



Lynda Gayle Owens-Ford

June 16, 1956 - April 13, 2022

Lynda Gayle Owens-Ford was born in Elizabethtown, North Carolina on June 16, 1956 - the youngest child and only daughter of the marital union of Eunice Bryant and David Owens. Although she spent her formative years in North Carolina, she would relocate to Richmond, Virginia as a teen.

After attending John Marshall High School, Lynda would devote most of her time to raising her children. Despite being a single mom of four who worked multiple jobs and refused public assistance, she managed to be a fixture at her children's football games, spelling bees and math whizzes. She birthed four children, but so many more claimed her as their own - referring to her affectionately as "Mama O," "Mama Lynda," "Big O" and "Mom Owens." Her love for children also guided her professional career as she was employed for many years by the Richmond Public School System finishing her career as the Executive Director of the Carver Promise, a program that pairs students from a Title I elementary school with local college students to provide mentoring and educational support.

The spiritual foundation laid by her grandparents would be a driving force in her life and she would earn a degree in divinity from Virginia Union Theological Seminary. She was ordained as a minister at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, where she served many years as an Associate Pastor. During her latter years, she joined Beulah Baptist Church and served in several

capacities, including as an Associate Minister and member of the Missionaries and Food Bank ministries.

Lynda was also passionate about her community, which resulted in her receiving numerous awards, including the Norman Vincent Peale Award for Positive Thinking, the “She Persisted” Award from My SisterCare and the Distinguished Service Award from Savannah A.M.E. Zion Church. Her passion would lead her to run for the Virginia House of Delegates as a major party candidate with endorsements reflective of the widespread support and influence she had in her community. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents, sister Sandra Matthews, daughter Aljawanna “Nicole” Owens and son Solomon M. (“T-Boo”) Owens. Lynda leaves to cherish her memory: her best friend and husband John Ford, a loving daughter LaTisha Owens Tarrant (Shawn), a devoted son Larry Owens, a brother Solomon Owens, Sr. (Judy), stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **25**. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes
2110 E. Laburnum Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

APR **25**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life with live streaming

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Lynda Gayle Owens-Ford, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - April 24, 2022 at 02:34 AM



“ *Lynda Gayle Owens-Ford*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. I will always remember her kindness and blessings upon my life-- mentally and spiritually. She encouraged me greatly and every day I look upon two items she gave me that makes me smile and think of her. She was a very, very special lady!! Praying your continued comfort.*



Evangeline Collins-Robinson - July 02, 2022 at 12:00 PM

VH

“ I can truly say, we were *SistahFriends*, we last talked a few weeks ago and were planning to be with each other in my new home in Mississippi, as soon as she felt strong enough to travel. We sent heartfelt texts back and forth on Facebook expressing how we felt about each other and the years we worked together in ministry and the community. There was no doubt in our hearts that we would see each other again. Our last live visit together was in 2018, as she received her award from *MySisterCare*, but we texted so much between October 21' and March of 22' that it felt like we were in each other's houses. Well, the next time I see you, it will be in *ETERNITY* and that's okay because it is where we prayed for years that we would be *TOGETHER*. My *Sistah*, My *Friend*, until *THEN*. Our love and virtual hugs go to Larry and LaTisha. Verlean and William Russell and Family.

Verlean Hailey-Russell - April 26, 2022 at 04:29 AM

CT

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Rev owens was a great church member!! She will be missed!!!

Charles Taylor - April 25, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynda Gayle Owens-Ford.



April 24, 2022 at 03:25 PM



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April 21, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *LaTisha,*

Angela and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

Steve Zahn - April 21, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *Trisha lit a candle in memory of Lynda Gayle Owens-Ford*



Trisha - April 20, 2022 at 06:06 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.*

March Funeral Homes - April 19, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JH

LaTish

My heart goes out to you and your family. Your mother was a beautiful person.

Josie Crews Harris - April 22, 2022 at 11:51 AM

AJ

Such a sweet lady I will never ever forget you .To the family may the sweet memories and happy days comfort you always.

Ava Jones (Usher Beulah Baptist Church)javascript:void(0);

Ava Jones - April 25, 2022 at 10:42 PM