



Malinda LaVon Lesesne

March 24, 1940 - February 9, 2021

Malinda LaVon Lesesne departed this life February 9, 2021 in the solemnity of her home, leaving many loving family members and friends who mourn her absence.

As you reflect upon wonderful memories of times with her, do listen to anything by Marvin Gaye in her honor.

Reflections

Though one's demise is inevitable, LaVon's departure was far more sudden and much too soon for all of us who loved her. For us, there were surely more laughs, meals, special moments to be shared and more throws to be crocheted but none were part of her life's plan. For her, she was granted the peace and solemnity of transitioning from her own home.

LaVon's arrival on Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940, was the delight of her parents and Johnson Lesesne relatives. Her name Malinda, for her mother, and LaVon, chosen by her father, was soon somewhat discarded for "Baby Dumpling", the name of a young character in a movie she and her parents had seen. Soon that nickname was shortened to "Baby Dump" or "Dump", which to her aversion, stuck until this day. She enjoyed sharing the spotlight of growing up among the first Johnson and Lesesne grandchildren, her first cousins, her

first friends on both sides of her family. Oftentimes, and with lots of laughter, LaVon fondly reminisced about their many antics as kids, as she also often did for her classmates and friends. As she blossomed into adolescence, her life as an only child was disrupted by the birth of a younger sister that idolized her.

Kissimmee High School (1st - 12th Grades) was her community's education source and she participated in many school-related activities, including playing trombone in the Marching Band. Trombone became LaVon's instrument of choice after a conversation with her friend Chester who told her playing trombone was the hardest instrument to play, because you had to learn notes and positions. Hence the challenge and she needed to prove that girls could do and succeed at the same things as boys. Her KHS Class of '57 was special then and remained very close-knit even now, though there currently are only 4 survivors (Chester Barrington, Marvin Bradford, Ivy Griffin & Patricia Williams Richard). In fact, since childhood, both LaVon and Patricia continuously ribbed each other when Easter fell in the other's birth month (March or April) and in the scheme of things and life's changes, Easter occurs in April this year.

Following high school graduation, LaVon completed Boston Clerical School, attended Tennessee A. & I. State University and graduated from Albany State College. She enjoyed living in Boston, Nashville, and Albany, but missed the warm climate of her beloved Florida. Upon graduation from Albany State, LaVon became an elementary school teacher in Orange (3rd Grade) and Polk (Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten) Counties, retiring from the latter. She would also help in the family's business as a driver for Buster's Cab. However, LaVon's greatest joy was being mother to Lisa (Herb) and grandmother to Harley and Kameron. She also had a penchant for family members Lare, Earl and Jonathan who spent special times with her as her bonus kids.

LaVon treasured her decades of friendships and laughter with Millicent

Chisolm O'Meally, Jean Hamilton (who recently preceded her in death), Virginia Wisener and Dolla Williams. One might have found LaVon quite reclusive, as she was often to herself, but if one ever rode with her in the taxi, ran into her at her favorite Ross Store, or places around town, she was always up for a good conversation. She lived her life in accordance with the Serenity Prayer and her parents' wise words of advice. LaVon faced adversity head on and her standard response to life's challenges was "One monkey never stopped the show...the show must go on". The importance of family, whether near or far, immediate or extended, held great meaning for LaVon and she immensely appreciated and acknowledged the love received from family members via your many calls, texts, visits, delicious meals and gestured amid the restrictions of this corona virus pandemic.

Throughout her lifetime, LaVon referred to whenever the moment her life here would be no more as "when I check out..." and requested that in her memory, Marvin Gaye's music be played. LaVon checked out on her own terms and in her own way, Tuesday evening, February 9, 2021. Her forever special friend, Roswell Rooks, and a plethora of surviving family members and friends will forever cherish her memory.

As you remember LaVon, listen to a tune by Marvin Gaye, they all were her favorites.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Boggy Creek
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Malinda LaVon Lesesne*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *To many family members of Baby Dump May the Peace of the Lord Be Always with You during this time. We as family feel you pain - God's Speed. Love Joan & La-Quan Smith . THomasville, Ga.*

La-Quan Smith - March 06, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *To our Lesesne family,*

We were truly saddened to hear that our dear Niece/Cousin LaVon had passed away. She was such a very caring, warm spirited and loving person. Everytime I spoke with her she always had a positive attitude and truly believed in "FAMILY"! Family was everything to her and that truly means a lot . She will truly be missed so much. All the memories we shared will be forever dear in our hearts.

Lisa as the days get long ahead remember your Mother is smiling down on you daily.

Rest in sweet heavenly peace Lavon.

*Aunt Frances A. Johnson & Cousin Frances O Johnson Murry
(Puddin')*

Alpharetta, Ga

Frances Murry - March 05, 2021 at 12:28 PM

NS

“ Juanita, I always felt at home in your childhood house of warmth, smiles, and wonderful smells of home-cooking. But I especially remember LaVon's beauty and elegance, always greeting me with her ease of conversation. Loving hugs ~ Nina

Nina Stites - February 28, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Malinda LaVon Lesesne.



February 25, 2021 at 12:32 PM

TP

“ Praying for God to strengthen my niece and her family during the passing of our sister and sister in law. Rest in the bosom of our lord and savior jesus christ

Tracey& Willie Phillips - February 18, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SJ

“ Lisa and the rest of the family, our prayers are with you during this time of sadness.
The Barrington's from Brack Street

Sandra Johnson - February 16, 2021 at 03:01 PM

PP

The Pinellas Family send their prayers and condolences to the entire Lesense family. May God continue to keep you strong knowing that she's resting in the arms of Jesus!

Paula Pinellas-king - February 22, 2021 at 07:01 PM

KM

To the family of my cousin may God give you strength in you to make it through this painful time in your life love always the McMillon's

Kathy McMillon - February 25, 2021 at 12:44 PM

RW

My Deepest condolences goes out to the family, may you know that God is Always by your side. From our hearts we send out Love and Sincere prayers asking God to help you feel the peace and comfort through his Amazing Love. Love Cousins Rita Lesesne & John D Williams

Rita Lesesne Williams - February 26, 2021 at 05:52 PM