



## Mrs. LaShell Bryant

October 28, 1953 - August 3, 2022

### Obituary

Lashell Lorraine Bryant, of Cedar Hill TX, passed away in the early hours of August 3rd, 2022 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 68 years old. Lashell was the adoring mother to Lorraine Cole and son in law GeJuan Cole, as well as the loving grandmother to Kalyn Cole, Alexandria Cole, and Gabriel Cole.

Lashell, or Mum Mum, as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren, was born on October 28th, 1953 at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City to James Thompson and the late Lorraine James Thompson. She graduated from Wissahickon High School in 1971, then went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from Spelman College in 1975.

Lashell spent most of her career working with children. Her titles included social worker for Visiting Nurses and Child Care Dallas, Director for The Child Care Group and Childtime Learning Center, and site coordinator for Communities in School. Lashell had a well known love for going on cruises and riding the Amtrak Train. You would often find her attending her grandchildren's sporting events or watching NFL football and cheering for (and many times crying over) the Dallas Cowboys. She was a dedicated member of The Potter's House for 25 years and joined the mass choir in

1996. Lashell's fellow choir members were like a second family to her and brought an endless amount of joy to her life.

The many friends and family members who mourn the passing of Lashell are a testament to the impact that she had on everyone that she came into contact with. She was known for her generous spirit, sense of humor, and her ability to talk to any and everyone. From Penllyn PA to Houston, TX, there are many fond memories of Lashell and the joy that she brought to this world. Her kindness and love will be missed.

Lashell is preceded in death by her brother, James "Choochie" Thompson, whom she loved dearly. She is survived by her father, daughter, son-in law, and grandchildren along with her former husband Ell Bryant (Tameka Rhodes, Karen Miller, Latrice King, Demetria Roman), niece Alicia Thompson, nephews Anthony Thompson and Andre Thompson, cousin/lifelong friend Lauren Ellison, sister in love Gerolyn Cole, sisters Kristin Dorman, LaNeika Thompson Harris, and Tai Marie, brother Lawrence Smith, and a host of other friends and family members.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Potter's House  
6777 W. Kiest Blvd  
Dallas, TX 75236

# Tribute Wall



“ *Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. LaShell Bryant*



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**Signature Memorial Chapel - The Funeral Directors** - August 11, 2022 at 11:39 AM

JG

*My condolences to Lorraine and Bryant family. We will pray for strength and comfort. In Jesus name.*

*Juan Garcia (Maria/Charles Williams brother)*

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**juan Garcia** - August 11, 2022 at 06:47 PM

MF

*To the Bryant family:  
May God comfort and guide you during your heavy loss. So many years have passed since I've seen Lashell, but I hold so many beautiful memories of her. As God's work must' be done we must succumb to his will. Rest in peace, my dear Lashel. We will meet on the other shore.*

*Sorrowfully,  
Your dear friend,  
Mickey Turner  
( Richmond, Va.)*

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**Mickey Turner ( A childhood friend)** - August 12, 2022 at 11:54 AM

LB

*I was blessed that LaShell was my friend since we met 26 years ago as members of the POTTER'S HOUSE CHOIR". She was a true Proverbs 31 woman, who loved and provided for her family. Those qualities extended to her students. She not only made sure that they had breakfast but went to the food bank on Friday's so they could have food to take home for the weekend. She was a loyal and true friend, always willing to listen and support me, no matter what problem was the issue. I pray God's promise to all LaShell's family and friends, that " he will not leave you comfortless, he will come to you", and bless all with precious, beautiful memories of LaShell. Linda Berry*

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**Linda T. Berry** - August 22, 2022 at 12:22 PM

MW

“ *Lashelle was a wonderful friend for 40 + years. She came to the rescue for me many times during the years . Whenever she was going through some turmoil in her life she would call me and ask “why would God let me go through this” I really never had an answer for her then . We would just pray for her to have peace . Now I know why , she was busy doing the Lords work and giving of her time . She was leaving a legacy of love to all who knew her . She is now in eternity never to experience Sadness and pain again . I will truly miss you Lashelle . You left a big hole in our family but I know we have the hope of seeing you again .Rest my dear friend , you won .*  
*María Williams*

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**Maria Williams** - August 16, 2022 at 12:19 AM

VM

“ *So sorry to learn of LaShell's passing. I'll remember her as warm, funny and quick with a punchline. Rest in peace....although God knows best, I'll always feel you have gone too soon.*  
*My condolences to Lorraine.*  
*Lolly Meeks*

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**Valli Meeks** - August 12, 2022 at 11:59 AM

LK

“ I will miss our weekly conversations, dinner dates and etc. You have been in my life for 20+ years but these last two years our bond grew stronger. I'm thankful for our bond we created. I will miss you dearly, love your step daughter Latrice King!



