



LaVerne Whitley

December 6, 1948 - December 2, 2020

LaVerne “Chicken” Whitley was born December 6, 1948, to Willia Mae and Arthur L. Whitley, her parents preceded her in death. LaVerne was a well-loved child who got the name “Chicken” because she was called all meat chicken. She had an early start for the love of God at Southern Union Missionary Baptist Church, then later moved to Progressive Missionary Baptist under the leadership of Reverend J.D. Linton. LaVerne went to Divoll Elementary where she became lifelong friends with Jammie Matthews, Peggy Taylor, Louise Weaver, and Gloria Collins, the last three known as the ‘Golden Girls.’ LaVerne went on to Vashon High School until graduation in 1966. From my research, I can say she was well-liked and “cool” with her classmates. (Picture) After graduation, LaVerne went away to Lincoln University, where her winning personality and smile shined. She gained the love of her college classmates, and they continue to show it. (pic) In 1971, LaVerne graduated and went on to pursue her teaching career. Ms. Whitley served as a Physical Education and as a Family and Consumer Science teacher. Gym and Home Ec for the other older students. Ms. Whitley was a hard teacher but the students loved her and she loved them.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter LaFreda Lenette Whitley, two granddaughters Jonét LaVerne Moore and Jaiden LaNaé Whitley, one great-grandson Jaxson Jeremiah Clemon; three sisters Willie Pearl Terrell, Martha Alma Shumpert, and Deborah Whitley; one aunt Eula Mae Williams; three nieces Lenise Vaughn, Sandra Vaughn, and Linda (Warren) Hollaman; four nephews James (Karen) Vaughn, Eric (Sonya) Shumpert, Michael Farr and Reginald Farr, and there are several people that are/were extra special to her that are not blood family but ARE Family, you know you were special.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home
4600 Natural Bridge Ave,
St. Louis, MO 63115
(314) 381-2400
<https://www.randlefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. created a Livestream for LaVerne Whitley in memory of LaVerne Whitley*



Eddie Randle & Sons Funeral Home Inc. - December 16, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JT

Rest In Peace my friend. Your place in heaven has been prepared for you. My condolences to the family.

Jimmie Truttling - December 18, 2020 at 02:39 PM

JC

“ *My condolences to the family of childhood friend and schoolmate, Chicken. Fond memories of us sitting on the steps of her house while my mother did grocery shopping across the street at Krogers. Last saw her at a Parent Teacher Conference at Williams Middle many moons ago, if memory serves me correctly, where to my surprise she was one of my oldest daughter's teachers. RIP Chicken*



Joyce Cole-Edwards - February 09, 2021 at 12:56 PM

LP

“ *Loretta L Person lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Whitley*



Loretta L Person - December 18, 2020 at 07:59 PM

GA

“ *A beautiful woman to all. Ms. Whitley will always be my second mom. Love and miss you. Alethia Gardner*

Gardner - December 18, 2020 at 03:20 PM

TR

She use to be my teacher at blewett middle school in the 80,s nice cooking teacher made my first pillow in her class

Tomika Richardson - January 03, 2021 at 08:43 PM

CH

*“ My loving long time friend, I will miss you always!!
C*

Connie Harris - December 18, 2020 at 02:38 PM

TU

“ My big sister, best cook, biggest heart. All around extreme lover of life, family and friends. You will forever live in spirit and love. God called you home as soon as you completed the journey He set out for you. Know you did it well and many aspire to be where you are with your Heavenly Father smiling down on us all. Thanks for being the best at all you did and continue to have our backs as you did. Love you for loving me.

Tuffy

Tuffy - December 18, 2020 at 02:36 PM

GF

“ Griffin Family lit a candle in memory of LaVerne Whitley



Griffin Family - December 18, 2020 at 01:59 PM

ST

“ The Staff at Southside Wellness Center send our condolences to LaFreda Whitley and family, we will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers!



staff - December 18, 2020 at 01:28 PM

RH

“ *Lafrieda you have my deepest sympathy I've known your mom since I was a little girl it was sad to hear the the loss of your mom I'm praying for you and your family may God lead you and guide you lean on him for all of his strength he will give you more than you're asking for just remember God has a plan for your life, friend Raynita Hall and family*

Raynita Hall - December 18, 2020 at 11:58 AM

YF

“ *My deepest condolences. So glad we shared fond memories of Lincoln University just this Summer at the Memorial Service for Carolyn Edwards McKenzie.*

*1966 Second Floor/ANTHONY HALL FOREVER. Rest in Peace and Joy
Yvonne Hampton Franklin*

Yvonne Franklin - December 18, 2020 at 11:13 AM

DA

“ *Today a memorial is being held for a very old and dear friend, Ms. Lavern Whitley, who succumbed to covid-19. She carried her childhood nickname "Chicken" into adulthood. As a teacher in the St Louis public schools she touched many lives.*

I will not be able to attend her memorial. I will not be able to embrace her daughter LaFreda Whitley ,her grandchildren or other family members. Like many who have loses, especially in 2020, I'm looking forward to the day when remembrances of "Chicken" will bring a smile instead of a tear.

Debo Wilbert Brown, Little Rock, Ark - December 18, 2020 at 08:52 AM

TC

“ *We loved "Chicken's" fun personality and great smile. Every year at LU's Homecoming we will call out her name in remembrance of her and our LU LOVE.*

The Cavittes - December 17, 2020 at 07:13 PM

JW

“ *One of best among all of the rest. Rest In Peace a good sister from Lincoln University. A beautiful soul and spirit. The Best!! Much love to the family.*

*Thank Yo
Jimmy Watts
Kcmo*

jimmy watts - December 16, 2020 at 08:20 PM