



Linda Delores White Elam

October 20, 1947 - October 27, 2021

Linda Delores White Elam, born October 20, 1947 in Stamford, CT to Sarah Wilson Ray and the late James Henry White, transitioned peacefully at the age of 74, on October 27, 2021 after a courageous four-year battle with ovarian cancer.

Linda attended Stamford Public Schools and college in pursuit of her dreams of becoming a Paralegal. She accomplished that dream as an advocate for equal rights and social justice. In 1973, she filed the civil rights suit “Moss v. Stamford Board of Education,” challenging their plan for elementary school integration on the grounds that it placed a disproportionate share of the burden of achieving racial balance on Black and Brown children. She has always been a fighter.

After relocating with her family to Richmond, Virginia, she continued her fight for equality through her service at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She fought for Black farmers through Legal Aid’s Virginia Poverty Law Center and served as a paralegal for John Taylor, Attorney at Law. Linda was also a director for the RCAP Head Start program. She spent her later years working and training others in performance excellence as an Assistant Vice President at Suntrust Mortgage, where she retired in 2007. She firmly believed that education was the pathway to a purposeful and productive life and encouraged higher education in her daughter, granddaughters, and the

women she nurtured and mentored at work.

Linda was a member of the Saint Paul's Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, under the leadership of Dr. Lance D. Watson. At Saint Paul's, she served as a Greeter and was a member of the Care Team, Bereavement Team, and the Celebration Choir. For many years, Linda was an outstanding Girl Scout leader for Troop 173 at Good Shepard Baptist Church and often volunteered with "A Mother's Justice," assisting mothers in need. She was a giver.

Most importantly, she was the human embodiment of love.

Linda was a woman who never hid her humanity nor her vulnerability. She took the risk, allowing love to be her greatest aim. She moved through each season of life, desiring to become closer to His unconditional love. "Jesus said! Come to me" Matthew 11:28, and she did. Linda fought cancer boldly, faithfully listening to her Father and allowing her heart to guide her treatment plan. She was determined to live a rich, full life - on her terms!

Linda was exceptionally gifted and had a unique eye for style. Her artistic ability led her to create stunning stained glass, unique ceramics, woodworking, and more! She always took great pride in her appearance and never shied away from the camera, careful to embrace every moment with friends and loved ones. Linda always dressed impeccably, and her hair was never out of place. That was "Ms. E!"

Linda lived an abundant life! She was sweet, and she was sincere; soft, and she was strong. Linda was proud and brave, and boy was she passionate! She was funny. She was astute. Linda loved hard and was definitely the person you wanted to have on your team. She Loved The Lord! Her sacred space was among her flower and vegetable gardens, where she would have worship and praise—seated, front-row to witness God's miraculous works.

Her greatest titles in life were that of Mother and Grandmother! She loved and adored her children and granddaughters. An exceptional, loving mother, Linda always sought ways to provide and spend quality time with her family. She never missed a birthday, graduation, cookout, or any special event. Linda understood the power of presence!

Linda was predeceased by her beloved son, Roy Moss, Jr., stepfather, Rylie Ray, father James H. White, and siblings, Luciene Penny, James A. White, Gayle Hillman, and Marion White.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her loving husband, James H. Elam; devoted daughter, Ayasha Sledge (LaMont); her beloved granddaughters, Niasia Ellis and Sanaa Sledge; mother, Sarah Wilson Ray; sisters Jacqueline Wilson and Dawn White; brother Malik White; nieces, Robin Ballard and Jerrhonda White; five nephews; great-nephew, Zaya Anderson; cousins, Lynne Scott and Chevvone Bray and a host of family, friends, colleagues.

Our creative, artistic Queen has entered into God's eternal rest through His perfected Love. Our Ancestors await her spirit presence. Ashay

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service with live streaming

NOV 3. 1:30 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Linda Delores White Elam, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - November 01, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RB

My condolences are with the family. God bless and comfort you all. 💖
Rev. (Nate) Brown

Rev. Nathaniel (Nate) Brown - November 03, 2021 at 04:32 PM

VB

“ *Linda was a unique soul. So intelligent and kind, just a wonderful lady. May God forever bless us all with fond memories of Linda, rest my sister.*



Vickie Bullock - August 19, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Linda Delores White Elam*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

JW

“ Iyeesha, Lamont and the Elam Family:

From a daughter who knows what it is to lose her mother, I share your pain. Listening to the service, hearing how much she is/was loved by not only her family but by friends, co-workers and those of her community, it makes me glad to know she will not be quickly forgotten. She was an example of the type of human we all should be and hopefully by knowing her she will inspire others to be more of the same.

