



*Celebration
of Life*



*LaVerne
Schaffer*

February 20, 1938

July 26 2020

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LaVerne Schaffer, age 82, passed away peacefully of natural causes July 26, 2020. She was born in 1938 in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Levi Stewart and Ernestine Stewart. She married her longtime friend and love, Roy F. Schaffer Sr. who preceded her in death in 1991.

She was a great woman and a strong woman, whose smile would light up a room. She loved God and her church families: Living Word Christian Center in Hillside, Illinois and Ebenezer AME Church in Ft. Washington, Maryland. LaVerne was a Supervisor of Environmental Services at several prominent hospitals throughout her 50-year career, retiring in 1993. Coming from modest means she knew the value of education, setting goals, hard work and dreaming big and passed these values on to her family and co-workers, elevating everyone along the way.

She loved her family and supported us all through good times and bad. And she was quick to remind us the importance of family and staying in touch, often calling with a greeting of “Why haven’t you called your Mother?!?” and ending the conversation with words of encouragement.

In her golden years Mom moved from Chicago to Laurel, MD., to live with her daughter, Tonia. They became running buddies, getting matching tattoos and traveling and shopping across the globe. In addition to visiting Las Vegas, her husband’s favorite vacation spot, many times they enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Dubai in the UEA, South Africa, the Caribbean and Mexico. They always found time to get in a little shopping, often buying things they later realized they didn’t need and then returning home to share stories and laughing about how Mom told that “jobber” that the price was “too high” for that stuff!

LaVerne was preceded in her death by her husband, Roy F. Schaffer Sr., her mother, Ernestine, and her sisters Iola and Anne. As a family we can be joyful that a great reunion has occurred. Once again Mom, Daddy, Auntie “Cleo”, Auntie Anne, Grandma, and Uncle Donald can sit and play cards, screaming and laughing at each other forever. And though we’ll miss her terribly we have to remind ourselves that love is more powerful than death and this knowledge gives us peace and comfort.

LaVerne is survived by her daughter Tonia Michelle and her two sons, Phillip Anthony (Carmel) and Roy Fredrick Jr., grandchildren, Joshua, Nicholas, Ian, Evyn and her many nephews, nieces and extend family and friends. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

Order of Service

Monday, August 3, 2020
Visitation 10:00am | Funeral 11:00am
Chatham Funeral Service
Hursen Funeral Home
4001 W. Roosevelt Road
Hillside, Illinois

Processional.....Pastor Glaspie and Family
Old Testament Reading.....Pastor James Glaspie
New Testament Reading.....Pastor James Glaspie
Prayer.....Pastor James Glaspie
Selection
Acknowledgements and Resolutions
Remarks(2 Minutes).....Family and Friends
Reading of Obituary.....Gregory McGowan
Tribute.....The Red Hat Ladies
Selection
Eulogy.....Pastor James Glaspie
Recessional

Pallbearers

Phillip Schaffer
Joshua Schaffer
Gregory McGowan

Roy Schaffer, Jr.
Ian Schaffer
Jeffery McGowan

Interment

Oakridge Glen Oaks Cemetery
Hillside, Illinois

Acknowledgment

The family of LaVerne Schaffer would like to express with sincere gratefulness, the kind and comforting expressions of kindness during these hours of bereavement.

Perhaps you’ve sent a lovely card, or set quietly in a chair. Perhaps you’ve sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all just though of us that day. May God’s richest blessings be upon each of you. Thank You!