

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# Footprints In The Sand

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.*

*Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.*

*For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,*

*he looked back at the footprints in the sand.*

*He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.*

*He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:*

*LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.*

*But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.*

*I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."*

*The LORD replied:*

*"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

*The Family Received Personal Care from the Staff of*

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*"When Someone You Love Becomes A Memory; The Memory Becomes A Treasure."*

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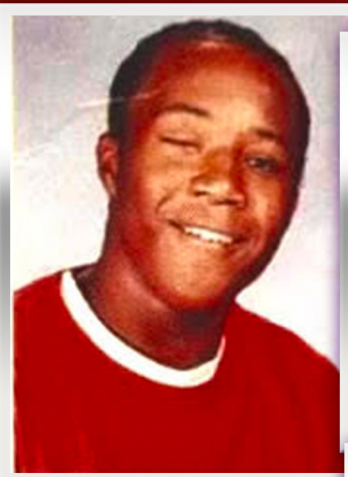
*Lanny Delwayne*

# NELSON

**JUNE 22, 1987 - MARCH 4, 2022**

# Lanny's STORY

You are not forgotten, loved one. Nor will you ever be, as long as life and memory last we will remember thee. We miss you now, our hearts are sore. As time goes by we'll miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place.



On June 22, 1987, Lanny Dewayne Nelson entered this world to Ladana Nelson and Lanny Oliver. Lanny was the 5th child of 12. At a young age, he was always family inclined. He adored being in the presence of his five brothers, Johnathan, Justin, Timothy, Michael, and Pj, and his six sisters, Carrie, Erika, Ladonna, April, Aurion, and Brittany. The love of family continued with his cousins, Richard, Javon, Dion Jr, Lawrence, Dominique, and Lil Steven. If you knew Lanny, you knew Lanny was all about his family.

He enjoyed playing games, music, and all holidays. At the young age of 11, Lanny lost his eye on the 4th of July, but he gained the strength of a Bull! Stronger than ten men. Lanny also loved to fix things. He was Mr. Fix It, "so he thought." He would fix things so well that he fixed stuff that wasn't even broken... "UNTIL HE BROKE IT!"

Lanny had a charm and a smile that was so contagious that people were drawn to him without reason. He would make any person from any walk of life feel comfortable no matter who they were. If you were in need, whether he had it or not, he would find a way to help with whatever you were in need of.

Lanny received his formal education by attending East High School in Denver. He later earned his G.E.D and picked up a trade working in construction.

Lanny was quiet and tough. He didn't start any problems but would definitely finish whatever problem that came about. One thing for sure, you better not TOUCH THE KIDS! And that meant all kids. The kids loved Lanny and were devastated if they couldn't go with uncle Lanny.



*Order of Service*  
 Friday, March 18, 2022 - 11:00am  
 Pipkin Braswell Chapel of Peace  
 6601 E. Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220  
 Pastor Paul Burleson, Officiating and Eulogist  
 Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus | Denver, Colorado

Processional.....Tara Washington/Nathaniel Black  
 "It's So Hard To Say Goodbye"

A Glimpse Till Glory.....Funeral Directors  
 The Crowning.....Pipkin Braswell Directors  
 Selection.....Musicians

"We Fall Down"

Comfort from the Scripture.....Minister  
 Old Testament  
 New Testament

Prayer.....Minister  
 Selection.....Musicians

Acknowledgements, Condolences, and Obituary.....Alvin L. Braswell

A Video Reflective Moment  
 Special Tributes

RaeLynne Hossler-Nelson Dominique Lockhart Aaron Hall  
 Honoring Lanny (Two Minute Remarks)

Selection.....Musician  
 "Never Would Have Made It"

Eulogy.....Pastor Paul Burleson  
 Committal/Closing Prayer/Benediction/Dinner Grace

Recessional.....Le'Andria Johnson  
 "Better Days"

Balloon Release (The Front Courtyard)

*Active/Honorary Pallbearers*

Timothy Nelson Michael Owens Jonathan Nelson Justin Nelson Patrick Dorsey, Jr.  
 Dominique Lockhart Dion Nelson Sr. Dion Nelson, Jr. Steven Tweed J'Shawn Nelson  
 Alexander Kirby Lawrence Lockhart Aaron Hall Adrian Hall Thomas Jordan Richard Tweed

*Private Cremation*  
 Denver, Colorado

*Acknowledgement*

Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. The family of Lanny D. Nelson.

