

Active Pallbearers

Mr. Daniel Lee
Mr. Alton Collins
Mr. Dwayne Lee
Mr. Dontay Stubbs, Sr.

Mr. Oscar Lee
Mr. Shawn Stephens
Mr. James Lee
Mr. Hector Askew

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Xavier Williams
Mr. Jaden Collins
Mr. Darnell Taylor
Mr. Amir Collins
Mr. Dontay Stubbs, Jr.

Mr. Ja'Kory Stubbs
Mr. Marquis Orr
Mr. Marquis Taylor
Mr. Aurmoni Robertson
Mr. Eddie Askew, Jr.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch:
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee;
God wanted me now—He has set me free.



*Love Always and Forever,
"Her Three Hens, Three Chicks, and One Rooster."*

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In Loving Memory of



Wanda
F A Y E L A N E

Sunrise

January 3, 1964

Sunset

December 30, 2021

Saturday, January 8, 2022 | 1:00 PM

**GRAVESIDE SERVICES
AT LESTER FAMILY CEMETERY
ELKO, GEORGIA**

The Reverend Stevie Ward, Pastor, Officiating
The Reverend Dr. Harvey Williamson, Presiding Elder
The Right Reverend Reginald Jackson, Presiding Prelate

Obituary

Wanda Faye Lester Lane was born on January 3, 1964, in Perry, Georgia to the loving parents of the late Eugene Lester and Mary Rice Lester.

She attended school in the public school system in Houston County and graduated from Perry High School in 1982.

After graduating from high school, Wanda furthered her technical training and enrolled in Turner Job Corps in Albany, Georgia, where she became a licensed electrician. Wanda was the “engineer” in the family. She would grab her special tool kit and take a shot at trying to fix or repair anything. She also matriculated and was a graduate of Central Georgia Technical College, where she received her associate’s degree in accounting with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Throughout her career, Wanda held many jobs and worked in various capacities. She worked as a chef at the New Perry Hotel for many years, served as the personal cook for many different physicians in the area, and served as a security officer at the Georgia National Fair. She was also an avid recipe connoisseur. Most notably, however, she was known for her extensive career working for the Houston County Board of Education as a bus driver and later as supervisor in dispatching. She began her career in 1989 and served with distinction for a total of 32 years. She was extremely dedicated to the drivers and monitors, but her passion was caring and working with children and keeping them safe.

One of Wanda’s most climactic moments was when she drove a group of children from Perry High School up to Atlanta, Georgia for the filming of the movie “Remember the Titans.” She was privileged to have the opportunity to personally meet Denzel Washington. She had infinity for gold jewelry. Wanda was very prideful and thoroughly enjoyed crafting, playing softball, fishing, and planning and venturing out during family vacations. She loved spending time with her mother, children, and grandchildren. In fact, it was a requirement for them to attend every event. Although she was the baby girl of the family, everybody knew and understood she was the “Boss Lady.”

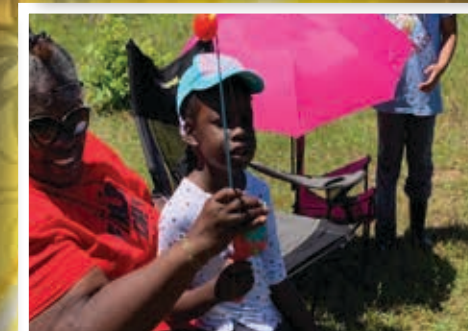
Wanda was a hard worker and served faithfully as a lifelong member of Davis Chapel AME Church in Henderson, Georgia. Her favorite pastime was writing and singing gospel songs. She had an extraordinary talent of taking lyrics and developing a gospel song on the spot. Her various roles included serving as a Steward, Church Secretary, Finance Director, Hospitality Coordinator, Local Youth Director, District Youth Director, Choir Director, DMC Commissioner, and the Community Mass Choir Director, to mention a few. She worked tirelessly in the Macon South AME Church District and Macon Georgia Annual Conference levels.

She was preceded in death by her beloved father, Mr. Eugene Lester.

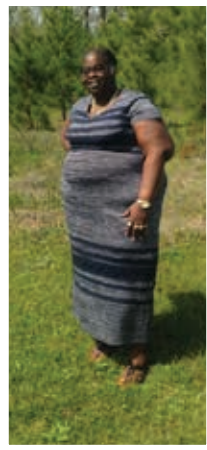
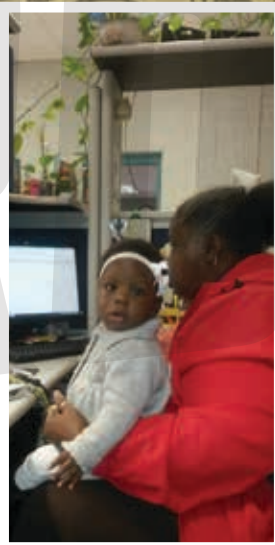
On Thursday, December 30, 2021, the life journey of our beloved, Wanda, came to an end as she heard a voice we could not hear and saw a light we could not see, and peacefully slipped away.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: her three loving daughters, Shanekia (Marquis) Orr, LaShannon (Darnell) Taylor, and Toshonda Maria Lane, all of Perry, Georgia; a devoted adopted daughter, Monteirr Flowers of Savannah, Georgia; a devoted and loving mother, Mary Etta Lester of Hawkinsville, Georgia; four grandchildren, Shamariah Mickens, Xavier Williams, Azariah Orr, and Zayleigh Taylor; four siblings, Annie Fetterolf of Reading, Pennsylvania, Mary Jean (Willie) Davis of Macon, Georgia, and Valory (Shawn) Stephens of Hawkinsville, Georgia; four aunts, Bernice Askew, Linda Watkins, both of Henderson, Georgia, Dollie Sneed of South Carolina, and Annie Pearl Lester of Hawkinsville, Georgia; one devoted uncle, Joe (Betty) Rice of Warner Robins, Georgia; a special and devoted friend, Willie Neal of Vienna, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, numerous cousins, and many sorrowing friends.

Precious MEMORIES



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Order of Service

Processional Led by Ministers

Solo Mr. Daniel Perry

Prayer..... Reverend Dr. David McLeod, Sr.

Old Testament Scripture Reverend Edward Lester

New Testament Scripture Reverend Stevie Ward

Remarks (*Two Minutes, Please*)..... *Open to All*

Solo Elder Charleather Greene

Eulogy Reverend Authur James Nance

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Gwendolyn Byrd - Macon Conference WMS President

Mrs. Keisma Shannon - Macon Conference YPD Director

Acknowledgements..... CJ Edwards Funeral Home Staff

The Committal Service

INTERMENT

Lester's Family Cemetery

770 State Route 26

Elko, Georgia 31025

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God's Garden

God looked around His garden,
And He found an empty place.
And then He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your precious face.

He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's Garden must be beautiful;
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering;
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on Earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God welcomed you home.

