

*"Well done, good and faithful
servant." – Matthew 25:23
May the work I've done speak for me*

CELEBRATING
THE BEAUTIFUL LIFE OF

Jennifer
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COLLINS LANCESLIN

BORN TO BLESS OCTOBER 2, 1964
CALLED TO REST JUNE 10, 2026

SATURDAY – JUNE 20, 2026
TRINITY UNITY METHODIST CHURCH
101 Main Street | Baldwin, LA 70514
Pastor Sherry Mathews, Officiating

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Jennifer Lynn Collins Lanceslin was born on October 2, 1964, to the union of Conrell Sr. and Eliza P. Collins. Fittingly, Jennifer was born during Hurricane Hilda, and from the very beginning she was a force to be reckoned with. She possessed an unmatched energy, a vibrant personality, and a presence that could never be ignored. Jennifer was always seen and heard when she entered a room. Her beautiful spirit, infectious smile, and loving heart of gold illuminated the lives of all who knew her.

Jennifer was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she served on the Prayer Band and United Methodist Women. She was also a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Baldwin Beautification Committee, and Krewe of Shona Mardi Gras Committee. Jennifer was a proud graduate of Franklin Senior High School Class of 1982. Where she proudly showed off her dancing skills as a Honey Bee. She later earned an Associate Degree from LSU at Eunice and went on to complete her Bachelor of Science Degree from Southern University. Jennifer dedicated her life to serving others. Her career was centered around helping and advocating for individuals with special needs. She began her professional journey as a Certified Nursing Assistant, later working in the foster care unit with the Department of Children and Family Services. She also served as a Home Manager in group homes for individuals with disabilities and as a Case Manager supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. Even after becoming legally blind and no longer being able to work in a traditional capacity, Jennifer refused to let that stop her from serving others. She continued her advocacy efforts through Louisiana's advocacy organization LaCAN, where she traveled to the State Capitol to ensure the voices of individuals with disabilities were heard. She was an avid Autism Acceptance and Disability Awareness advocate. She was also a part of the St. Mary Parish Special Education Advisory Board and Affiliated Blind of Louisiana. Driven by her passion for inclusion and opportunity, Jennifer later founded Community of Friends, Inc., an organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities participate in and enjoy activities within their communities. Through her organization, she spent the last 10 years going to schools in St. Mary Parish facilitating life skills to students. Her life's work was a testament to her belief that every individual deserves dignity, respect, opportunity, and a voice. Her faith, service, and commitment to uplifting others were evident in every aspect of her life.

Above all else, Jennifer loved her family. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 23 years, Dean Lanceslin, the love of her life; her one and only daughter, LaQuanta Collins Cleary (Brandon), who was truly her pride and joy. Jennifer loved telling everyone just how proud she was of her daughter.

She also leaves behind her four beloved grandsons: Kameron Donyei Patterson, Kyron Conrell Patterson, Kaden Lee Patterson, and Bruce Alhazen August, Jr. Jennifer played an instrumental role in helping raise her grandsons, pouring into them love, wisdom, guidance, and unwavering support.

Jennifer also leaves to cherish her memory her sisters: Virginia Collins, Sherry Madison, Iris (John) Tillman, Sharon (Lonzie) Johnson, and Renelle (Anthony) Freeman; her brothers: Conrell (Patricia) Collins, Jr., Gerald (Marie) Collins, Cecil (Valine) Collins, and David (Tameka) Collins; her brothers-in-law: Donald (Donna) Lanceslin, Sr. and Danny Lanceslin; her sisters-in-law: Paulette Lanceslin and Claudette Lanceslin; her uncle, Edward (Olivia) Patrick; and her godsons, Juntre Francis and Theron Mitchell; Special friends Cheryl Wilson, Sherry Simmons, Janice Mitchell and Idella Stevenson.

She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, dear friends, and countless individuals whose lives she touched through her compassion, service, advocacy, and unwavering love for others. Jennifer's legacy is one of love, compassion, strength, and service. She never met a stranger and never hesitated to help someone in need. Whether she was advocating for individuals with disabilities, supporting a family member, or simply offering a word of encouragement, Jennifer gave of herself wholeheartedly. Though her physical presence will be deeply missed, her impact will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched, the barriers she helped break, and the family she loved so dearly. Her light, laughter, and unwavering determination will forever remain in our hearts.

Jennifer is preceded in death by her loving parents Conrell Sr. and Eliza P. Collins, great granddaughter Kior Dauterive, sisters Annette Randall, Sandra Collins, brothers Darrell Collins and Kenneth Collins, Sr., paternal grandparents Richard and Virginia Baptiste Collins, maternal grandparents, Edward Sr. and Gertrude Latulas Patrick.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Sherelle Williams
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc Burial Ritual..... Sorority Members
Processional..... Clergy & Family
Greetings..... Pastor Sherry Matthews
Musical Selection Sherelle Williams

Scripture Reading

Old Testament- Psalm 23:1-4

New Testament- John 11: 25-26

Prayer..... Rev. Donald Lanceslin, Sr.
Musical Selection..... Sherelle Williams
Tributes & Words of Comfort (Please limit 2 minutes)

Trinity United Methodist Church

FSHS Class of 1982/Honey Bees

Community Members

Family/Friends

Visiting Ministers

Reading of Obituary..... Flonetta Alexander
Musical Selection..... Sherelle Williams
Eulogy..... Pastor Sherry Matthews
Musical Selection..... Conrell Collins, Jr.
Recessional..... Sherelle Williams

HELLO
My
Name is
Angela



To my beloved wife,

There are no words powerful enough to express the emptiness I feel in my heart today. Losing you has left a void that can never be filled. For the last 20 plus years you were not only my wife, but my lifetime partner, my confidant, and my greatest blessing.

