



Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier

October 2, 1931 - December 2, 2021

Mrs. Laverne Lanier, a Jackson, Tennessee native, was born on October 2, 1931. She was the daughter of Otto Sr. and Katherine Crayton. She was the second of five children. Her family referred to her as “Sister.”

Laverne attended Jackson Public Schools and was with the graduating class of 1950 of the Old Merry High School. Laverne and her family attended the Tabernacle of David the House of Israel, where her father, Otto Crayton, Sr., was one of the ministers.

On May 5, 1948, she married the love of her life, Farris Lanier, Sr. He affectionately referred to her as “Hon.” To this union five children were born: Farris Jr., Fayette, Fenoye, Mona Lisa, and Marlon.

Farris and Laverne built their relationship around their children taking them to church, sporting events, and dance practices. Years later Farris Lanier, Sr., formed the group the Jacksonians, which became Lanier and Company, where he was the group manager and Laverne was the seamstress, making elaborate outfits worn by the band members.

Laverne dedicated her life to caring for her family by being a “teacher,” “doctor,” “provider,” “beauty queen,” and the most giving, caring, selfless person one had the pleasure of knowing. All her grandchildren called her

“DaMama.” Laverne taught her children to be respectful, to be the best, and with all your getting, get understanding. Laverne made sure her family lacked for nothing. She knew how to take care of her children in sickness, health, and in need. Laverne was a queen in her own right. She was an impeccable dresser (all outfits were made by her own hand). Her make-up was flawless. Whether she was going out to run errands or sit in her favorite chair to watch television, she was glamorous every day. She loved watching “In the Heat of the Night,” “Blue Bloods,” “Judge Judy,” “The Parkers,” “Wheel of Fortune,” and the “OWN” television network. Her favorite song was “May the Best Man Win,” by Lynn White and J’ Blackfoot. She also loved listening to Lanier and Company and The Jacksonians. Laverne could also sing, and she led many songs in the church choir.

Laverne could COOK!!! She had her own recipe book for cooking, but one thing she was known for was her “black skillet” cornbread. It was the best you’ve ever tasted. She was a chef. She prepared homemade meals every day. There was no such thing as leftovers. Every forkful was a delight in your mouth. Her cooking was so good that she was featured in the Jackson Sun for her mouthwatering dishes: Red Velvet Cake and Chicken and Rice Casserole.

Laverne was a staple in the Jackson Community. She was employed at Tennessee Frozen Foods and later became the head cook at the Brothers Diner. People knew her as a woman of stature, character, integrity, and moral standards. She was the Superintendent of Sunday School. She was an integral member of the Israel Missionary Singers. Because of her kindness and warm caring spirit, she was chosen as “Woman of the Year 1998” by the Jackson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Farris and Laverne were married for 35 years until his death in 1983. They were inseparable and enjoyed a wonderful life together.

On December 2, 2021, Laverne departed this life to join those who went

before her: her loving husband, Farris Sr.; her mother and father, Otto Sr. and Katherine; her sons, Farris Jr. and Fayette; her sisters, Doris and Helen; her brothers, Otto Jr. and John; and a granddaughter, Kari Sade'.

Laverne's infectious spirit will be sorely missed by all those who knew her. Laverne leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Fenoye and Marlon; a daughter, Mona Lisa, all of Jackson, Tennessee; five grandchildren, De'One Lollar of Nashville, Tennessee, Marshawn Fuller of McLemoresville, Tennessee, Jose Lanier, Tameika Lanier, LaToya Lanier Young (Kenneth), all of Jackson, Tennessee, and Farris Watson Lanier of Nashville, Tennessee; eighteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Magnolia Crayton of St. Louis, Missouri; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends

Cemetery Details

Church Of Israel Cemetery

Hurts Chapel Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Liberty Technology Magnet High School
3470 Ridgecrest Road Ext.
Jackson , TN 38305

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *To the Family,
I was devastated to hear about the passing of Mother Laverne. She was a classy lady with so many words of wisdom. She will be missed.*

Valerie Harvey-Morris - January 03, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier.*



December 11, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Lanier's passing. She was an incredible lady. My condolences to Mona Lisa and family.
Naomi Bell*

Naomi Bell - December 11, 2021 at 07:21 AM

VY

“ Sending our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family. Ms. Lanier was a beautiful, loving & caring woman of God. She always had a smile on her face and something kind to say to everyone. She will truly be missed by anyone who had the privilege and opportunity to know her. We know she is in a much better place being loved on by her heavenly family!!!

*Virginia Penny Yarbrough and Adrienne Denise Penny
Chattanooga, TN*

Virginia Penny Yarbrough - December 10, 2021 at 04:57 PM

CF

“ Caleb Freeman & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier.



Caleb Freeman & Family - December 10, 2021 at 03:16 PM

ML

“ Dear Lanier Family,

I hope you will always feel the love around you as you remember your loved one.

*Sincerely,
Mary Lee & Family*

Mary Lee - December 10, 2021 at 02:50 PM

SK

“ *Sadie Kyles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Sadie Kyles - December 09, 2021 at 11:56 AM

VS

“ *VaRand Sevier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



VaRand Sevier - December 08, 2021 at 06:09 PM

PD

“ *Pat Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Pat Douglas - December 08, 2021 at 12:46 PM

MF

“ *Mike Reaves & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier.*



Mike Reaves & Family - December 07, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier.*



December 07, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *My condolences to the Lanier Family!*



Martha Claybrooks Williams - December 05, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Bettye Yvonne Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Bettye Yvonne Patrick - December 05, 2021 at 04:44 AM



“ *Jacquelyn Bond Willis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Jacquelyn Bond Willis - December 04, 2021 at 11:23 PM

M6

“ Mrs. Lanier was the sweetest soul. She always opened her doors to the Merry High Class of 67. We will miss her dearly praying for the family.



Merry High Class of 67 - December 04, 2021 at 05:32 PM

M6

“ Merry High Class Of 67 sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier



Merry High Class of 67 - December 04, 2021 at 05:28 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Staten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier



Phyllis Staten - December 04, 2021 at 12:50 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Staten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier



Phyllis Staten - December 04, 2021 at 12:49 PM

MR

“ *Marion Rogers-McCurry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Marion Rogers-McCurry - December 04, 2021 at 12:28 PM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to the family!*



D Watford - December 04, 2021 at 11:21 AM

L-

“ *Loretta Long -friend lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*




Loretta Long -friend - December 03, 2021 at 11:28 PM


Belinda
Givens

“ *Belinda Givens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Belinda Givens - December 03, 2021 at 04:19 PM


Belinda
Givens

“ *Belinda Givens lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Laverne Crayton Lanier*



Belinda Givens - December 03, 2021 at 04:19 PM

IG

“ *Mrs. Lanier was a beautiful soul. Always smiling and always kind.
Family my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so blessed to
have known her. Absent from the body, present with the Lord.
Love/Blessings
Iris Gardner*

Iris Gardner - December 03, 2021 at 01:48 PM