



LaVonia Pettigrew Drayton

August 28, 1951 - November 4, 2024

LaVonia came into this world on August 28, 1951; the fifth (and last) child born to parents Henry S. Pettigrew, Sr. and Sarah S. Pettigrew.

She was raised in Southside Umatilla and graduated from Umatilla High School in 1968. She married Alfred L. Drayton Sr.(deceased), and mothered three children (Leonard, Marvin, and Latonya).

Lavonia P. Drayton was strong in her faith and trusted in God relentlessly. She enjoyed reading her Bible early in the morning while sipping her coffee. She loved gardening; she would often say working in the yard was “her peace”. She also took pride in taking care of her home, built by her father. Lavonia was a friend to everyone; her spirit was infectious and captured the hearts of all those around her. She made sure that no one left her presence on an empty stomach. She kept her friends and family fed spiritually on the word of God. She loved to brag about her grandchildren, great-grands, nieces, and nephews. Every single one of them has heard her favorite line at one point in time, “I’ll get the butter from the duck”. If she wasn’t gardening, spending time with God, or enjoying her family...she was cleaning! It was something about the smell of Pine Sol, Murphy Oil, and bleach that satisfied her soul.

Whether you knew her as Mama, Nana, Auntie, Von, or Mrs. Drayton, all that knew her had one thing in common, the love we shared and received from her

was undeniably authentic and consistent. Rest in Heaven Lavonia P. Drayton

She was preceded in death by her Father, Henry S. Pettigrew, Sr.; Mother, Sarah S. Pettigrew; Brothers: Henry S. Pettigrew, Jr., Robert L. Pettigrew, and George E. Pettigrew; and Husband, Alfred L. Drayton, Sr.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving Children: Alfred L. Drayton, Jr. (Cynthia) of Summerfield, Florida, Marvin M. Drayton, Sr. (Melissa) of Moultrie, Georgia, and Latonya D. McDuffie (Otis) of Fruitland Park, Florida; Sister, Sarah Jane Hatcher of Umatilla, Florida; 12 Grandchildren, 2 Great Grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Southside Oak Grove Cemetery

Umatilla, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Piney Grove Baptist Church
38509 Church St
Umatilla, FL 32784-8929
(352) 669-5249

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of LaVonia Pettigrew Drayton.*



November 14, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ *Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket was purchased for the family of LaVonia Pettigrew Drayton.*



November 13, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ *Behind that tough as nails exterior dwelt one of the sweetest, most compassionate, Christian women I've ever known. i would love to be there in person to share my condolences an say farewell; I guess I'll see you when i get home cous. Gods peace and comfort to Latonia, Marvin, Sarah Jane and the rest of the family.*

Ellis Young - November 13, 2024 at 10:04 PM



Thank you cousin! We love you.

Latonya McDuffie - November 19, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of LaVonia Pettigrew Drayton*



Terric Durden - November 10, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LM

Thank you

Latonya McDuffie - November 19, 2024 at 04:53 PM

GK

“ *Lavonia was sweetheart of an individual. She was kind and loving, and was a no nonsense person. We've known her for over 20 years, and was just like family. She will dearly be missed.*

George Kalesnik - November 08, 2024 at 08:20 PM

GK

“ *George K purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of LaVonia Pettigrew Drayton.*



George K - November 08, 2024 at 07:18 AM