



Lavonne Blair Rutledge

June 13, 1951 - March 24, 2026

With heavy heart, but yet great rejoicing, we announce Lavonne Blair Rutledge went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026. She passed away at Duke Medical Center after a three year decline in health.

Lavonne was born in Danville, VA on June 13th, 1951, the daughter of the late William "Bill" Langston Blair and Ruby Salmons Blair.

Lavonne graduated from George Washington High School class of 1969. On June 15th of 1968 she married the love of her life, Dewey Maynard Rutledge Jr, previously deceased. Lavonne worked her entire career of more than forty plus years with the Health-Tex Company a division of Cheesebrough Pond's and Vanity Fair Corporation. She held multiple positions within her career and was most proud of the time that she spent as an Industrial Engineer running the Cutting Room for the Danville, VA facility. Lavonne retired in the summer of 2016 to provide home health care full time to her mother. She was a faithful member of Moffett Memorial Baptist Church where through the years she served on multiple committee's, taught children's Sunday School, and was a member of the bereavement team. The three things in life which brought her the most joy, in no particular order, were cooking meals for friends & family, attending church, and spending time with family.

Survivors include two sons, Dewey M. (Trae) Rutledge III; Brandon Blair Rutledge; three grandchildren, Christian Rutledge, Kelsie and James Bryant, and Lauren Rutledge; a brother, Anthony (Jack) Blair also survives.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, March 29th at 3PM at Moffett Memorial Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. Jonathan Hilliard. Interment will follow in Highland Burial Park.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 1:30-2:45PM at the Church and on Friday the 27th and Saturday the 28th at the family residence.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to God's Pit Crew or the Danville Life Saving Crew.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Rutledge family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Moffett Memorial Baptist Church
1026 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

Moffett Memorial Baptist Church
1026 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall



“ Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lavonne Blair Rutledge



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 29 at 08:42 AM

BG

“ To Trae and Brandon, our world will be so different without Lavonne in our lives. I miss her more than I can say. We were all so blessed from God to have her in our lives. She had a heart of gold, and she loved you two, her family, her friends but mostly Her God and her church, Moffett. I will love you until I leave this earth, and I know you are in heaven with God, and no more fighting. You are out of pain and that gives us all peace.

Beth Gentry - April 01 at 10:30 AM

KH

“ My God I just started care for my sweet Lavonne I was looking forward to spending time with her she was so cute and sassy my heart is broken I really enjoyed the time we shared love your Kami girl



karmelia hall - March 30 at 11:25 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 28 at 05:07 PM

CR

“ *I enjoyed have Lavonne as a patient at Danville Dental Asso. We were also friends. She was a very sweet lady. Sending prayers and sympathy to all her loved ones.*

Cathy Rutledge

Cathy Rutledge - March 28 at 04:26 PM

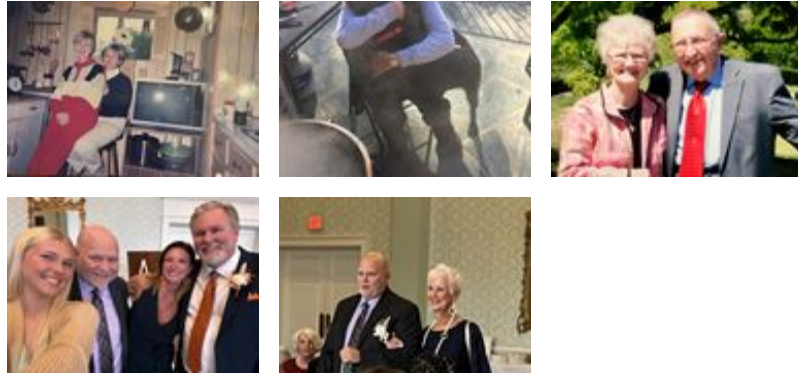
LT

“ *Lori Tucker: I met Lavonne when she joined our work family at VF Jeanswear in Greensboro and we quickly became friends as she took all of her hens (as Patch named us) under her wing and taught us wonderful life lessons....she cared for each of us and shared her love for her family with us. We shared many of life's trials and blessings together. She was one of a kind; she was generous with her advice, homemade food and most of all her faith and testimony for her love for our Lord and Savior. Our friendship latest even after work and she handled her trials with such grace! She will always be in my heart! I know her family will feel a great void but just know how much you all were loved!!*

