



## Lavarne Rucker

May 22, 1963 - October 29, 2024

Our beloved mother, Laverne Rucker born on May 22, 1963, had an incredible gift for making others feel at home. She did not just enter a room – she filled it with light, warmth, laughter, and kindness. Known for her contagious laugh that could light up the darkest of days, she had the rare ability to turn strangers into friends. She was genuine, compassionate, and had an endless capacity to love everyone she met.

Her kindness knew no limits; she had a natural way of lifting up others, whether through a listening ear, a kind word, or a shoulder to lean on. She was a woman of simple joys, finding beauty in life's little moments – family dinners, holiday celebrations, and most of all the laughter and closeness of her family.

Though we are heartbroken with her passing on October 29, 2024, we are also grateful for the gift of having her in our lives. We will miss her dearly, but we will keep her spirit alive by embodying the love and kindness she so freely shared. In our time of grief, we take comfort in knowing that she is reunited in heaven with her parents, Christine Randolph Rucker and Willie D. Rucker, Sr., and many other dear loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parent Christine Randolph and Willie D. Rucker, Sr. She is survived by her husband and children: Michael D. Payne, Sr., Phillip William Payne, Tawayna Mechee Rucker, and Michael D. Payne,

Jr. , her sisters and brothers: Elaine Nuckles, Sharon Ann Rucker, Sandra Dee Rucker, Willie D. Rucker, Jr., Michael Rucker, Robert Rucker, and Cary Rucker and a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews who carry forward her legacy of love, laughter, and kindness. Her memory will forever be cherished by her family and countless friends who were blessed to know her.

May you now rest gently, Mama, in the warm embrace of eternity, until our souls reunite once again.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
info@wimberlyjackson.com  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

## Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Douglas Stephens lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Douglas Stephens - November 23, 2024 at 10:38 AM

CH

“ *Candace Hudson lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Candace Hudson - November 22, 2024 at 07:17 PM

CB

“ *Laverne and I attended school together and grew up in the same neighborhood. She was sweet and kind. Sending condolences and prayers to her family.* ❤️🙏❤️

Cynetia Banks - November 08, 2024 at 01:43 AM

EB

“ *Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - November 07, 2024 at 10:05 PM

PJ

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family of Laverne Rucker thoughts and prayers are with you all*



Pam jackson - November 07, 2024 at 12:26 PM

DB

“ *Daphne Brownlee lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Daphne Brownlee - November 07, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JM

“ *Sending Love and Prayers to the Family* 🙏



Joyce Mitchell - November 06, 2024 at 08:32 PM

DT

“ *Deon Turner sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Deon Turner - November 06, 2024 at 06:18 PM

ML

“ Marion Lott lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker



Marion Lott - November 06, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CA

“ CatheySingleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker



CatheySingleton - November 06, 2024 at 12:58 PM

JG

“ Laverne you are so special ❤️ Rest Sweetheart



JACK GRIFFITH - November 05, 2024 at 11:51 AM

SM

“ I remember when I met Miss Rucker. She was funny and nice lady. She will be missed. R.I.P



Stephanie Marion - November 04, 2024 at 08:46 PM

TM

“ *What A Beautiful Soul she was She will b Truly Missed*



**Teresa Martin** - November 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DB

“ *Deanna Burris-Rucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



**Deanna Burris-Rucker** - November 04, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



**Star Johnson** - November 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

RP

*R.I.P AUNTIE 🙏❤️  
-Rafael Payne*

**R. Payne** - November 04, 2024 at 02:51 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Star Johnson** - November 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

KS

“ *Kimberly Sims sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Kimberly sims** - November 03, 2024 at 02:09 PM

“ *Janice Fair lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Janice Fair** - November 03, 2024 at 06:44 AM

VW

“ *Vanessa Wilcoxson lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Vanessa Wilcoxson** - November 03, 2024 at 06:08 AM

CH

“ *Cornell Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Cornell Hendrix** - November 03, 2024 at 12:10 AM

Mary Moore

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Mary Moore** - November 02, 2024 at 07:41 PM

GM

“ *Gloria Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Gloria Maddox** - November 02, 2024 at 05:13 PM

NF

“ *Nikiya Few sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Nikiya Few** - November 02, 2024 at 01:39 PM

CW

“ Catherine Wilmont sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker



Catherine Wilmont - November 02, 2024 at 12:08 AM

DC

“ Deborah Collins lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker



Deborah Collins - November 01, 2024 at 10:23 PM

DC

R.I.P, 🕯️ 🌹 🌹

Deborah Collins - November 01, 2024 at 10:24 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bolden sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker



Dorothy Bolden - November 01, 2024 at 06:50 PM

HH

“ *Helen Howard lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Helen Howard - November 01, 2024 at 02:24 PM

KB

“ *Kim Brown lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Kim Brown - November 01, 2024 at 01:24 PM

CN

“ *Charline Niles lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Charline Niles - November 01, 2024 at 12:42 PM

M-

“ *Minister Phyllis Hollis -Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



Minister Phyllis Hollis -Smith - November 01, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JM

“ *Juanita Muckle sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Juanita Muckle** - November 01, 2024 at 11:51 AM

CR

“ *Carolyn Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Carolyn Robinson** - November 01, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CR

“ *Carolyn Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Carolyn Robinson** - November 01, 2024 at 10:29 AM

EB

“ *Elisa Bonds-Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavarne Rucker*



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**Elisa Bonds-Ratliff** - November 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM

ML

“ *Marion Lott sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Lavarne Rucker*



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**Marion Lott** - November 01, 2024 at 09:32 AM