When I look at my daughter and my nieces I think so often of my mother because I see so much of her in each of them. I know she is in Heaven taking pride and claiming them in all of their successes and accomplishments. I smile to think of Aunt Linda with my mother and her sisters and brother competing to see who can be the most proud of their grandbabies!

Iyeesha, it is not always enough to say they watch over us and are proud especially when the grandbabies do something that brings them to mind. I have to be grateful for the time we had with them. I'm just glad the girls are old enough to have good memories and know their grandmas loved them so much.

I feel safe in saying that WE as their daughters did and continue to do them proud also.

Much Love,

Your cousin, Jerrhonda White

Jerrhonda White - November 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM

AS

I miss my Auntie Luciene and I know you miss you also. Thank you for your kind words and great advice.

*Love you,
Ayasha*

Ayasha Sledge - November 05, 2021 at 09:43 PM

CG

“ *Chandra Grant lit a candle in memory of
Linda Delores White Elam*



Chandra Grant - November 03, 2021 at 03:19 PM

CG

Sorry I couldn't be there; you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Chandra

Chandra Grant - November 03, 2021 at 03:23 PM


JC

“ *Ayasha - I am praying comfort for you and yours now. Since I met you at VUU I have known you to be a woman of excellence and grace. Learning about your Mother I now know it was hereditary. Be encouraged and I look forward to seeing you soon.*

Jeff Conley Henrico County

Jeff Conley - November 03, 2021 at 10:53 AM

DC

“ Linda's smile and laugh filled the atmosphere with joy. She was one of my sister's Cassandra's Calender-Ray truest friends and I understood why. I always enjoyed visiting her home as she was a gracious hostess. She loved God, life, her heritage, people and especially travelling to destinations in the diaspora. Linda we will always miss and  you. Deepest condolences to all the family. May the God of all Comfort and Prince of Peace carry you through.


Daphyne Callender-Douglas - November 03, 2021 at 10:34 AM

SC

“ To the family, sending my condolences during this season of grief. I met Linda working at the voting polls at Adams Elementary School. We truly missed this soldier when she could no longer serve, she was so kind and had a happy spirit. A true angel has gone to rest for the resurrection day. May God continue to comfort you during this time. Sheila Cunningham

Sheila Cunningham - November 03, 2021 at 09:41 AM

YL

My deepest heart felt condolences to my sweet dear cousin Ayasha and family. Linda was a breath of fresh air and my heart breaks but I know she is with her savior and she will truly be missed. Love you cuz  for you.

Yvette lee - November 03, 2021 at 12:12 PM

DP

“ I worked with your mom at SunTrust Mortgage. When I needed assistance she was always willing to help. She was a strong lady. I will miss her smile. Well done my sister, now take your rest in the arms of The LORD. Family, the LORD will lead you and guide you through this season. Deborah T. Patterson

Deborah T. Patterson - November 03, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Linda Delores White Elam.



November 02, 2021 at 08:00 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Linda Delores White Elam.



November 02, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Linda Delores White Elam.



November 02, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Linda Delores White Elam.



November 02, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ Linda you were beautiful inside and out you will be missed Love you so much.

Stephanie Bray - November 01, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Delores White Elam.



October 31, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ I will always, always cherish Linda's friendship. I have vivid and awesome memories of our sojourn to the Gullah region, of shared birthday meals, of spirited discussions about the state of affairs of our people, of mutual encouragement when we both needed it. Linda was my friend, my sistah friend. I love you Linda E. Thank you for your friendship, your loyalty, and your witness of faith over fear. Cassandra

Cassandra Calender-Ray - October 31, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Delores White Elam.



October 29, 2021 at 01:09 PM

AS

“ 33 files added to the album *Family and Friends*



Ayasha Sledge - October 29, 2021 at 12:27 AM

AY

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Ayasha - October 29, 2021 at 12:21 AM

AY

“ 13 files added to the album *Family and Friends*



Ayasha - October 29, 2021 at 12:14 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 - October 27, 2021 at 12:28 PM