say that Katrina was one of the worst storms ever but if it wasn't for that I never would have had my 2nd mommy. God put Violette in my life to hold me, love me and care for me and my kids. I cannot imagine what life is going to be like not having her in my world. I thank God for the time I had with her. I love her with my last breath.





Dedrick & Tammy Chambers

Dear God, People always say you can't question God, but you said what better person to question. I will not because you would just pick another one of your beautiful flowers out of your garden of eden. Auntie you will be truly missed. To my family, weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning.

Alecia Watson

"VI-O-LETTE," I still can't believe you're gone. Three things I will always remember about you are, the love and support you showed for your family, all of them; your love for cooking (and feeding everyone). I will always cherish your stuffed bell peppers recipe. Thanks for sharing it with me and coaching me while I prepared them; and how much we thought so much alike. Many times we would say the exact same thing to Jamal, verbatim without even knowing it. Jamal would say, "my mama said the exact same thing." Clearly, great minds think alike. Lol. I will miss you dearly.

Mary T. Thompson

To the family of my dear friend Violette Lee, I'll miss her deeply. She was a comforter when I needed one. I enjoyed her and our private talks. Her favorite words "Mary T you so silly." . Violette, Miss you so much. To Tahirah and Jamal, and the grandkids, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love you much..

Angel McLean

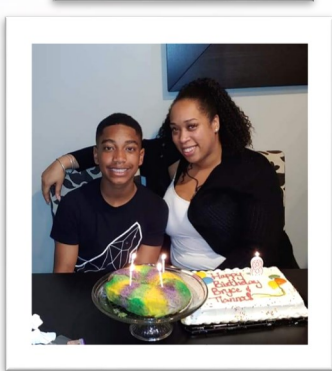
There are people that God brings into your life. Some come to give us lessons and some come just to be a light. V.Lee as I call her was that person of light. Always encouraging, loving and sometimes rebuking in love. My favorite memory is visiting her after her hip surgery with my niece. We had such a wonderful time talking about life and how grateful she was to have such a loving family supporting her through that time. For me she was a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen, and a rock to depend on. V. Lee you have taken with you a piece of my heart that I will never look you replace. Please know that you are loved always. Rest in paradise.

Terry Cotton

Violette was a giving person with a Big Heart, she loved to cook for the team members at Oxon Hill Village and we enjoy her cooking. Violette was a Great Team Member very reliable, dependable, and ethical. I enjoy supervising and working with her over the years. She always spoke her mind, which made it difficult sometimes.(lol) Violette loved her children and she loved being from New Orleans. I will truly miss her. She is now with the Lord. God bless the Family.

Lisa Wilson

The Lady with a smile that will light up the World.





Thaddeus Bowers

She had such a sweet personality. I called her the mother of our church's orchestra. Everywhere we performed she was there cheering us on and recording every note that we played. She will be truly missed! May God Bless Jamal and the entire Lee family.

Joyce Garrett

I will always remember the support that she willingly gave to Jamal, director of the Alfred Street Baptist Church's Sanctified Symphony Orchestra. We knew that she would be seated, usually, directly on the pew behind Jamal, always smiling and providing any assistance needed. We grieve her loss; but in her honor, we vow to move forward to secure an enduring future for the orchestra.

Ruth Dade

Cuz it was just a few days ago that God allowed our paths to cross since we were about 10 years old. The love, wisdom and guidance we shared should have been bottled up so that every time I think of you I can just take it out and get a laugh or two. I will never forget how welcome you made me feel even if you just naturally just took over and made me feel so special to be a part of your life. I thank God for your spirit and the loving spirit that was within you. Truly you Violet Lee was a woman of God and you touched the lives of many while showing all who were in your presence the real meaning of the word "Family". I'm gonna miss you Cuz, but I count my blessings that our paths crossed again. Someday Soon...Luv you girl!

Twanna Tabb-Baxter

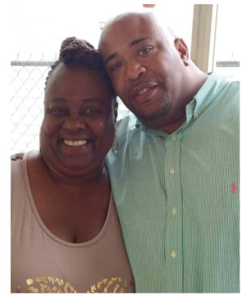
Aunty Thank You . From the very first day you taught me values of life I didn't even know exist. I watched you love and care for your siblings, to being a great mother with structure and praise. Aunty you taught me to be proud of myself and love myself even when I didn't feel worthy of life. Whenever I cook I always hear you say "CLEAN YOUR KITCHEN AS YOU COOK" & "GIIRRL YOU SO CRAZY". Aunty you will forever fill my SOUL. I Love You So Much! Please Please watch over all of us, me especially you know I need someone to hold my hand sometimes! Rest Easy Aunty V!!!!

Pat Parks

I will always remember Violette as a very sweet and kind person. Every time she saw me she would always say here's my Pitty Pat and give me the biggest hug.

