



## Jonsette Rosnay Lewis

September 23, 1955 - October 15, 2017

On Sunday, October 15, God called Jonsette "Tiny" Rosnay Lewis into eternal rest. She is now cancer free! Jonsette was born to Rosalee Lewis and the late John H. Lewis, Jr. At an early age, she gave her life to the Lord and was baptized at Cedar Street Memorial Baptist Church. She later became a member of Saint Paul's Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School.

Jonsette was born on September 23, 1955. She was one of four girls and one son. She was educated at Richmond Public Schools including John F. Kennedy High School, VCU and Saint Paul's College.

After 30 years, Jonsette retired as Human Resources Manager, Alcoa/Reynolds Metals Company, Richmond Foil Plant, after serving in many other positions including the Human Resources Manager for Reynolds Plant in Hot Springs, Arkansas. After retirement, she enjoyed working at the Museum Galleries on the campus of Virginia Union University coordinating art installations, exhibits, sales and art events. She was working part time at Providence International at the time she was diagnosed.

Jonsette loved her neighborhood and community. She served as Treasurer for the Windsor Oaks Subdivision for many, many years.

Jonsette loved to travel and host holiday gatherings. She and her fiancé,

Jerome traveled many places including their favorites, Italy, Key West, Sandals in the Bahamas, Miami, Myrtle Beach, Disneyland and Nags Head. Family and friends were delighted when Jonsette and Jerome hosted a Christmas Tree Trimming Party and gave each guest a CD entitled "Favorite Songs of Jerome and Jonsette." Her annual Christmas cookie baking contest was the highlight of our holidays.

Jonsette was a loving and devoted mother to her only child, Derek D. Lewis. Humor and laughter was a common bond shared with her beloved son.

Her greatest joy was spending time, spoiling and traveling with her granddaughters. Jonsette would use any excuse to bring family and friends together to have a party. Even after being diagnosed with cancer she threw a big party and wanted to go down the 15 foot water slide.

Jonsette leaves to cherish her son, Derek D. Lewis (Tammy); her mother, Rosalee Lewis; a very devoted fiancé, Jerome Bassfield; three granddaughters, DeShayla, Jordan, and Laila Lewis; grandson, Joel Cannon; three sisters, Jacqueline Roberts (Larry), Cheryline Lewis (Henrik), Brenda Tucker (Marshall); three nieces, MaShawn Simpson (Steve), Emma Feighenbaum Kennedy (Brian), and Zoe Feighenbaum; one nephew, Marshall Tucker, Jr. (Lauren), and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her father, John H. Lewis, Jr. and Brother, John H. Lewis, III.

In life she showed so much love, joy, patience, and generosity. Our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend will be truly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **19**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Wake

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

OCT **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church  
4247 Creighton Road  
Richmond, VA 23223



# Tribute Wall



“ *Jonsette Rosnay Lewis*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mom, I was thinking of you!*

*Love You!*

*Derek Derel*



**Derek D. Lewis** - November 08, 2018 at 11:06 PM



“ *Derek D. Lewis lit a candle in memory of  
Jonsette Rosnay Lewis*



**Derek D. Lewis** - November 08, 2018 at 11:03 PM



“ *Lenata Branch And Family lit a candle in  
memory of Jonsette Rosnay Lewis*



**Lenata Branch and family** - October 19, 2017 at 02:52 PM



*SHE WILL TRULY BE MISS. CHARMAINE BRANCH*

**CHARMAINE BRANCH** - October 20, 2017 at 09:57 AM

AH

“ *Ann Harrington lit a candle in memory of Jonsette Rosnay Lewis*



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**Ann Harrington** - October 19, 2017 at 01:15 PM

BP

“ *Dear Jacqueline and Family,*

*It is with deep sadness that I offer by sincere condolences. I know firsthand the pain of losing a loved one. May it ease your sorrow to know that your sister, Jonsette, is now with our Lord and Savior. I will continue to pray for you. With Love and Sympathy, Beblon (Beblon G. Parks)*

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**Beblon G. Parks** - October 19, 2017 at 11:19 AM

DT

“ *Darlene Taylor lit a candle in memory of Jonsette Rosnay Lewis*



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**Darlene Taylor** - October 19, 2017 at 09:46 AM

TR

“ Derek,  
We are so sadden to hear of your great lost. Mr . R and I hold your heart in sincere prayer. We pray that the love and peace of our Lord and Savior give you comfort today and forever. Words fall short... we are here for you. Know always we will hold you close in prayer.  
Ted and Lola Richardson

Ted and Lola Richardson - October 18, 2017 at 09:46 PM

TR

“ Tedra Richardson lit a candle in memory of  
Jonsette Rosnay Lewis



Tedra Richardson - October 18, 2017 at 09:32 PM

CJ

“ Gone much too soon! Was hoping that we would have time to catch up! See you on the other side Tiny 🦋💙🙏 Much Love Always, your friend ~Commie



Commie Jones - October 18, 2017 at 02:20 PM

MB

“ Makia Benniefield lit a candle in memory of  
Jonsette Rosnay Lewis



Makia Benniefield - October 18, 2017 at 01:37 PM

MB

“ She was a lovely lady with a gorgeous smile and a gentle giving spirit. The Benniefield & Bassfield family is forever grateful to Jonsette's family for sharing her with us. She was a bright ray of sunshine whenever she entered the room. God has her now in His arms and heaven has welcomed her home. I pray that God comfort all hearts that are grieving now in Jesus name. May God bless you all!

*Yours in Christ,  
Adrian and Makia Benniefield*

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**Makia Benniefield** - October 18, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - October 18, 2017 at 12:09 PM