

Celebrating the Life Of



Lashawanya Jenkins Valentine **"LALA"**

Sunrise
May 29, 1976

Sunset
July 31, 2021

Funeral Service
Monday, August 9, 2021 - 5:00PM

Metropolitan Baptist Church
151 West 128th Street, Harlem, New York
Officiating - Minister Barbara Chappelle
Organist - Minister Melody Moore

Obituary

Lashawnya Latoya Jenkins Valentine was born in Brooklyn, NY May 29, 1976. The oldest of five children to Ivy Jenkins and the late Russell Valentine. God called Lala as we all know her home on July 31st, 2021. Lala attended Brandis High School in Manhattan. When coming to Harlem in 1989, after high school Lala worked at Wendy's where she met Moses Lemon and the two had a beautiful daughter Monajah Lemon.

Lala was known for her feisty attitude, as well as the turn up queen and throwing parties. Anybody that knew her knew red was her one and only favorite color. She loved her Mary J. Blige and her all-time favorite was DJ L.A Love.

Lala leaves behind her daughter Monajah Lemon, grandchildren Stefan Smith Jr, Harmony Hawkins and a grand baby she'll never get a chance to meet. Step daughter Quinntosha Johnson and Diamond Ross, brothers Jamel Valentine, Marvin Fleming, Khalil Ess, Aaron Jones, Cory Pemberton, Acirema Watts Jenkins. Extended siblings Jessica Valentine, Tameek Valentine, Sharrod Valentine, Takeem Valentine. God children Tyshawn Steward, Potrice Chappelle, twins Khalil and Kayla Matthews. Grandmothers Evelyn Jenkins and Barbara Valentine (Nana). A host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and The OTS 5Eva Family. Last but not least Sylvester James known as Mr. Right her significant other, her future son in law Daveyon Jones also known as her "Nipsey" and step granddaughter Niyah Jones.

On behalf of the family we thank you all for your love, respect, kind words and condolences. May god keep you all in his favor. This isn't a goodbye to Lala.

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy and Family
Selection	Minister Melody Moore
Prayer of Comfort.....	Minister Barbara Chappelle
Selection	Minister Melody Moore
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament	John 14: 1-7
Selection	Minister Melody Moore
Special Tribute	Kadigrah Brisbon
Reflections Family and Friends.....	2 Minutes Please
Obituary	Potrice Chappelle (Goddaughter)
Solo	Javon Williams
Eulogy	Minister Barbara Chappelle
Committal	Minister Barbara Chappelle
Benediction	Minister Barbara Chappelle
Viewing	Serenity Funeral Service

Dissolution

Rosehill Crematory
Linden New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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