



## LaVern Gude

September 3, 1963 - August 23, 2017

LAVERN GUDE "AKA" PEBBLES. Age 53, She was born on September 3, 1963 to the union of Lorriane and Vernon Thomas in St. Louis Missouri. She made her transition from labor to reward on August 23, 2017 leaving a legacy of love and a role model image worthy of imitating, especially that loving smile that she often displayed.

After years of going to church Pebbles gave her life to the Lord and got Born Again at the age of twenty three years old on May 7, 1986. and was baptized on August 24, 1986 at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo. Under the leadership of the Late Rev. Andrew Lee Smith. She became a member of Junior and Intermediate Choir, she attended Bible Classes and Sunday School. Pebbles later joined Sonlight Church in East St. Louis Illinois under the leadership of the Late Pastor Sam Willis Jr. afterward she attended Bread of life Community Church in St. Louis under the leadership of Pastor Anthony Willis.

Pebbles received her elementary education at Yeatman Middle, she also received several certificates from the Junior Achievement program from 1979 to 1980. She then went on to graduated from Beaumont High School in 1982 located in St. Louis Mo. She was always known for being a hard working women. Her first place of employment was White Castle, then she ventured into home health services and worked as a Nanny for several years. She

loved to cook and make Seven Layer salads for family function and special events.

In 1981 she met and fell in love with Marvin Sutton Sr. To this union one child was born Marvin Sutton Jr. Later On May 25, 2004 Pebbles was united in Holy matrimony to Gregory B. Byrant I in Belleville Illinois. To this union was born one her miracle baby Tara Yolanda Bryant who was (Four months early at 2lbs-7oz). When you saw Pebbles you saw Tara' they were like two peas in a pot, always together. Pebbles called Tara "Ma" at a very young age. After spending most of her life in St. Louis Pebbles and her daughter Tara relocated to Dallas, Texas in 2015 to start a new chapter in their lives.

Pebbles was a true Proverbs 31 Woman. Her children were an extension of her heart as well as her body. She truly passed along to her children an inherent sense of self worth based on the feelings of love and affection. She instilled in them the essence of being a Christian by repentance of sin, baptized in water in the name of Jesus. Living a spirit filled life, clean life, be righteous, walk upright before the Lord. Be honest, and always remember the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Some of her favorite saying was "God Got My Back" "You Know It" "Eat Some Now Save some later- like a now later" " The Lord is gonna Bless Me" " I love my mother' brother's and sister's' Gran and Stinka Ma".

LaVern leaves to cherish in memories: One Son Marvin (Alisha) Sutton Jr; her daughter Tara Yolanda Bryant; (Tyra Dad Gregory Bryant I) and two step sons Frank Bryant and Gregory Bryant II; three grandchildren Noah, Marlo and Andre; Her lovely Mother Lorraine Thomas a devoted and loving Dad, Vernon (Rita Sanders) Thomas; A lovely Grandmother Geraldine Williams; sisters Adrienne (Barry Griffin III and Anya) Thomas, Cassandra Jones, LaVinia Thomas, Mamie Jackson, Yevette, Shermaine Armstead; brothers Gearld (Sheila and Julianna) Thomas, LaMarcus Thomas, Vernon Thomas, Keith and

Andre` Strickland; a special and loving aunt (Earlene Coleman); To know Pebbles was to love Pebbles, she had a host of Special friends and Special Family that loved her; nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, many relatives, along with a very special family member and close friend to the end Terry Perkins.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **31**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ferguson Community Center  
1050 Smith Avenue  
Ferguson, MO 63136

## Life Celebration Service

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Kenneth McGhee sent a virtual gift in memory of LaVern Gude



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**Kenneth McGhee** - August 28, 2017 at 07:23 PM

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“ Kenneth McGhee And Archway Staff lit a candle in memory of LaVern Gude



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**Kenneth McGhee and Archway Staff** - August 28, 2017 at 07:22 PM