



A Celebration of Life

LAVERNE
DENISE
TERRELL

Sunrise
JUNE 10, 1962

Sunset
DECEMBER 12, 2021

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 AM | Funeral: 11:00 AM

Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque, Assistant to the Pastor for Small Groups

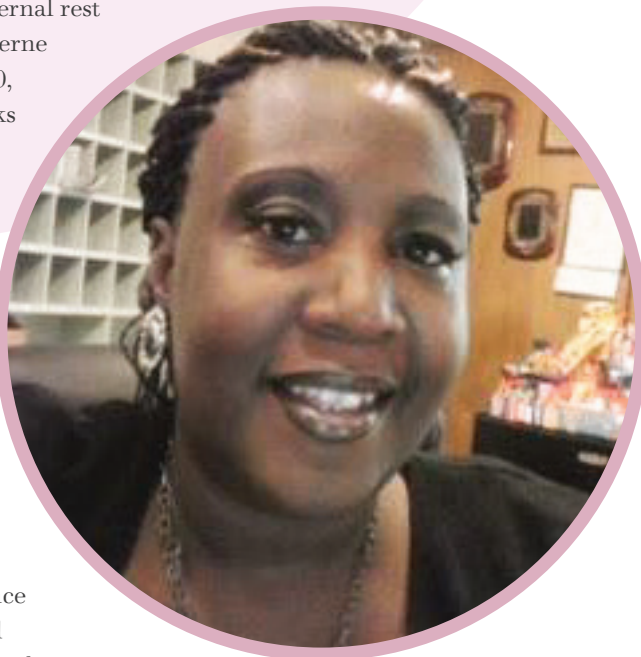
LAVERNE DENISE TERRELL

Our beloved Laverne Denise Terrell entered into eternal rest on December 12, 2021, in Alexandria, Virginia. Laverne was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina on June 10, 1962, to the late Betty Jean Terrell and Eddie Cheeks of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Laverne moved to Alexandria, Virginia at the tender age of 5 years old. Laverne attended Alexandria City Public Schools and later graduated from college with an Associate degree in Alexandria, Virginia. Laverne worked for the Fairfax County Circuit Courts and Bragg Towers Hotel before retiring.

Laverne is affectionately remembered as an advocate for her children and grandchildren, a confidant in her family's time of need, a dance partner when the right song was played, and a God-fearing woman. Laverne was truly the matriarch of her family, showing an abundance of love and affection to not only her children and grandchildren, but an abundance of nieces and nephews. She enjoyed participating in sporting events, family functions, gatherings and many social events with her many loved ones. Laverne was a diehard fan of the Dallas Cowboys ("Go Dallas") and she was also a proud member of Alfred Street Baptist Church. To the many people who loved and knew Laverne, she was considered a fashionista and she loved shopping. Often adorning herself in such a manner that can be remembered as photoshoot ready. But her favorite pastime activity was going to the MGM with the hopes of hitting the jackpot. Laverne's favorite color was pink and she surely let everyone know. Especially, when coordinating her outfits. Laverne also loved the holidays, as it was a time where she was able to cook and spend time with her family.

Laverne leaves behind to cherish in her loving memories her children, Shawndreika Terrell-Lewis, Antoinette Terrell, Dante Terrell, Justin Terrell, Terence (Toya) Terrell, and Shantae Terrell, affectionately known as "Her Fantastic 6". Laverne also leaves her fifteen grandchildren; Uncle Stanley (Magnolia) Brown Jr.; three aunts Mary Sanders, Eunice Bigsby, and Gwendolyn Thomas; and a host of nieces, nephew, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her siblings William, Geraldine, Danny, and Anne Ruth Terrell; two Grandmothers Magalene Hollis-Brown, and Hattie Mae Brown; one Grandfather Stanley Brown Sr; three aunts Lillie Mae Brown, Barbara Ann Fairclough, Bobbie Jean Brown; one grandson Ja'Quann Lewis; one nephew Shannon Terrell; and one great nephew Kareem Timmons Jr.

We would like to also recognize her special friends, who all have impacted her life in an important way: Leah Barnes and the Barnes Family, Cindy Burleigh, Cassie Grayson, Gwendolyn Bates, Jacqueline Mitchell and family, Jacqueline Payne, Anthony Williams, Jeffery Cunningham, Artaisha Jenkins, Aresha Smith, Steve Pean, Willie Felton and family, and her beloved animals Woody, Envy, Banner and Fatty.



Order of Service

Prelude Instrumentalist

Invocation Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

Hymn of Rejoicing..... The Solid Rock

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 46:1–10 Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts

New Testament: Matthew 25:31–40..... Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon James Bender

Musical Selection: “Amazing Grace”

Tributes/Reflections Shantae Terrell, “If Roses Grow in Heaven”

Dante Terrell

Terence Terrell

Justin Terrell

Musical Selection: “It is Well”

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

Closing Prayer and Benediction..... Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

Recessional: “When We All Get to Heaven”

IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN

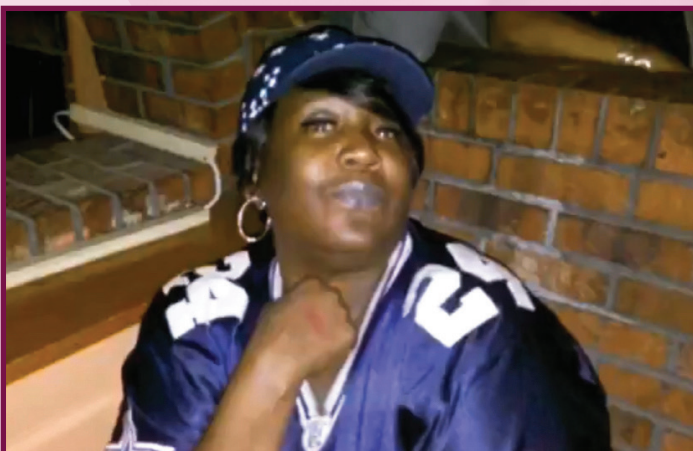
by Dolores M. Garcia

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother’s arms
and tell her they’re from me.

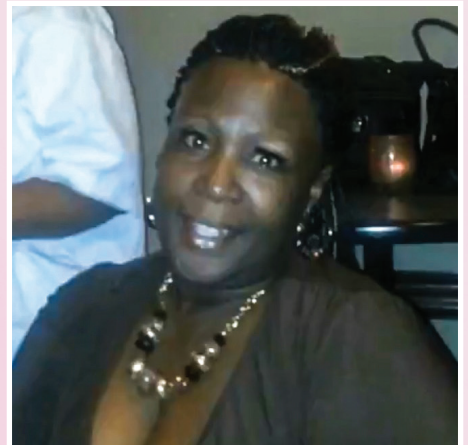
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there’s an ache within my heart
that will never go away.











ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

— *The Terrell Family*

Interment will immediately follow the funeral at:

Bethel Cemetery
1300 Wilkes Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Services entrusted to:

Greene Funeral Home

814 Franklin St, Alexandria, VA 22314