



## Lawanda Chester Franklin

January 18, 1973 - March 24, 2024

Lawanda, age 51, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, March 24, 2024. She was born in the small town of Independence under tough medical conditions, until Jesus came and made the difference. Lawanda dedicated her life to keeping her family close and together. She was love and life, in addition to being the very best friend you could ever have. Lawanda loved anything and everything the color purple. Throughout her life she exhibited an intensely strong work ethic. Lawanda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Lawanda is survived by her husband, Antonio Franklin; special friend, Kentrell West; daughter, Aaliyah Franklin (Dasmine Parker); son, Khalil Franklin (Chelsea Franklin); grandchildren, Ja-nae, Jeremiah, Khalil Jr., and Khaza; sisters, Kimberly Sims, Cheryl Priestley, Matina Chester, Jessica Chester; brothers, Christopher Chester (Tashina), Charles Chester, (Quita), Charles Edward Ricks, Jr., and Lionel Ricks; uncle, Henry Myles; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Lawanda is preceded in death by her parents, Charles Edward Ricks and Carolyn Virginia Myles; sister, Michelle 'Shell' Cutno; and niece Karissa Chester.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Landmark Nursing Center

of Hammond, Belle Maison Nursing Home of Hammond, family and friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation at Redemption Church, 13196 Old Baton Rouge Hwy., Hammond, LA. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m. until the start of the Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Church  
13196 Old Baton Rouge Hwy  
Hammond, LA 70403

## Memorial Service

APR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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13196 Old Baton Rouge Hwy  
Hammond, LA 70403

# Tribute Wall

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“ Love. Fay White purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Lawanda Chester Franklin.



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Love. Fay White - April 05, 2024 at 07:30 AM

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“ Love. Fay White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawanda Chester Franklin.

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Love. Fay White - April 05, 2024 at 07:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawanda Chester Franklin.



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April 02, 2024 at 11:44 AM

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“ Carmine Barbarise and Jessica Romero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawanda Chester Franklin.

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Carmine Barbarise and Jessica Romero - April 02, 2024 at 11:44 AM

DB

“ *Deanna Bray lit a candle in memory of  
Lawanda Chester Franklin*



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**Deanna Bray** - March 29, 2024 at 10:23 PM

AF

“ *I love you momma always and forever love your baby girl  
Aaliyah*

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**AALIYAH FRANKLIN** - March 29, 2024 at 11:56 AM