



## Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson

March 14, 1963 - September 17, 2025

Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson, departed this life on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Henrico Doctor's Hospital in Henrico County.

Tonya, a native of Richmond, VA was born March 14, 1963 as the third and final child of the late Charles Henry and Dorothy Lazenby. She was preceded in death by her brother, Charles Lazenby.

She was educated early on in the Henrico County Public Schools system. As an active member of the musical and theatre programs at Highland Springs High School, she accomplished many achievements before graduating in 81', such as being one of the first black students crowned as Ms. Highlander and she was also the first black female drum major of the Highland Springs Marching Springers. She continued to further her studies of music at James Madison University, where she was recognized as one of the youngest drum majors in school history.

She began playing piano at the age of seven, thus sparking her career path and everlasting love of music. She traveled the world as a keyboard instrumentalist and vocalist. Some of the highlights of her career were playing along side Katz Band and Plunky and Oneness. She even curated her own band entitled "The ResQ Squad".

On May 12, 1990, Tonya married Kelvin D. Jackson. Their 35 year union produced two children.

Tonya was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She had a wild and bubbly spirit and an affinity for eccentric and eclectic items. She could find the silver lining in almost any situation and would do anything to crack a smile. To know her was to love her and she will be missed by a multitude of individuals.

She is survived by her husband, Kelvin Jackson; son, Darien Jackson; daughter, Sydni Jackson; grandchildren, Zoie Jackson and Harlo Kenion; sister, Sherrette Lazenby Mendez (Everton); brother in law, Rev. James O. Jackson III (Kathleen); sister in laws, Alfreda Snead and Terri Jackson (Alfred), devoted friends, Teri Bolden, Lisa Gooden, Kevin Greene, Yvette White and Michelle Edwards and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friend.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memory Gardens

13389 Mountain Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23059

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP **23.** 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of life with live streaming

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

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

March Funeral Homes - September 24, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson*



March Funeral Homes - September 19, 2025 at 05:50 PM

DP

*Tonya. Your cousin Dwayne Pearson and your biggest fan. I love you cuz.*

Dwayne Pearson - September 24, 2025 at 10:06 AM



*May you rest in eternal peace. You are singing for the ultimate choir now. Prayers and blessings for the family.*

Kristen Cotman - September 24, 2025 at 01:51 PM



*My Girl..A beautiful Soul.. Love Always, My Thoughts And Blessings To You and Your beautiful Family, Thank you for letting me be a part of yours.*

*Lamont C. Frazier.. <3*

Lamont F - September 24, 2025 at 07:25 PM

BB

*Rest in peace,you will be truly missed on and off the stage.*

**Bobby bishop** - September 27, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JB

“ *I first saw Tonya on Plunky's stage. Her energy and light permeated the rooms as each member of the band complemented each other. Tonya was expertly and lovingly holding her spot. Later, she graciously agreed to add her voice and style to enrich Elegba Folklore Society performances on special occasions. Whether sitting in her various audiences, sharing a stage or just spending time, I will remember her no-nonsense way -- often comical and always honey-coated. For all of us at Elegba Folklore Society, please accept our sincerest condolences. Love Is Eternal.*

*Janine Bell*



**Janine Bell** - September 26, 2025 at 01:03 AM

LG

*I will always remember how bold and funny she was. When I first met her at church, she said she was definitely going places and she did just that. I'll always remember her in my heart and will continue to pray for her family .*

**Lila M Goode** - September 26, 2025 at 05:19 PM

VH

*Tonya , wonderful, beautiful soul! Talented, FUNNY, Upbeat and beautiful! We love you , Springer Family . Love Vev as she would call me*

**VEVERLY Y HOLMES** - September 27, 2025 at 10:11 AM

AC

“ *My prayers and condolences to you and your family. May God continue to watch over all of you. Angela Cauthorne*



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**Angela Cauthorne** - September 24, 2025 at 01:16 PM

PL

“ *For Tonya*

*She was big;  
Big boned, big bottomed, big headed, big hearted,  
Bodacious, outrageous  
With big schemes and big loyalty to our dreams  
She was a genius, editing my poetry  
and bringing our songs to life  
With a big contralto voice with lots of vibrato and even more  
bravado  
Big, strutting into a room smiling, she was beguiling  
Big on giving, big on living, big on stage  
Leaving a deep imprint on her page  
In the book of our lives where her story lives on  
And a big impression on the music in our mind,  
where we can still hear her big voice singing*

*Rest well, My Sister*

*- Plunky*

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**Plunky** - September 24, 2025 at 09:12 AM

JL

*I love the fact that she was a walking organization of talent, looks and personality.....and yes I loved her and all she had to offer the Musical department of the world in which we are now presently standing upon...*

