



La'Tosha Stoney

August 22, 1974 - October 8, 2025

La'Tosha Jodelle Stoney, affectionately known as "Tosha," was our beloved daughter, sister, mother, and Nala. She was the eldest of five children, born to Linda Annette Marie Thomas and Chester "Butch" Edward Stoney, Jr., on August 22, 1974, in Harrisburg, PA.

La'Tosha graduated from Harrisburg High School, class of 1992, where she participated in theatre, cheerleading and band front. Throughout her lifetime, she held many professional roles where she thrived in being in service to others, including inpatient access associate, executive assistant, and operations manager at various health organizations and Lancôme beauty counter manager.

A true Leo, she radiated confidence and generosity. She found her greatest joy in pursuing her artistic passions. A self-taught artist, writer, poet, and creative soul, she eagerly shared her talents with others. Always curious, she sought a deeper understanding of the world, especially through reading about numerology and astrology. She also enjoyed shopping, often for others, with a particular love for unique glasses and a collection of sneakers in various colors and styles, favoring Adidas and Chuck Taylors. Leopard print was one of her favorite fashion choices. In her memory, her family plans to wear leopard print flowers and shoes as a tribute.

La'Tosha was a loving and devoted mother to her cherished daughter, Journey Zion-Epiphané Cooksey. She poured her heart into nurturing and guiding Journey with wisdom, compassion, and steadfast love, always believing in her daughter's potential and purpose. Becoming a grandmother brought La'Tosha great joy. Her grandchildren—Hai'Lôe Dream Stoney-Jones, Hendrix Harlem Stoney-Jones, and Hayze Indigo Stoney-Jones—were her brightest lights, and she served as their safe haven. They brought endless light and laughter into her life. Though she has departed this world, her love remains ever-present, guiding and protecting them. Her spirit will live on through them, carrying her love, grace, and joy that defined her.

To her nieces and nephews, Aunt Tosha was everything; the sun rose and set on her. She often called herself the Best Aunt Ever or "B.A.E." to her nieces, Samani Kei'daura Wallace, Sanai Kei'aura-Lynn Wallace, Kadyne Alaia DeVan, and Sage Stoney, and nephews, Kevin Terrell DeVan, Jr., Samuel Kenneth Wallace, Jr., and Noah Jahsani Wallace. To her, each of them was a star, and she was their biggest supporter, never missing a recital, concert, graduation, or any event to celebrate their successes.

As the eldest daughter of Butch and Linda, she cherished her role within the close-knit family she called the "BnB Gang." This affectionate nickname reflected their strong bond, built on love, laughter, and mutual support, demonstrating her steadfast dedication to family. To her younger siblings, Naisha Jahna Wallace, Kalisha Ann DeVan, Dara Lynn Stoney, and Chester E. Stoney, III, she was a loyal supporter, fierce protector, and enthusiastic cheerleader, embodying the most loving and generous big sister. Her love also extended to her brothers-in-law, Samuel Kenneth Wallace and Kevin Terrell DeVan, Sr.

La'Tosha was a passionate advocate for criminal justice reform, focusing on women offenders and victims of domestic violence. She was loved throughout

Harrisburg for her kind and generous nature; she was seen as everyone's "sister." Her deep roots remained in the Uptown Harrisburg neighborhood where she was raised.

Her devotion to her immediate family, extended family, friends, and the community was boundless. She loved preparing delicious meals and was always quick with a word of praise, a funny joke, or just an all-encompassing hug that made any situation a little better for those on the receiving end. She was loved and supported throughout her life by her aunt Gertrude Wilkerson and cousin Nicole Wilkerson, as well as her godparents, Ruth R. Jackson, Teresa Green Banks, Deidre Walker, and Loretta and Brian Folks.

On October 8, 2025, at the age of fifty-one, La'Tosha's vibrant, beautiful soul departed this Earth, and God made a place for her in His Kingdom in Heaven, joining in eternal rest, her eldest daughter, Butter'Fly Dream Stoney; paternal grandparents, Chester E. Stoney, Sr., and Dorothy Jenkins Stoney; maternal grandfather, Thomas Cofield, and her aunts, Beverly Porter and Shirley Jefferies.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her parents; her youngest daughter; her maternal grandmother, JoAn Thomas, her siblings, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and a host of other family members and friends who loved her deeply and will continue to hold close all the memories of the rich life La'Tosha lived.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
1201 N. 17th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103

Service

OCT 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Wallace Funeral Directors - October 27, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AB