Lori Tucker - March 28 at 09:33 AM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 28 at 09:15 AM



“ *The Calkins Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.*



The Calkins Family - March 26 at 09:15 PM



“ *The Calkins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.*

The Calkins Family - March 26 at 09:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.



March 26 at 09:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.

March 26 at 09:02 PM



“ David M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.

David M. - March 26 at 07:33 PM



“ Your 821 Family purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.



Your 821 Family - March 26 at 02:56 PM



“ To all of Lavonne’s family. My deepest condolences. I have lost my grandfather, grandmother, mother, and a brother and sister. There are no words to comfort. May God wrap you all in His love.

Allison Whitney - March 26 at 01:49 PM

JM

“ My heart breaks this morning hearing that Lavonne has left us for the arms of God Almighty. She was born a beauty and we were friends before our first grade class at Stonewall Jackson Elementary. We grew up two doors from each other and both our fathers worked in the US Post Office. In the 6th grade, because she and I both were born singers, along with our class mate, Mark R. Reynolds (the shorter not the taller Mark Reynolds), we were sent to Averett University and had a joint vocal class, with the amazing Madame Laura Janos Fuessel, who had retired from the New York Opera and national acclaim as a singer and pianist. I still remember our first recital on the Averett stage, when we did a trio version of MY FAVORITE THINGS from The Sound Of Music. I am so thankful to have been recently in touch with Lavonne and to have been able to share some of our childhood memories. My heart goes out to her family and all her close friends. She was a very special lady and loved by so many.

Jerry Meadors - March 26 at 12:22 PM

OF

“ Our thoughts and prayers -- PSA family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.

Our thoughts and prayers -- PSA family - March 26 at 11:48 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers -- PSA family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.



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March 26 at 11:18 AM



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“ I worked with Lavonne at health text. She always had that big smile. Very nice lady. RIP Lavonne

Becky Hubbard - March 26 at 10:21 AM



“ I worked with LaVonne at Health Tex in Danville 43 years ago. She was an incredible person and a very dignified lady. I knew Dewey also. Knowing LaVonne and Dewey was a highlight of my working career. Heaven has gained a wonderful lady and I know she is rejoicing with Bill, Ruby, and Dewey plus many others fro our Health Tex crew. May God Bless Tre and Brandon (who we knew when they were small children growing up), her in laws, and grandchildren. I already miss you terribly LaVonne You were the glue that held us together as a Health Tex family! Tre and Brandon, my wife and I are going to try to make it to the viewing and funeral service, but my wife has had a major surgery last week and we may not be there in person, but we will definitely be lifting you up in our prayers. Sam and Joyce Prince

Sam Prince - March 26 at 10:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.

March 26 at 09:32 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.



March 26 at 09:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.

March 26 at 09:09 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.



March 26 at 09:09 AM



“ Lavonne was one of the most positive people I have ever known. We will surely miss her.💔
Billy and Darlene Whitney

Billy and Darlene Whitney - March 26 at 08:35 AM

AH

“ I am sadden this morning reading of Lavonne's passing. However I know her spirit and memories will go on. While owning Flowers By Davis from 1977 to 1999, there were no better next door neighbors than the entire Blair family. As I think about that time in my life, I feel blessed to this day having known Bill, Ruby and Lavonne. May her family be comforted knowing the Blair family was loved.

Al Harris - March 26 at 07:54 AM

KR

“ Lavonne was a wonderful, beautiful lady. She was loved by every one who knew her, and surely will be missed. She brighten my day each Sunday when I saw her at Moffett.