Latrice King - August 12, 2022 at 01:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaShell Bryant.



August 11, 2022 at 10:44 PM

AT

“ Im glad i made it to Dallas a few years ago and stayed with her but on Saturday night she let us know we were going to church and she was going to be ready early and if we were not up she was going to wake us up... i cant remember the time but she was up early and made sure we were up. Im not a church person but im glad i went with her. Thank you and I Love you



Anthony Thompson - August 11, 2022 at 09:52 PM

LC

“ Streaming link for the service:  
<https://youtu.be/-sJ1J84ZMDk>

Lorraine Cole - August 11, 2022 at 05:23 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Mrs. LaShell Bryant.



August 11, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of  
Mrs. LaShell Bryant.



August 11, 2022 at 11:30 AM

LS

“ *Lea Tootie Smith (cousin)*

*Life is short, so keep short accounts with God and we should always keep short accounts with people who are in the circle of our lives. We never know when life will be dramatically be changed... sometimes permanently. Think about it, Don't allow the regrets of "if only I knew" to be the final marker of life. Take time to make someone feel special..*

*My dear cousin LaShell I will miss you dearly we all spent a lot of precious time together.*

*Rest peacefully my cousin in heaven.*

*Love Tootie*

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**Lea Tootie Smith** - August 11, 2022 at 10:53 AM

GK

“ *34 files added to the album Lashell Bryant*



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**Gkcgrou**p - August 10, 2022 at 09:37 PM

LJ

“ *LaShell...a Virtuous Woman to all who knew her 🕊️  
Thankyou for the memories you left us and the love you've shown  
towards your family and friends...Love you Cousin..Rest on in  
Heavenly Peace 🙏🥹🕊️❤️  
Lynn Smith Johnson and Family 🕊️  
Penllyn Strong 💕*

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**Lynn Smith Johnson** - August 10, 2022 at 08:42 PM

LE

“ *I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too,  
I think of you in silence I often speak your name  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame  
Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part  
God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.  
Rest well my BFF 💙🏈📺  
Love,  
Lauren & Mitch*

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**Lauren Ellison** - August 10, 2022 at 06:17 PM

LC

“ My mother, Lashell Bryant, passed away on Wednesday, August 3rd after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 68 years old.

*A Memorial Service/Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 12th at 11am at The Potter's House Church- Dallas. Repast to follow at Duncanville Recreation Center. Attendees are asked to wear blue, white, or silver as an acknowledgment of Lashell's love for the Dallas Cowboys and Spelman College.*

*There will be no viewing.*

*In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the National Alumni Association of Spelman College- Houston Chapter general scholarship fund. Please just indicate that the gift is "In Memory of Lashell Bryant". CashApp \$houstonnaasc*

*Additional details to come. Thank you for all of the love and support that you have shown our family during this time!*

*<https://www.signaturememorialchapel.com/obituaries/Lashell-Bryant/>*

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**Lorraine Cole** - August 10, 2022 at 05:55 PM

KE

“ My memories are so long and so many as we have been friends since we were little girls and she always had to take a nap. Her Mom got sick of me coming to that door asking if she could come out and play. But my most recent memories the stories I will miss are the grandchildren stories. The grandson stories always had me laughing until I cried. Her love for those babies the sleepovers oh the tales she would share. All of the success stories made me smile of her family. So I don't have a memory I have a lifetime of memories she was that friend that no matter when you called it was as though we had just spoken yesterday. I tried to teach her to FaceTime but to no avail I hope her grandkids had better luck. She was and will always be my very special and beloved friend and when I think of her which I will often do; I will smile and then chuckle as I think of a joke we passed just us two. Today my heart hurts and I am sad I know she is with her Mom her grandmothers and her beloved brother visiting on the other side.. So this is not goodbye simply see ya later on the other side.. Love always Kim Williams Evans

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**kim Evans** - August 09, 2022 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ I am a Jr high school friend of Lashell's. I use to travel with her family to New York, over to Elkins Park and down to Philadelphia where her father had an apartment. We had great times and remained friends thought-out high school and beyond. My heart is truly broken and she has been on my mind ever since. GOD bless her soul and may HE keep you and your family in his arms. I feel real sad about her passing. I saw her last at her brother's service, and years before I travelled to Dallas for a convention, and visited with Lashell. She was a dear. GOD bless her father and keep you strong.

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**Sylvia Warner** - August 08, 2022 at 10:29 AM

LE

“ God bless you Lorraine and your family. You have my love and sincere condolences 🌸  
Ledley

Ledley - August 06, 2022 at 10:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaShell Bryant.



August 05, 2022 at 03:01 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaShell Bryant.



August 04, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaShell Bryant.



August 04, 2022 at 08:48 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. LaShell Bryant.*



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August 04, 2022 at 07:53 PM