“ *Antoine BLACK lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney*



Antoine BLACK - December 10, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JM

“ *Linda, I sent healing prayers and comforting hugs. I am so sorry for your loss of your daughter. I pray that your family and her children find the strength you need to process and heal through these difficult times.*
Jimetta M



Jimetta Matthews - October 31, 2025 at 01:44 AM

OD

“ *Tosha and I worked together at Novitas. Her spirit was a shining light. She always spoke so lovingly of her daughter and mom. My heart breaks for you both and her entire family. You will be missed Tosha*💙

Oona D. - October 27, 2025 at 07:56 PM

JS

“ Prayers of comfort to the family and to all those who loved Tosha.
Rest gently Lady Lion...

Jennifer Smallwood - October 27, 2025 at 10:53 AM

NY

“ Rest my 92 classmate ☐🕊️

Nyette - October 27, 2025 at 10:48 AM

RP

“ Linda and Family,

Sending my deepest condolences and sympathy. Tosha was always so sweet and respectful. No matter where we were, if I didn't see her first she would call me out. This is a hurt peace and she will truly be missed. And my Mom just loved her and Journey. Rest Easy Sweetie until we meet again. With Love Robin Potts-Anderson



Robin Potts-Anderson - October 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

VB

“ Valerie D Bates-Gates lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney



Valerie D Bates-Gates - October 27, 2025 at 09:40 AM

KR

“ *Kimberly Robinson-Washington lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney*



Kimberly Robinson-Washington - October 27, 2025 at 09:22 AM

DR

“ *Dawn Reeves lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney*



Dawn Reeves - October 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LF

“ *Loretta Folks lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney*



Loretta Folks - October 26, 2025 at 02:59 PM

LF

To Linda and family, my deepest sincere condolence I love La'Tosha more than words can ever explain first off. She was a true friend a coworker my shopping partner, not going out to eat buddy my confidant we can fight it in each other when it was good and bad. I'm truly gonna miss her. I love you Lady T sleeping in peace until we meet again, my friend.

Loretta Folks - October 26, 2025 at 03:02 PM

IC

“ Sending my sympathy and condolences to the family. I met Tosha through her work at Watching Over Us Health Care, although I never met her in person, I spoke to her on the phone and she always handled my questions and concerns. She had a way of making me feel comfortable talking to her and had a hands on approach. She will truly be missed! My prayers go out to her Family.

Inez Coiley - October 26, 2025 at 10:41 AM

HH

“ Hakerr Singleton Horton lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney



Hakerr Singleton Horton - October 26, 2025 at 09:33 AM

MT

“ Sending sincere sympathy and our deepest condolences to the family. You will continually be in our thoughts and prayers. Love Clyde, Marian and family



Marian D Thomas - October 25, 2025 at 12:15 PM

RS

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to Linda and Family. May God continue to carry you through this difficult time. Your classmate Regene Swan-Cornelius of the Harrisburg High School Class of 1974.



Regene Swan-Cornelius - October 24, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KM

“ *Kisha Morris lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney*



Kisha Morris - October 23, 2025 at 12:13 PM

RC

“ *Robert Collier lit a candle in memory of La'Tosha Stoney*



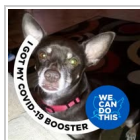
Robert Collier - October 23, 2025 at 05:30 AM

SS

“ *To Linda and Butch and family ,you are truly in my family's prayer's,Your old neighbors from 4th Street Thomas,Ralph White and Richard Moon .*



Stacey ScottWhite - October 22, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ *I remember you from Riverside and John Harris. The last time I saw you was back in 1999 a few months before I moved to Charlotte. I'm going to miss you and love you forever*

Jeffrey Gadson - October 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SR

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Stoney family, during this difficult time.

Sabrina Rector - October 22, 2025 at 11:40 AM

TT

“ I know words can't express our sorrow, but I am here for each of you. I'm here to listen or help in any way I can. We share in this time of grief, but we also share in the love and memories of Tosha. May Allah grant the entire family strength during this difficult time.



Tymea Thompson-Budd

Tymea Thompson-Budd - October 21, 2025 at 10:49 PM

PJ

To the family of Tosha, yes I know she will be missed..
She was the lady with the fashion of eye glass.. she was a great person to talk to
I will miss seeing you at your cousin Nicole house
Rest Rest in Heavenly Peace

Priscilla Jackson - October 22, 2025 at 09:44 AM