Nedra Roby' Johnson

When we meet over 25 years ago, I never ever imagined you would be that big sister I longed for in life. You taught me a lot and for that I love you. I know God don't make mistakes, but this is a hard one even as I'm writing this the tears are falling. My sweet dear heart get your rest I luv you now and forever my Violette.



Alma Haygood

Ms. Violette was the sweetest, kindest and most caring friend anyone could ever want. She cared dearly for her family and friends. I will greatly miss our long talks, lunches and movie outings. It will be a long time before the hole her absence has left in my heart can be healed (if ever). Dear God, let the beautiful memories dry my tears, at least some of the time. Heaven has another angel to watch over us all. Rest in power Ms. Violette. Someday when we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be.

Joe Lee

This woman has so many reflections..... Favorite saying.... "You so disrespectful, you get on my damn nerves." Mostly importantly my mother passed away in 97', her sister Violette jumped in as that mother figure eventhough I am a grown man in my 40's... This Aunt of mine jumped right in to help raise my now turning 3 year old daughter. Damnnn damnnnn !!!!

Kim Blow

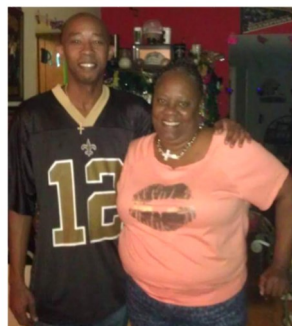
I'll never forget Ms. Violette praying for and with me when I was going through something emotionally. An AMAZING woman that lived her life unapologetically. You will be dearly missed. Love you always, one of your chocolate drops

Jamie Mills

I remember Violette coming over to Mom's house and cooking the best meals for Mom and Pop! I know my grandparents loved you, Tahirah, and Jamal like their very own. Lots of great memories we made with y'all. We love you and on behalf of The late George and Annie Mills and the rest of the family, we love you, we send our condolences and we are praying for you all.

Michele Lee-Alston

One of our biggest supporters is gone. There is a huge hole in my heart right now. My aunt, Violette Lee, has gone on. She was the one who would stand by you. She was the one that told Alana, if anyone messes with you, let me know and I'll f#%k 'em up. She was the one who told one of my exes, if you can't be here for her, you need to go (in so many words). She was the one who always told me I was being disrespectful and then bust out laughing. She was the one who would call and say "Tell Lana I love her cuz she loves you." She was the one who would call and say "Ooh, let me make you laugh!" We used to get on the phone and vent, laugh, share our love ... She was the CHEF! You don't hear me though. Her door was always open. True New Orleans. When you walk in the door you would hear "You hungry?" She was THE ONE! My heart hurts today. My soul aches today. Please pray for my family. Please pray especially for her children, Tahirah Lee and Jamal Lee



Barsie Jordan

I met Violette at Joan and Lee's home thru my friend Barbara, of course Violette called her Bans. Violette was such a lovely person I immediately knew she was my friend. The last time I played cards at The Bowser, Violette was my partner. She was truly loved and will be missed. God bless you family a beautiful rose plucked by God.

LaMarcus Buckner

OMG!!! Miss Violette was sooooo funny and lovable... From the first time I met her, she was such a sweet and kind hearted person... Now don't get it twisted; because she'd tell you just like it was but she meant well and you'd had to love her for that... She was also one of the BEST cooks in the world... I will forever miss her sweet charm... Thanks for a special Christmas last year...

Ayanna Lee

At times life can be unfair, and this is one of those times. I lost a piece of my heart that can never be replaced. My aunt taught me so many lessons in life, but most importantly how to be a strong woman and to love the beautiful chocolate skin that I am in. It saddens me that our story ends here, but I am thankful, nonetheless, for all the memories we shared. Rest in heaven, Auntie Violet Lee

Tara Nash-Howard

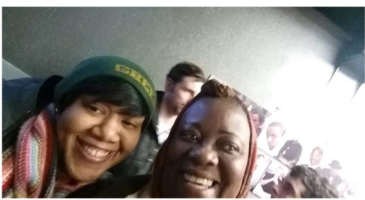
Lord have mercy. I just can't seem to wrap my head around this one. My girl, the life of the party, traveling will never be the same without you. My mom away from my mom, she would say Tara ima call Ava Nash cause you think you're grown. Baby our trip to the UK, London and Paris was EVERYTHING because of you, there was never a dull moment with you, Gaisha Page and Dana C Johnson . I'm sick to my stomach and lost for words. So I'll just say get your rest, you will be truly missed. I love you Teedy Violette Lee

Kaye Young

This is my family. I'm so lost for words. Violette Lee you will definitely be missed. I'm so lost for words. I pray for strength for my family.

Courtney LeGrande

Mama V, as I affectionately called her, as absolutely one of a kind! From the time I met her 8 years ago thru work, she instantly became like a second mama to me and our relationship was so special to me and my family. Her bright spirit, her smile, and her soul will live on. I will love her FOREVER!!





