



## Mrs. LaVerne Maynard Harrison DeShazo

October 26, 1927 - July 25, 2020

The family of Mrs. LaVerne Maynard Harrison DeShazo, age 92, announces her passing which occurred on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Hock Family Pavilion, 4023 N Roxboro Street, Durham, North Carolina 27704.

LaVerne was born in Eckman, West Virginia. She is the daughter of the late John Milton Harrison and Lucille Maynard-Harrison. She gave her life to Christ at an early age. LaVerne was an active member of Mt Zion A.M.E. Church for many years. She taught Sunday School, directed the choir, acted as the church financial officer and clerk. She often was known for packing the kids into the old Chevy Chevette and going to various places to sing. Whatever needed to be done, if she couldn't do it, then she would find someone who could and it got done. She also participated in her community church (First Baptist Church of McDowell) and was a very close friend to many of its members. In 1994 health issues prompted her relocation to Durham, NC where she became a member of Mt. Zoar Missionary Baptist Church and The Rehoboth Covenant Bible Fellowship Church. Later she became a member of New Calvary Church.

LaVerne attended McDowell County Schools, where she graduated from Kimball High School in 1945. She loved Kimball High School and we often heard her singing the school song (Dear Kimball High) when we were young. She was a very active-supportive member of the Kimball Alumni, attending the various Kimball Reunion locations. This was an annual highlight for her. She also attended and graduated in 1946 from Apex Beauty College, located in Richmond, Virginia. Afterwards, she moved back to Eckman, WV and began working as a Beautician in Teen's Beauty Shop which was located in Keystone, West Virginia. She worked there for several years.

LaVerne was married to William Lee DeShazo on October 26, 1947 by Rev. Willie Cannady at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. To their union were born five children. They are Joyce L. DeShazo-Eckstein (Ralph) of Cleveland, Ohio, Donna S. DeShazo-Wallace (Deceased), Billye Jo DeShazo (Deceased), William J.H. DeShazo (Phyllis) of Rougemont, N.C. and Don C. DeShazo (Tracey) of Hurdle Mills, N.C.

She has nine grandchildren. They are Shevawn R. Edwards of Columbia, S.C., Leeshawn T. DeShazo-Mack (Steve) of Durham, N.C., Lakia C. Warfield (Rev. Julius) of Cleveland, Ohio, Bahjah L. Eckstein of Cleveland, Ohio, Tiara Bailey (TiRale) of Raleigh, N.C., William J.H. DeShazo, II of Durham, N.C., Juanisha L.S. DeShazo of Baltimore, MD, Tasia Bromell of Hurdle Mills, N.C. and Phuan G.A. DeShazo of Rougemont, N.C.

She has thirteen great-grandchildren. They are Tiara C. Neal of Chicago, Ill., Carl Randle, Jr. of Durham, N.C., Tylin Moore of Pittsboro, N.C., Nakiyah Nesmith of Baltimore, MD, Cherokee Edwards of Durham, N.C., Nihjayla Warfield of Cleveland, Ohio, Chrishawn Tuten of Durham, N.C., Cassidy DeShazo of Pittsboro, N.C., Tyjae Carter of Baltimore, MD, Chyna Edwards of Oxford, N.C., Julian Lee DeShazo of Pittsboro, N.C., Tylah Carter of Baltimore, MD and Lacey Mae Bailey of Raleigh, N.C.

She has two sisters. They are Mildred Hairston-Sis (deceased) of Columbus, Ohio and Phelola Moore-Doll Baby (deceased) of Cleveland, Ohio. She has a first cousin-Naomi Gray (100 yrs old) from Concord, N.C. She has a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends who she loves very much.

LaVerne was a devoted Wife and Mother who will be missed very much by her family and friends. LaVerne loved reading scripture. Two of her most favorite are listed below: Psalms 121 and Proverbs 22:1. Two of her most favorite quotes are: 1. A good name is better to be chosen than great riches and 2. You are judged by the company you keep. Her family will always remember her by what we thought were her most famous quotes - "Don't throw it away someone might need it." and "Your word is your bond." These quotes were a result of her father Milton's teachings as he was responsible for the raising of his three girls after the death of their mother.

LaVerne lived her life in full. She lead by example and was always willing to assist anyone in need. She believed that a person should be presented their flowers while they are able to enjoy them. She truly believed in the institution of the Bible, Family and Heritage. She sought every opportunity to teach and encourage her family to learn as much as possible about these things and for that we are truly grateful.

To all of the caregivers who have Blessed our lives over the years by being a part of our parents lives. Thank you for sharing your hearts, your time, your knowledge, your unyielding desire to make it possible for our parents to have better quality of life over the many years that we have known you. Friendships were developed and now you are, as you know, a part of our Family. We Love you and Thank you.

Viewings for Mrs. LaVerne Maynard Harrison DeShazo are as follows:

-Wednesday, July 29, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701

-Friday, July 31, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of McDowell, 376 San Diego Drive, Northfork, West Virginia. (No floral arrangements will be able to be delivered to this location)

A graveside service of celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 12:00 noon at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, 6605 New Hope Road, Bluefield, WV 24701.

# Cemetery

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**Restlawn Memorial  
Gardens**  
6605 New Hope Road  
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# Events

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309 N Queen St, Durham, NC, US, 27701

**JUL 31** **Viewing** 05:00PM - 07:00PM  
First Baptist Church  
376 San Diego Drive, Northfork, WV, US

# Comments

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“ A beautiful life



**Bahjah** - August 01, 2020 at 06:47 AM

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“ My grandmother aka Mommae taught us with the life she led and the most important lesson is that LOVE is an action. She worked. She give her time, her energy, her talent and money for the betterment of ALL . I couldn't have had a better example of womanhood. I am forever grateful. Love you always



**Bahjah** - August 01, 2020 at 06:18 AM

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“ The Ward Family - Earnesto, Tony, and Anthony II purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. LaVerne Maynard Harrison DeShazo.



