



## LaVerne Shelton

May 4, 1938 - April 20, 2015

### In Loving Memory of Deaconess LaVerne Shelton

On Monday morning, April 20, 2015, Deaconess LaVerne Shelton departed this earthly life and went home to be with her Heavenly Father for all eternity. She was born on May 4, 1938 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Willie T. and Robinette C. Coleman.

At an early age LaVerne received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior, was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and became an active member of the Fifth Street Baptist Church family during the pastorate of the late Dr. C.C. Scott. As a part of that church family, she served as a member of the Tabernacle Choir, a church school teacher, an usher, and a member of the Federated Missionary Organization.

When the Holy Spirit moved upon Pastor Roscoe D. Cooper, Jr. to organize the body of Christ known as the Metropolitan African American Baptist Church family, LaVerne was one of the founding members. She continued her walk with the Lord with great earnestness and devotion. She was ordained a deaconess and served as the first female and second Pastoral Leader of the Diaconate Ministry. She was dedicated to the study of God's Word and prayer. She served as the teacher of the LaVerne Shelton Covenant Discipleship Ministry Group and was a part of the "Let's Talk" Group, which meets weekly

for testimony, Bible study and prayer. She enjoyed being with her church family. She was a member and served as the Pastoral Leader of the Christian Women with a Vision, a group organizes and engages in various fellowship activities.

She was a product of the Richmond Public Schools. She became a Certified Nursing Assistant and used these skills through her work for the Bon Secours Health System. Her gift of compassion was especially demonstrated when she cared for several members of her family during their time of illness: two aunts, Gladys Wells and Nannie Bentley; one uncle, Thaddeus Crittenton, and husband, Norman.

LaVerne was preceded in death by her husband, Norman, son, Gregory, parents, Willie and Robinette Coleman, and sister, Carolyn Brown. She leaves to cherish her memory; one daughter, Diane Williams (Jerald, Sr.); two sons, David Gardner and Michael Gardner (Sandra), one sister, Barbara Perez (Anthony); two brothers, Willie and Ronald Coleman, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; cousins; a host of devoted neighbors and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## viewing

APR **23**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

APR **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Metropolitan Africian American Baptist Church  
5263 Warwick Road  
Richmond, VA 23224

# Tribute Wall



“ *LaVerne Shelton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss . May the resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 21,28,29 be a source of comfort doing this time of grief and pain .*

**Delores Allen** - April 23, 2015 at 07:08 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family.May you find comfort from the Father of tender mercies which the Bible relates at 2Cor.1:3-4.We hope his word will always sustain your family at this time.*

**Armstrong Family** - April 22, 2015 at 06:56 PM



“ *On behalf of the Turner Family, your cousins from Chesapeake, Norfolk, and VA Beach I express my deepest sympathy.We last saw her at our brother funeral. I am so glad for that opportunity.Although I will not be able to attend the service, my siblings who still reside in VA will be there. I will be in touch. Dianne Turner-Whitt, Philadelphia, PART*



**Dianne Turner-Whitt** - April 22, 2015 at 07:26 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - April 21, 2015 at 04:06 PM