Ken Robertson - March 26 at 07:24 AM

FL

“ Sweet lady prayer for family and friends 🙏



Falina Long - March 26 at 06:54 AM

JC

“ She was so much like her sweet mother, Ruby. I can't think of a higher compliment. Both were angels on this earth. You will be truly missed. Love you Sugah. 💔 You get to see your Lord and savior, your family and my parents again. Give them all a hug from us.

John Carey - March 26 at 06:48 AM

DK

“ *Lavonne will be missed at Moffett. She always had concern for others, enjoyed serving the children at VBS, and welcomed everyone with a sweet smile. Now she is healed in the presence of Jesus.*

Debbie Karibian - March 25 at 10:17 PM

RP

“ *So sorry for the loss of this sweet lady, prayers for the family.*



Rachel Patton - March 25 at 10:12 PM

PM

“ *ProActive Sales and Marketing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.*

ProActive Sales and Marketing - March 25 at 08:47 PM

PM

“ *ProActive Sales and Marketing purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.*



ProActive Sales and Marketing - March 25 at 08:47 PM

KH

“ I miss you already, dear friend Lavonne. Friends since the ninth grade., a lifelong friend. I was always so proud of you working so hard and moving through the ranks at your job and being a mother of two boys! You always look like \$1 million and had that wonderful smile which will be missed by so many. i'll make sure there's a coconut cake in every sSoup Day, as long as I'm here in honor of you. Deepest sympathies to your family. 🙏🍀❤️

Kathleen Harris - March 25 at 08:13 PM



“ Lavonne was a very special lady. She always had a kind word and always wore that beautiful smile. You will be greatly missed.

Pam Holley - March 25 at 07:54 PM

PF

“ I worked with Lavonne for about 25 yrs. She was always so pleasant. We had a company trip to learn a process in one week. When the project came to the daville plant she sat it up. She funny. Serious and respectful she will be greatly missed. Her boys were the light of her life.

Patricia Fitts - March 25 at 05:38 PM

CA

“ Ceasar and KC Plumbing Heating & AC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.

Ceasar and KC Plumbing Heating & AC - March 25 at 05:07 PM

CA

“ *Ceasar and KC Plumbing Heating & AC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.*



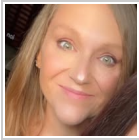
Ceasar and KC Plumbing Heating & AC - March 25 at 05:07 PM

GA

“ *Gabrielle & Alex purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.*



Gabrielle & Alex - March 25 at 04:22 PM



“ *She was the sweetest thing at Health-Tex many moons ago. So sorry for your loss.*

Stacy Dodson - March 25 at 04:13 PM

ST

“ *Lavonne was a work mom to me. She never met a stranger. She would say anything to anyone. She was a true Southern Belle and was a great cook. I value her friendship and advice over the many years we worked together at Wrangler. Loved her personality. She kept up with our kids and grandkids all the time. We stayed in touch after she retired. She took me to Momma Possums! Loved her big and she will be missed. See you in heaven "Sugah"....*

Susan Tilley - March 25 at 03:11 PM

JC

“ Joe & Jackie Cox purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lavonne Blair Rutledge.



Joe & Jackie Cox - March 25 at 03:08 PM

TT

“ Lavonne was one of the nicest and most personable people I have ever met. We worked together in Healthex and VF Playwear. The world will be a little less joyful because of her loss.

Tom Travis - March 25 at 02:41 PM

FD

Such a sweet lady

faye Doolin - March 25 at 02:43 PM

DH

Lavonne was the Sweetest person at VF & she always greeted you with a Beautiful Smile. She was Truly Special & Always was Ready to Talk or Help You get Through anything. Sending Love and My Deepest Sympathy 🙏❤️👍

Darlene W Hairston - March 25 at 07:45 PM

CM

Sending my condolences to Lavonne's family. I was truly blessed to have known her and to have worked with her until her retirement. A beautiful bright light who will be missed. Fly high, angel.

Chattie McGill - March 25 at 07:52 PM