



LaVern Brown Callaham

December 18, 1951 - February 15, 2024

Life's Legacy

LaVern Dare Brown Callaham born on December 18, 1951, to loving parents, the late William E. Brown, Sr. and Lucy M. Brown and the third child from this union. Preceded in death also by her brother William E. Brown, Jr., "Billy" and her loving and romantic husband, Bennie L. Callaham, Sr. She leaves a legacy of love to her two loving, handsome and charming sons, Clifton Edward Smith, Sr., (Casey) and Chase Maurice Williams; six grandchildren Clifton, Jr. "CJ", JaQuan, Monteja, Camarri, Cody and Chasity; two great-grands; two sisters, Doris and Loretta; four loving nieces and several handsome nephews. So many favorite cousins who were always supportive. God sent children, Sherry Nathan, Tyrone Rouse, and several lifelong devoted friends, feel it in your heart you know who you are.

She was a product of the Richmond Public Schools and a proud graduate of Maggie L. Walker High School, class of 1969. LaVern attended J. S. Reynolds and VCU. An active member and CoFounder of the Maggie L. Walker High School Alumni Association, Inc., a member of Maggie L. Walker High School class of 1969 Reunion Committee. Retired from the State of Virginia, Science Museum of Virginia and Family Maintenance Counseling Group, Inc. Recently, employed by Southside Community Development Corporation, Dianna H. Bowser (CEO) and my dear friend.

LaVern began her Christian walk at the Morning Star Baptist Church at a very early age singing in the choir, serving on the Christian Board of Education and a member of the usher's ministry #2. She began a new Christian experience in 2004 at the St. Paul's Baptist. Her faith, dedicated family members and good friends played a major role in her battle with breast cancer in 1998-1999 and leukemia in 2000. The battle was won, she finished the course and she continued to keep the faith. The War was not hers but the Lord, in 2017 diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and another breast cancer. She fought a long and hard battle with grace and dignity.

Lavern was very outgoing, bubbly, genuine and very entertaining. She missed her calling as a comedian, a singer and entertainer and she loved to dance, dance, dance however, she would always say "I am a great hostess for any occasion". "She always danced as though no one was watching". Willing to help others and loved to network having the resources at her fingertip. She surrounded herself with a wealth of knowledge from friends and family who would network especially to benefit others. Always willing to offer and give what she could from her heart. LaVern was a real people person and no matter what the task she organized it very well and carried it out to perfection. Her famous cliché "No Kidding".

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of life with live streaming

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - February 21, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for LaVern Brown Callaham, Please Click the Link below. in memory of LaVern Brown Callaham*



March Funeral Homes - February 16, 2024 at 05:43 PM

KH

Very sweet person. Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏

Katrina J Hicks

Katrina J Hicks - February 19, 2024 at 01:59 PM

HC

Laverne was one of my best classmate of 1969 MLW. She was a very happy and funny personality. Sending my condolences to family.

Helen Cowens - February 19, 2024 at 04:47 PM

MC

RIP neighbor will miss you dearly and thanks for all the visits to our mother. Condolences to the family

Spears Family

Melinda Collins - February 20, 2024 at 11:13 AM

LP

"My Lavern" always family, almost loving, always happy. We'll miss you but beautiful memories of you laughing, singing and dancing will keep you close in our hearts. I know you're still laughing, singing and dancing with all those who welcomed you home! Rest In Peace Beautiful you! Love you always!

Laurino Proctor - February 20, 2024 at 12:11 PM

EW

Rest in Paradise my Friend (family)

Ernestine Woodson-Cowans - February 20, 2024 at 09:11 PM

SB

LaVern and I attended MLW together. I remebered her mostly when we were in high school and worked at Hermitage Methodist Home She always had a smile. Rest in peace my friend. Sharon Barksdale

Sharon Barksdale - February 21, 2024 at 08:16 AM

DS

LaVern, I will always remember your smile and wonderful personality especially during our school days or whenever we would bump into each other while shopping or out in the community.

Rest well my sister. What a lovely tribute to you today. You are loved.

Maggie L. Walker Class of 1969. - Darlene Greene Scott

Darlene Greene Scott - February 21, 2024 at 01:02 PM

KE

Sending my condolences and prayers to the family. Ms.Lavern was truly a sweet soul. - Keondra

Keondra - February 21, 2024 at 02:17 PM

ER

RIP Auntie! I know I will see you again!

Endia Rich(Peterson) - February 21, 2024 at 03:55 PM

RG

My condolences. This woman right here was like a mother to everyone. I remember Ms. Lavern by that beautiful smile and sassy attitude. Her style was always to the T. Ms. Lavern you will truly be missed. I love you and rest easy

Rayvon Gordon - February 25, 2024 at 12:39 PM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Laverne's family during this difficult time. May God grant you strength, comfort and peace today and in the days to come.*

Derith V. Hatcher

Maggie Walker, class of 69

Derith Hatcher - February 22, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JJ

“ *Ms Lavern better known as (Auntie) was a bright light to our neighborhood on 31st. I looked forward to seeing her at her moms always love big smiles and laughter! Great childhood memories. May GOD bless and keep the Brown Family stronger and together!!*
~Javon

Javon Jackson - February 22, 2024 at 05:05 PM

EL

“ *Im so happy I met you through my great grandparents, sending love and prayers to the Brown family.*