**Johnny lee long** - September 24, 2025 at 09:20 AM

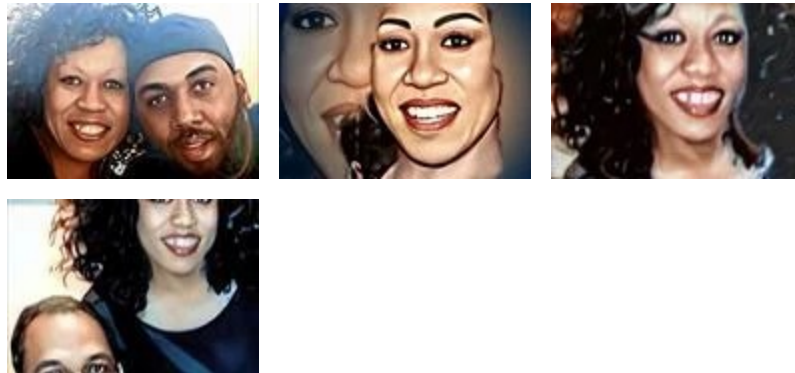
BB

“ *Dear Family, on behalf of Richmond Jazz Society please accept our sincerest sympathies. Tonya's beautiful, bold voice brought Bright Moments to so many of us. We will miss her shining light but we thank The Almighty for bringing her our way.  
To Brighter Moments, Robert Payne & B. J. Brown*

**B. J. Brown** - September 24, 2025 at 08:17 AM

TA

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



**tyrone Askew** - September 24, 2025 at 07:31 AM

EC

“ *Evangeline Collins-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson*



**Evangeline Collins-Robinson** - September 23, 2025 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.*



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September 23, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *Khari lit a candle in memory of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson*



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**Khari** - September 23, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Michelle Brown lit a candle in memory of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson*



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**Michelle Brown** - September 23, 2025 at 10:41 AM

GB

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Tonya and I began our friendship in elementary school. We have been friends for more than 55 years. I always admired her love for music and art. Would always say to her, I wish I had an ounce of your talent. Whenever we talked the conversation was mostly about her children and in later years those precious grandchildren. I will miss hearing her voice and laughter. Rest in peace my dear CG Sister and HSHS 1981 Classmate 🤍🙏🌹



Gilda Simmons Bates - September 23, 2025 at 10:01 AM

SC

“ The Jackson and Lazenby Family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for the loss of Tonya. I pray you have peace and comfort during this difficult time . RIP Tonya . Sharonda Cunningham, HSHS class of 81



Sharonda Cunningham - September 23, 2025 at 08:03 AM



“ Karen Thompson lit a candle in memory of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson



Karen Thompson - September 23, 2025 at 01:14 AM

WM

“ With all the love in my heart, Michelle purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



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**With all the love in my heart, Michelle** - September 22, 2025 at 07:34 PM

WM

“ With all the love in my heart, Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

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**With all the love in my heart, Michelle** - September 22, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



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September 22, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

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September 22, 2025 at 04:24 PM

SG

“ Rest in peace, Tonya! Stephanie Jones Gibson



Stephanie J. Gibson - September 22, 2025 at 02:01 PM

DJ

“ Dez, Sherrette, Khari, CJ, Maay, Eli & John purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



Dez, Sherrette, Khari, CJ, Maay, Eli & John - September 22, 2025 at 11:48 AM

DJ

“ Dez, Sherrette, Khari, CJ, Maay, Eli & John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

Dez, Sherrette, Khari, CJ, Maay, Eli & John - September 22, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



September 22, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

September 22, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ Jackson-Smith Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



Jackson-Smith Family - September 21, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



September 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

September 21, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ Steve Taylor purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



Steve Taylor - September 21, 2025 at 04:47 PM

ST

“ Steve Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

Steve Taylor - September 21, 2025 at 04:47 PM

TS

“ Tracey R Seck lit a candle in memory of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson



Tracey R Seck - September 21, 2025 at 12:03 PM

BC

“ Bridget Chlorie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.



Bridget Chlorie - September 21, 2025 at 11:04 AM

BC

“ Bridget Chlorie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.

Bridget Chlorie - September 21, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tonya Sabryce Lazenby-Jackson.*



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September 19, 2025 at 05:14 PM



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September 19, 2025 at 05:14 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** - September 19, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SP

*To the family of Tonya - we sang together in the choir at Springfield Baptist Church many years ago - Rest In Heavenly Peace.*

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**Sheila Puryear** - September 22, 2025 at 07:27 AM

SG

*To the family of Tonya! We were classmates. May the peace of God be with the family. Stephanie Jones Gibson*

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**Stephanie J. Gibson** - September 22, 2025 at 01:56 PM

ND

*With condolences and fond memories of Tonya who shepherded the music for our 25th wedding anniversary celebration so many years ago. What a talent from God, now returning to the One who gifted her. Jackson and Lazenby families, thank you for sharing Tonya.*

*Love,*

*Donnell and Nancy Flanagan*

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**Nancy & Donnell** - September 24, 2025 at 01:16 AM