

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Casket & Floral Bearers

Cousins & Classmates

A Word from the Family

We sincerely appreciate all of your copious expressions of love and support from all our family and friends who prayed for us and took such good care of us during this difficult time.

We are forever grateful to each of you.
May God's richest blessings be with you always.

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.
Amen

Interment

Bluestone Baptist Church Cemetery
Pelham, NC

Professional Services Entrusted To:

McJaurin-Harris
FUNERAL HOME

Gerald A. Harris - Proprietor

Sunrise
August 5, 1962

Sunset
March 2, 2026

LaVerne Diane
PRITCHETT

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Visitation - 1:30 p.m. † Service - 2:00 p.m.

Bluestone Missionary Baptist Church

9892 NC-700

Pelham, NC

Pastor Hamid Kamara

Order of Service

Pastor Hamid Kamara, Presiding

Processional

Family Moments of Visitation

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Opening Selection

Bluestone Church Choir

Reading of God's Word

Old Testament - Rev. George Gunter

New Testament - Rev. Karen Willis

Prayer of Comfort

Elder Ella Pass

Musical Selection

Rontay Short

Remarks

Ministerial, Rev. Lawrence Costner

Class of 1980

Kenny Irving

Shenika Watlington

Acknowledgements

Musical Selection

Dr. Roland Cohen

Words of Comfort

Dr. Roy L. Dennis

Benediction

Recessional

Reflections

LaVerne Diane Pritchett, daughter of the late Dewey and Eliza Watlington, was born on August 5, 1962. She peacefully departed this life on Monday, March 2, 2026, ascending to her eternal rest and peace.

A native and lifelong resident of Rockingham County, LaVerne valued education and lifelong learning. She was a proud graduate of Rockingham High School, Class of 1980. She continued her academic journey at Fayetteville State University and later earned an Associate Degree in Accounting from Rockingham Community College. She also graduated from International Bible College, further deepening her spiritual foundation and commitment to her faith.

LaVerne dedicated many years of service working at Burlington Industries and Commonwealth Tobacco Company. After her years at Commonwealth, she sought a second career and began working as an EKG Technician at Cone Health's Heart & Vascular Center in Greensboro. She felt truly called to this work and dedicated herself to being a source of love and kindness, viewing her role as a ministry to those she served. She loved her work and found great joy in caring for others during vulnerable moments in their lives.

A faithful and devoted member of Bluestone Missionary Baptist Church, she served diligently as both an usher and trustee. She loved her church dearly and was known for her strong spiritual presence and gregarious personality. LaVerne leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering faith that will forever be cherished by those who knew her. She was deeply devoted to God and genuinely loved everyone she met.

In addition to her parents, Dewey and Eliza Watlington, she was preceded in death by her sister, Debbie Ann Simpson Peoples, and her brother, David Wayne Simpson.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory her devoted husband, Paul Pritchett Jr.; her daughters, Shenika Watlington (Lamont), Tasha Pritchett, and son, Derice Pritchett (Toya); her cherished grandchildren, Aprice Pritchett, Derice "DJ" Pritchett, and Bella Pritchett; her beloved granddog, Wizard; and her treasured godchildren, Trey Hutchings, Patience Lynn, and Jabreel Watlington. She is also survived by her sisters, Pearlie Ferrell, Juanita Simpson, Gloria Watlington, Denise Watlington (Willie), Diane Elmore (Carmie) and Lisa Simpson; her brothers, Larry Watlington (Brenda), Michael Williams, Chris Watlington (Mickey), John Rollins and David Simpson (Cynthia); along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends, including Janice Glass, Elder Ella Pass, Roslyn Parker, Kenny Irving, and Teresa Nunnally.

LaVerne's impact as the matriarch of her family will continue to bless all who were encompassed by her love for life. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to have known her.