From the moment you came into my life, you brought joy, laughter, and a love that made every day brighter. Your beautiful smile could light up any room, and your spirit touched everyone fortunate enough to know you. You had a way of making people feel welcome, loved, and valued. Your kindness knew no limits. Through life's ups and downs, we stood side by side. We shared laughter, tears, dreams, and countless memories that I will cherish forever. I am grateful for every moment God allowed us to spend together. Loving you was one of the greatest honors of my life.

Though my heart is broken, I find comfort in knowing that your faith was strong and that you are now resting in the arms of our Lord. While I will miss hearing your voice, seeing your smile, and holding your hand, I know your love will remain with me forever.

Love you forever my baby
Dean

To Our Grandmother,

There are no words that can truly express how much we will miss you. To the world, you may have been many things but to us, you were simply Maw Jennifer/Grandmother, and that was one of the greatest blessings of our lives.

You loved us unconditionally from the very beginning. You celebrated our accomplishments, encouraged us through our struggles, made us laugh, and reminded us every day that family comes first. No matter what was going on in our lives, we always knew we could count on you to be there with open arms, a listening ear, and a heart full of love. You were the glue that held us all together.

Some of our favorite memories are the moments we shared with you going on vacations, family events, watching you and Papa Dean dance. You had a way of making every family gathering brighter and every ordinary day feel extraordinary.

Thank you for cheering us on, believing in us, praying for us, and loving us more than we could ever put into words. Thank you for teaching us the importance of faith, family, kindness, and strength. Those lessons will stay with us forever.

We promise to make you proud. We promise to take care of one another like you always taught us and most importantly take care of our momma. We will miss you Maw Jennifer
Thank you for being the best grandmother anyone could ever ask for.

Love,
Kameron, Kyron, Kaden, and Bruce





"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow." - Maya Angelou

Where do I even begin? How do I say goodbye to the woman who gave me life, shaped me into the person I am today, and loved me unconditionally every single day of my life?

For the longest it was just you and I. You were more than my mother, you were my best friend, my safe place, my voice of reason, my loudest cheerleader, and my greatest blessing. There was never a moment in my life that I doubted your love for me. Through every success, every mistake, every heartbreak, and every triumph, you were always there. All the sacrifices you made to make our lives better never went unnoticed. So much of who I am today is because of the love, guidance, and sacrifices you poured into me. Everything I am is because of you.

I spent my entire life watching you help people without hesitation. You opened your heart to everyone and gave so much of yourself to those around you. You taught me the importance of family, faith, loyalty, and showing up for the people you love even strangers. If there is one thing I inherited from you, it is the inability to say no when someone needs help. That servant's heart was one of your greatest gifts. Thank you for helping me raise my boys. They were never just your grandsons, they were your boys too. You loved them deeply, prayed for them constantly, celebrated their accomplishments, and stood beside them through every stage of life.

Momma, you were the glue that held our family together. Your laughter filled every room, your smile could brighten anyone's day, and your presence made every gathering feel like home. Family was your greatest joy, and there was nothing you wouldn't do for the people you loved.

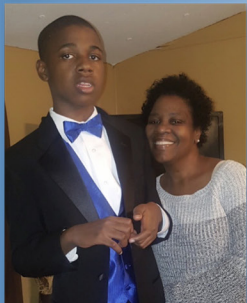
I hope you knew how proud I was to be your daughter. I hope you knew how much I admired your determination, strength, your resilience, your faith, and your ability to love so deeply. I hope you knew that even when I didn't say it enough, I loved you more than words could ever express.

My heart is broken, and I already miss you more than I can bear. But I find comfort in knowing that your love will live on through me, through your grandsons, and through every life you touched.

Thank you for being my mother. Thank you for being my best friend. Thank you for loving me so completely. I just can't thank you enough. I just hope you knew much I loved you, you were my entire world. There is nothing in this world I wouldn't do for you and vice versa. My world is forever changed no more daily visits and calls throughout the day. You showed me everything except how to live life without you! Until we meet again, I will carry you with me in everything I do. I love you, Momma forever and always.

Your one and only daughter,
LaQuanta Sherell

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To My Big Beautiful Family,

If I could speak to you one more time, I would tell you not to cry for me too long. Instead, remember the love we shared, the laughter we enjoyed, and the memories we made together.

To my husband, thank you for loving me and standing by my side. To my daughter, you were and always will be my greatest pride and joy. To my grandsons, never forget how much your Maw Jennifer loved each of you. Oh my Kam, You were the light of my life.

To siblings take care of one another. Stay close. Keep God first and continue making memories together. When you think of me, don't think of my last day. Think of the good times, the laughter, the dancing, the vacations, and the love.

I may no longer be with you in person, but I am forever in your hearts.

Until we meet again, know that I love you all more than words could ever express.

*Love Always,
Jennifer Collins Lanceslin*