Eboni Lancaster - February 21, 2024 at 06:48 PM

BM

“ Loving and fun person she will be missed greatly tinny and vee

Bernitta Young Viola minor - February 21, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DD

“ Condolences to LaVern's family in the loss of a great friend since kids (6 years old) at Morning Star Baptist Church where she sang in the kid's choir and my mom, who she loved dearly, (as she would say, my girl) sang in the Senior choir. I remember the days at Blackwell Junior High, where she, Chauncey Bell and a few others hung out at school together. LaVern always had a joke keeping you in stitches. We continued at Maggie Walker, graduating together in 1969. LaVern and I always remained friends, although our lives went in different directions with me moving to MD. She and I often spoke upon my returning to VA, and I truly thank God for giving me the opportunity to have known such a gem. LaVern and I spoke, and she text me 2 days prior to gaining her wings. I loved you LaVern, but God loved you best. Rest on my sister in Christ until we meet again. Love, Audrey

Dr. Audrey Fleming-Hawkins, DMIN - February 21, 2024 at 10:29 AM

AW

“ We send our deepest condolences to all the family and friends of LaVern (Redd) you will be truly missed love the Whitener & Greenway family.

Alfreda Whitener - February 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM

GW

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. May you find strength to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.



Glendora Williams - February 21, 2024 at 09:17 AM

KD

“ Kara R. Dungee lit a candle in memory of LaVern Brown Callaham



Kara R. Dungee - February 21, 2024 at 08:52 AM

NW

“ Mama Lavern I will always LOVE you! You are definitely one person who loved everyone and a party wasn't a party without you! You never spoke ill to no one! I will miss your wisdom conversation and all of your sweet words! You took me & my daughter as one of your own! Blessings until we meet again 🙏

Nadine Williams - February 21, 2024 at 06:49 AM

AN

“ We will miss our best Bid Whist player.

Lovingly Submitted
Fred and Annette Meade



Annette - February 20, 2024 at 11:18 PM

DD

“ Doris Dungee lit a candle in memory of LaVern Brown Callaham



Doris Dungee - February 20, 2024 at 09:37 PM

DD

Rest in Peace my Dear Sister, We were a Living Legend, never give up, endure until the end, over come obstacles, offered no excuses, you did it and you did it well. Our Sister was a 'Living Legend.' Rest in Peace My Dear sister until we meet again, on the other side. ❤️🙏❤️

Doris Dungee - February 20, 2024 at 09:46 PM

DD

You were a Living Legend, My Dear Sister!

Doris Dungee - February 20, 2024 at 09:48 PM

DJ

“ Della, Crystal And Junnie lit a candle in memory of LaVern Brown Callaham



Della, Crystal and Junnie - February 20, 2024 at 07:44 PM

TB

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to Casey, Chase and the family of Laverne. What a beautiful person inside and out. Her smile, laugh could light up a room. Laverne was a close family friend, this one hurt. Laverne will be missed by all who knew her. Sleep In Peace, until we meet again.

Toia Brown - February 20, 2024 at 05:23 PM

EH

“ Laverne was a beautiful lady inside & out.. She never met a stranger & always included & show love.. She trusted her Savior & I know she's resting..I pray strength, comfort & memories to her children & family..💕 & 🦋kisses elsie/snag & family

Elsie Holmes - February 20, 2024 at 01:23 PM

KB

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lavern Brown-Callaham. She was a neighbor friend to many. May she rest in eternal peace. 🙏🙏🙏

Karen Mason Brooks - February 20, 2024 at 01:04 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Larissa Cutler - February 20, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of LaVern Brown Callaham.



February 20, 2024 at 08:52 AM

MJ

“ *Michael (Poochie) Jackson purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of LaVern Brown Callaham.*



Michael (Poochie) Jackson - February 19, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of LaVern Brown Callaham.*



February 19, 2024 at 06:59 PM

RB

“ *Roslyn Pleasants (Branch) lit a candle in memory of LaVern Brown Callaham*



Roslyn Pleasants (Branch) - February 19, 2024 at 10:02 AM

RB

To the Brown & Callahan Family, sorry about your lost, may God be with you, The Class of 69

Roslyn Pleasants (Branch) - February 19, 2024 at 10:04 AM

PJ

“ *LaVern was always full of life. She knew her circumstance but chose to live until God told her it was time. LaVern will be forever missed. Prayers and love to the family. Mike & Pat Jackson*

Pat & Mike Jackson - February 18, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of LaVern Brown Callaham.*



February 17, 2024 at 12:29 PM

LS

“ *Larry and Shanor, Tamie, Mark, Brian, Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaVern Brown Callaham.*

Larry and Shanor, Tamie, Mark, Brian, Eric - February 17, 2024 at 02:22 AM

LS

“ *Larry and Shanor, Tamie, Mark, Brian, Eric purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of LaVern Brown Callaham.*



Larry and Shanor, Tamie, Mark, Brian, Eric - February 17, 2024 at 02:22 AM

SH

“ *Shanor Holt lit a candle in memory of LaVern Brown Callaham*



Shanor Holt - February 17, 2024 at 02:02 AM



“ *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.*

March Funeral Homes - February 16, 2024 at 03:15 PM