



LaVerne E. Hodge

October 3, 1951 - September 5, 2025

LaVerne Elizabeth Wright, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, was born on October 3, 1951, in Washington, D.C. She peacefully entered eternal rest after a life filled with determination, accomplishments, and love for family and community.

LaVerne was the cherished daughter of the late Willie A. Wright and Minnie E. Fitzgerald-Wright, and the sister of the late Willie A. Wright Jr. and Cynthia M. Wright-Taylor. She is survived by her devoted sister, Patricia Wright-Welch (Matthew), her loving sons John Collins III and Charles R. Clark, and her adored grandsons: Jabree Evans (Sonia), Joshua Collins, Bryce Collins, nieces: LeKea Davis, Porsche Welch, and many more nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

From an early age, LaVerne stood out for her business-minded spirit and sharp curiosity. While other children played with dolls, she asked for printing presses and chemistry sets along with a large volume of books—early signs of the determination and creativity that would define her life. She graduated from Chester High School and later attended night classes to further her education. During her teenage years, she worked part-time at Rogers Department Store in Chester, Pa. and Viscose Corp. in Marcus Hook, Pa. before embarking on a long and successful career.

LaVerne began her professional journey at Bell of Pennsylvania, which later became AT&T, where she excelled as a supervisor for 30 years. After moving to Kindle Park, New Jersey, she received her real estate license while continuing her career with AT&T until her retirement.

Following her retirement, LaVerne pursued her love of music, travel, and adventure. A vacation to Tortola in the British Virgin Islands captured her heart, and she returned to begin a second career with Cable & Wireless as a manager in marketing and public relations. In this role, she hosted festivals and worked with both Caribbean and U.S. artists, bringing joy and culture to the community. A true go-getter, LaVerne also built a home large enough to house rental apartments and opened a Western Union office—all while continuing her work with Cable & Wireless.

LaVerne's love of learning and reading was unmatched—she could devour a book like *War and Peace* in a single day. She will be remembered for her intelligence, drive, generosity, and the vibrant spirit that touched so many lives.

Her legacy lives on through her children, grandchildren, family, and all those who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Cemetery Details

Haven Memorial Cemetery

2500 Concord Road
Chester Township, PA 19013

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Haven of Hope Ministries
800 Welsh Street
Chester, PA 19013

Service

SEP 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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