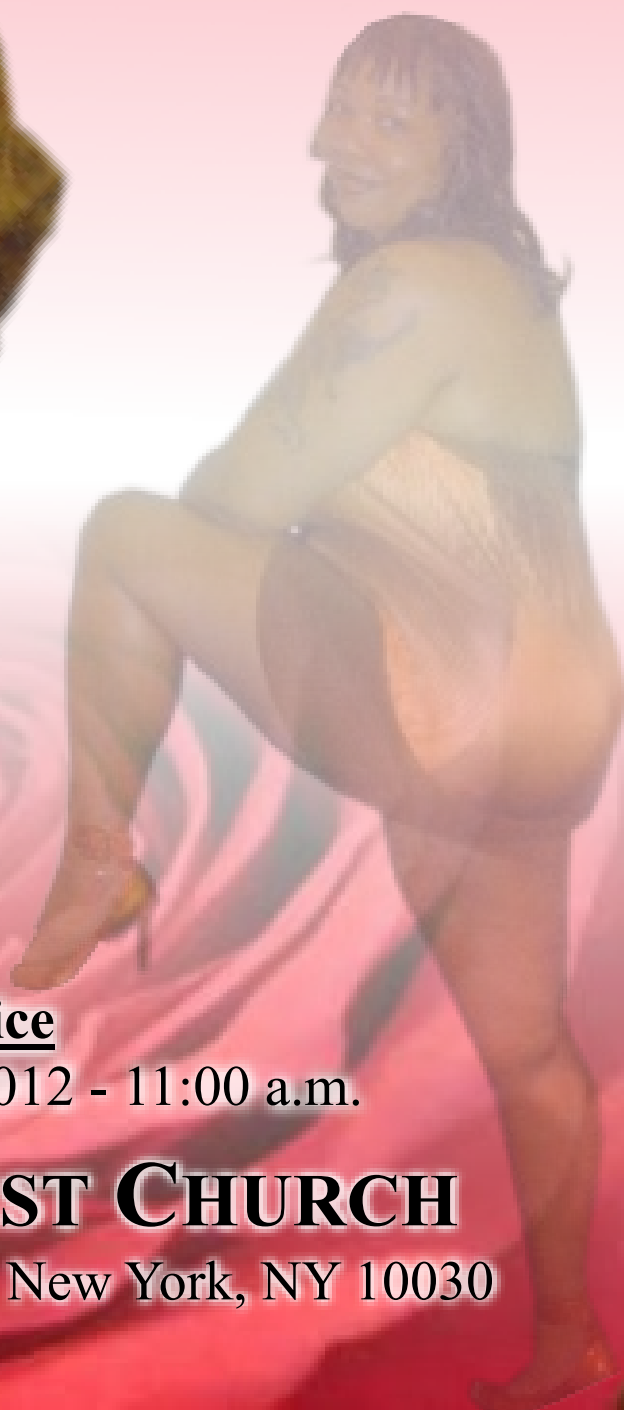


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Lavoris Mayfield**

*Sunrise*  
December 23, 1967

*Sunset*  
April 12, 2012



**Service**

Friday, April 20, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

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## Obituary

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 our Heavenly Father called home his loving daughter at the tender age of 44, where she graciously entered his kingdom and accepted her angel wings.

Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Lavioris had touched in some small way throughout her short, yet very memorable life. Lavioris's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by her understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives.

Laverne as we all knew her was born on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1967 in New York, NY. the youngest of six siblings to the late Mrs. Lessie Mae Dowdy-Mayfield and James Holman. Laverne attended P.S 175 Elementary School in New York City. She continued her studies in Virginia at John F. Kennedy High School.

Laverne met and married Jamel Gaines in 1996. Although the marriage ended, they still remained close friends.

Laverne was smart, independent, talented, strong, charismatic; very out spoken, goal oriented, and a carefree DIVA. She loved shopping, partying, life and lived it to the fullest. She was our protector, provider and shoulder to lean on. She was thoughtful, kind, and very generous. She had many different talents. She graduated from cosmetology school. Laverne also earned her CDL and became a cross country Truck Driver where she explored many different driving fields. Prior to becoming a truck driver she was a Fire Safety Director for over ten years.

Laverne sought spiritual guidance with Walker Memorial Church and gave her life to Christ in 2004 under the leadership of Pastor Timothy Wills. Within the last two years she became a faithful member of Union Baptist Church.

Laverne is preceded in death by her siblings, Gerald "Charlie" Dowdy, Sylvia "Winky" Mayfield and Kevin Mayfield, her son Charles Brown III.

Laverne is survived by: her three loving children, Charlette Juliet Crabb, Crystal Gaines and Felicia Gaines; son-in-law Deshay Crabb, two grandchildren Deshayia and Nas-Ziar Crabb, one surviving sister Martha Mae Mayfield and one surviving brother Sylvester "Junior" Mayfield. (Number of nieces and nephews) Kim Mayfield, Lisa Watson-Brown, Tamara "Jade" Mayfield, Leslie "Cutie" Mayfield, Lessie "Linda" Mayfield, Alease "Julie" Mayfield, Roshanda "RoRo" Mayfield, Roland Mayfield, Sheniqua "ReRe" Mayfield, Desserie Nobles, Sylvester "Man" Mayfield and Kevin Mayfield, and last be not least her fiancé Warren Arrington; a devoted family friend, Michelle Curry; a close friend, Jamel Gaines; and a host of great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins in-laws, and loving friends.