Desire'e Dickerson

I hoped that if I didn't type it, then it wouldn't be true. Last Friday I lost someone who was very dear to me. She has truly been like a second mother. She held my head in her lap when I lost my grandmother and stood right there with me when I lost my dad. I met Ms. Vee back in 2009 when I moved across the hall from her. She knocked on my door, came right on in and sat down, and started talking to me. Then she told, not invited, me to come across the hall with her and have dinner. That was my first time tasting crawfish. Ms. Vee always kept it real and I respected her more for that. I will never get that New Orleans accent out of my head. I can still hear her telling me at times "Desi, ya wrong nah! Get it ta-gether!" Ms. Vee was truly one of a kind. Stern yet fair, loving, and kindhearted. I can imagine her in heaven now, giving her brother, Mr. Lee, the side eye saying "Lee, sat down and don't bring no drama over here!" May this beautiful soul forever rest in peace. My heart is truly broken right now, but I still trust God. He knows what's best. R.I.P. to Ms. Vee. Please keep her children and the Lee family in your thoughts and prayers.

Lois Kebe

Whenever or wherever you were in the presence of Ms. Violette Lee, you became immediately aware that you were surrounded by love. It was evident in the way she carried herself, the immaculate/fabulous way that she dressed and in the things that she said. She was courageous, sometimes serious, and often hilarious. She always had a kind encouraging word. A God Fearing, Church Going Sister, she was a devoted Christian that loved her family, and her church, and they loved her right back. I cannot recall one time seeing her without a blood relative standing close by. She and her family were joined at the hips. She was an excellent hostess. Her New Orleans style of hospitality always made you feel welcome. If you were fortunate enough to be invited to an event that Ms. Lee was involved in, you were assured good food and a good time. We all feel a great loss at her passing. She will be missed but she will never be forgotten. Praying to the heavens that her soul rest for an eternity at peace.

Jeffrey Miller

Miss Violette meant so much to me. In the 3 years that we have worked together we developed a friendship outside of work that I will cherish forever. She became an auntie to my kids, mother figure to myself and my wife Ashley. She always gave it to me straight with no chaser. I will miss her laughs, hugs, advice, her cooking and her entire personality. She was shining light always there to help anyone out at the same time giving you the truth. We love you Miss V from the moon and back. Love, Jeffrey

Ashley Miller

Miss Violette was the ultimate model of how to be a strong, confident person, and for that I am truly grateful to just know her. And so today, I'm not here to say goodbye to her, but thank you. Thank you, Miss Violette, for always supporting us, for accepting us as your own family, and for being the ultimate model of how to live life.





Krishanna Johnson

You were such a kind and sweet spirit. It was an honor to have known you. I'll miss you.

Gayle McHenry

Right now the angels in heaven are rolling on the floor laughing and waiting in line to get something to eat cause my friend. Violet Lee is in heaven R I H

Deron E. Tross

Condolences to the Lee family! Violet was a good mom and friend to all crossed her path. Sean Anthony thank you for introducing me to the Lee family.

Cedric Warren

Words can not describe the pain felt with this loss and the love she displayed while here on Earth... My condolences, Light, strength & Peace guys...

Tynisha Cole

The Bond that Links your True Family, is not one of Blood, But of Respect and Joy in each other's Life. V.Lee, No amount of words will ever begin to Express the Love I have for you. I'm so Thankful for all the memories We shared. And very Blessed to have you in my Life! I Love you Violet Lee! May you Rest in Paradise

Kimberly Smith

I don't think you can ever prepare to lose someone, it's just not something you ever want to do. I just knew this was something you would be able to pull through; to be honest in my mind you were already in recovery. I will miss you dearly Teedy, you fussed every time I seen you lol. Your favorite lines were "you ain't grown little girl... she so disrespectful, and my all time favorite was hey my beautiful black child". There was never a dull moment with you, you made my 26th birthday amazing! Paris and Europe wasn't ready for us. Sometimes I really think my Grandpa D was married into the family and you were my grand-mas sister lol .. I'll miss you forever, we still had more trips to take. Rest up, I'll see you on the others side.

Terryha Jones

Violette was my "Work Mom" everyday she would come in and yell my name "Terryha Jones". I never thought I would be coming to work listening to hear her voice. Funny thing is Violette used to try to use "slang" around the office. She would hear one of us say something she would laugh, not even a few minutes later she would try to use it. Of course in true Violette fashion, she would put her own spin on it; when I just looked at her confused or laughed at her she would always say "look lil girl don't be disrespectful". I miss our daily chats and most of all that laugh.





Acknowledgement

We are eternally grateful to you who have reached out to us in love, prayers or any other generosity of time, friendship or talent and we extend our profound appreciation. Your many acts of kindness have been a source of comfort, consolation and strength which has sustained us during this time.

May God richly bless each of you.

~ The Family

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