**The Ward Family - Earnesto, Tony, and Anthony II** - July 30, 2020 at 11:56 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaVerne Maynard Harrison DeShazo.



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“ Mrs Laverne Deshazo is one of the sweetest people I've ever met, and she will be forever in my heart. To the Deshazo family you have truly known a jewel, and you have my condolences.

**Eugenia Oliphant** - July 29, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ The last of the village moms that raised me. A beautiful, sweet lady. I am so grateful to have had her in my life.

**Sadie Hudson-Stockton** - July 31, 2020 at 04:11 PM

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“ Mommae always stressed the importance of being active in the church. If it was as simple as cleaning the bathrooms she let ALL of us know it is ministry and important to the body of Christ! I am so thankful for the foundation she made sure we all had! A Legacy of love and family founded on the love of God !



**LaKia Wallace-Warfield** - July 29, 2020 at 12:11 PM

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**Phuan DeShazo** - July 29, 2020 at 11:09 AM

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“ Rochelle sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. LaVerne Maynard Harrison DeShazo



**rochelle** - July 28, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ My most memorable thing that Laverne did was when she attended the Spencer DeShazo family reunion, she bought everyone a gift A token of her love for the family. We love you and will truly miss you

**Christine Brown** - July 28, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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“ She always attended the Spencer-DeDhazo reunion until she couldn't attend anymore. She is at peace now.

**Ann & Nate Patterson** - July 28, 2020 at 02:46 PM

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**William DeShazo** - July 27, 2020 at 11:54 PM

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William DeShazo - July 27, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ Broken trailer hitch.. Stopped me from taking Momma camping that weekend.

William DeShazo - July 28, 2020 at 12:02 AM

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William DeShazo - July 27, 2020 at 11:24 PM



“ This is the ultimate stare down between nephew and auntie..

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William DeShazo - July 27, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ Mommae has touched so many lives. She personally taught me many lessons.... some the hard way , but always in love. The most important thing my grandparents taught me was the love of God through their actions. It's so powerful to see the ones you look up to serving others, being there for everyone at any time and giving selflessly of themselves without complaint. I watched God work through them and that left an impression on my life that I didn't realize at the time. My Grandma also instilled the love of music in me. She opened my eyes to many different genres but I will forever remember working on harmonies with her as a very small child. Truthfully there are too many memories to share..but I am grateful for each and every one. Until we meet again .



LaKia Wallace-Warfield - July 27, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Momae was always about her business and instilled in us the value of serving God , being proud of ourselves and our heritage and loving our family.



**Shevawn Edwards** - July 27, 2020 at 06:08 PM

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“ A real class act.



**Bahjah** - July 27, 2020 at 05:49 PM

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“ Love of lifetime.



**Bahjah** - July 27, 2020 at 05:44 PM

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**Bahjah** - July 27, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Summer time in Cleveland back in the day

**Bahjah** - July 27, 2020 at 05:42 PM

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**Leeshawn Mack** - July 27, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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**Tracey DeShazo** - July 27, 2020 at 01:07 PM

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Juanisha DeShazo - July 27, 2020 at 03:52 AM

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“ I remember the day you said I turned your hair gray. You didn't let fear consume you. You took control of the situation like the super woman you were. I'm almost certain if it had not been for you the outcome would've been different. You saved my life and I'm forever grateful!!!

Juanisha DeShazo - July 27, 2020 at 03:39 AM

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Juanisha DeShazo - July 27, 2020 at 02:15 AM

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Juanisha DeShazo - July 26, 2020 at 11:01 PM

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Phuan DeShazo - July 26, 2020 at 09:48 PM

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Phuan DeShazo - July 26, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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“ Family:

So sorry for your loss. Aunt LaVerne was the most kind person—she would send the most thoughtful notes out of the blue that I still have. God bless and keep you all.  
Love—Sheri

Sheri De Shazo  
Elgin, Illinois



**Sheri De Shazo** - July 26, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ There are so many precious memories that I have and will cherish for the rest of my life. I am Patricia Alston Tapp mother of Tracey DeShazo. I had the privilege of being Mrs. LaVerne caregiver for several years. (Mommae) as I affectionately called her. She was indeed a woman filled with spiritual wisdom, family morals & values, integrity and love for Father God. We spent endless hours singing songs of praise, I read the Word to her daily and we would always talk about the goodness of God. When I wouldn't give her sweets, she stated" I am going to tell Juan; I am old enough to have what I want." My husband James and I was blessed to have known her and became part of the family. She will forever hold a place in our hearts. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

**Patricia Alston Tapp** - July 26, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ To the Family: from Kim and Anthony from West Virginia sending our Prayers and Love we will forever cherish her sweet spirit and smile, love you guys. And we are the next generation coming up let's continue to hold to God's unchanging hand that someday we shall all meet in Heaven and will forever be with the Lord to share in His Glory. Be Blessed. Take care of yourselves and each other. Much Love

**Kim Harris** - July 26, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ To God be the glory for all the good things He has done in sharing the life of Mrs. LaVerne with us. Crystal Estes

**crystal L estes** - July 26, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ My Grandmother was the most loving & caring person!!! My life has truly been Blessed by her her!! Gone from her body but forever by my side



Leeshawn Mack - July 26, 2020 at 06:02 PM