# *A Daughters Love*

*I can shed tears because she gone  
But smiled because she lived  
I Closed my eyes and prayed she'd come back  
But then I Opened them and seen what she left  
My heart feels empty because I cant see her  
But I'll fill it with the love we shared.  
I'll turn my back on tomorrow because of yesterday,  
But I'll smile and be graceful because of yesterday.  
I can remember her for only that's shes gone  
But I'm gonna Cherish our memories and let them live on  
I can cry and close my mind,  
Be empty and turn my back,  
But I'm gonna do what she wanted,  
SMILE, FINISH SCHOOL, AND LIVE LIFE RIGHT*

*- Love your baby girl*

***Loving  
Amazing  
Victorious  
Enthusiastic  
Realistic  
Never will be forgotten...  
Ever***

## *Acknowledgement*

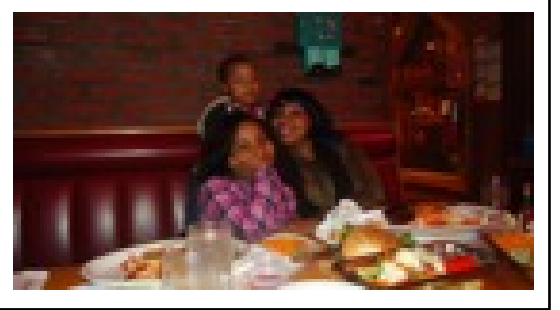
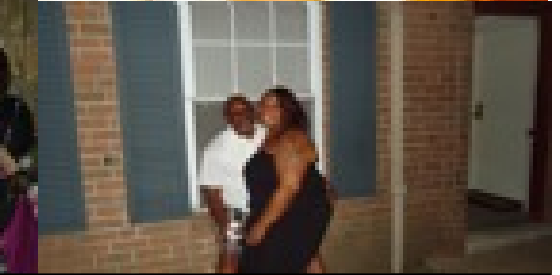
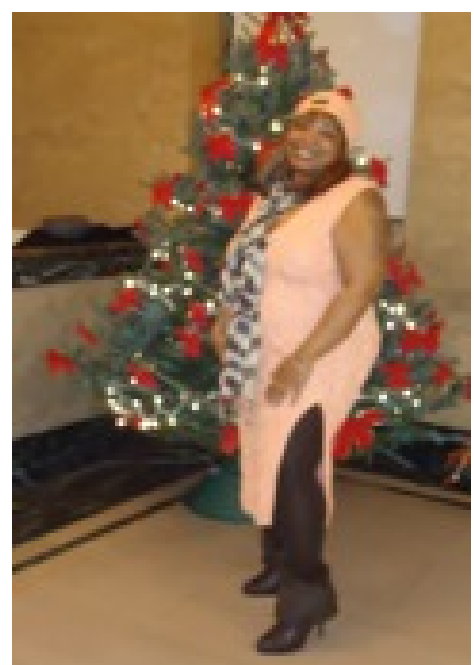
The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.



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### ***Here For A Reason And A Season***

*Laverne was placed on this earth for a reason.  
Winter, Spring, Summer or fall we are all here for a season.  
Don't weep for me now that I'm gone.  
I enjoyed my life on earth even though it didn't seem long.  
Life is so precious, Life is so sweet.  
Please don't take for granted the people you meet.  
For God place people in your life for a time  
and season in your life.  
My season is over and now I'm resting with  
my Lord Jesus Christ.  
Don't weep for me because I'm gone.  
God has turned me from a duckling to a beautiful swan.  
It's nothing but love, peace and joy where I am now.  
I have my royalty crown and my silky gown.  
I'm in heaven now looking down low.  
I have my wings now, Oh yes I have my glow.*

*-By, Nita*

### ***Tears For Tomorrow***

*When you lose someone you love, the hurt is hard to hide.  
When you lose your mother, the hurt breaks you up inside.  
To those who have their mother I advise you to love you as much as you may,  
because those girl talks are gone for me.  
And I wish with my heart and soul that I had my mother today.*

*-Love,*

*Your baby girl*

### ***Come With Me***

*The Lord saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come with me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and saw you fade away  
Although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating, a beautiful smile at rest  
God broke our hearts to see he only takes the best.  
It's lonesome here without you, so we miss you each day.  
Our lives aren't the same since you went away.  
When days are sad and lonely, everything goes wrong  
We seem to hear you whisper "Cheer up girl and carry on."  
Each time we see your picture, you seem to smile and say  
"Don't cry I'm in God's keeping. We'll meet again someday."*

*-Love always,  
Nadine Baka*