To my husband I could sit here and write a book about the son, brother, father, husband and friend you were! but my PROMISES to you are, I promise to continue to love our children as you would want. I'll always make sure that they know how much you loved them and are always with them, and very proud of them. I promise to stay close to the family and continue to make sure I make time to stop by and check on everyone like you did. You help me find myself, you showed me unconditionally love and showed me how to love myself! "flaws and all". Thank you for the time we shared and the lifetime of memories.

*I love you my King, Your Wife!*

Losing you is something I never would've imagined, you've always been more than just a brother, I looked to you as more of a Father and from day one you've always been there even for the simplest of things. Words couldn't describe how much of a great brother, father, son, and uncle you were. A piece of me will forever be missing without you.

*I Love You - Little Sister Missy*

They say you're in a better place. That means I'm in the worse place. There's a part of me that no longer feels safe! I used to be scared of death but now I can't wait to see your face. I know you went before me so when it's my turn you can greet me at the gates! With you I felt security, and protection no matter the space Your children will be taken care of, but I know losing you, I will NEVER be ok. Your legacy will live on through me and I'ma make sure your children know their father was a KING!

*I Forever Love You, Your big sister ERIKA*

To my dearest brother up in Heaven, you will see me hug your wife hold your kids kiss your mother find your brothers love your sisters no matter what play with your niece and nephews, and be as strong as you would be, I will always have you in my heart no matter where we are.

*I Love You, Always, LaDonna*

Dear Lanny, I'm writing you this tribute so that you can know how much I deeply miss and love you I watched you grow from an annoying little kid into a great young man, father, son, uncle, and brother You were closer to me than any of the brothers probably because we stayed with each other for over 5 years yes, we had our differences but we were there for each other I will miss your laugh I will miss the way that you always were playing around with Caleb and all the kids I will never forget you I'm still always here I'll make sure that your kids are well taken care of I'll be lost for some time but know your always in my heart.

*I Love You, Lanny, Your Big Sister, Carrie*

Lanny you are my protector, you were an amazing brother and role model for your nephew you did everything for us. You taught me how to be strong, to be tough and most importantly you taught me to love myself! No matter how many dumb decisions I made you never turned your back on me, Not Once! Even though you did lecture me. I'm gonna miss that so much!!! The tough love u gave me was for a reason, you protected me, you guided me, and molded me to become a great woman. You gave me hope, that one day I could find a man that was just as amazing and accepting as you were! My brother my protector my one eye willie! Saint and I will always love you but most importantly we THANK YOU!

*Love your baby Sister Brittany*

# Tributes of Love

My baby was known by many nick names When he was little, his Aunt Darla called him "Doodle". On the Fourth of July in 1996 his new name became One Eyed Willy! Later, the One-Eyed Willy, became just Willy. Then this young man named Josh could never say Lanny so he called him Lassie. From Willy to Lassie. Then His sister Erika would call him Larry. And his nephew Saint would call him Uncle Dummy! But Everyone knew him as Train. But for Me his name will always be My BABY! (Mine) I'm going to miss MY BABY. Lanny, no matter what he went through he would KEEP a SMILE on face that was so infectious everything around would SMILE TOO! THANK YOU FOR THAT SMILE

*I LOVE YOU MY BABY MAMA*

Without a doubt ima miss you! You was the calm one I never had one argument with you but I had many times of fun. With you We experienced some life changing moments together my brother from another mother. You never judged me You always rode for me. Anything you could do, to try and help You did that! I seen you at your Low And I seen you Glow. I watched you Grow. I watched you change for the better I'm sadden by your departure And I am not cool with it at all only thing that keeps me content is because I believe Heaven is where you went.

*Your Bro in Law Bills, Love you*

Dear Lanny, You will always be celebrated. You will not be forgotten. You are truly one in a million. Not only did you fight for what you believed in but you was the first person in line on the battlefield. We didn't lose you we gained a angel and God gained a soldier. You was a protector in a provider. You took on roles that not one man on this earth will take. You knew what was right! Not only for you but for others also. There's a lot that everyone wants to say to you, but for me, I will get to see you again and sit and talk. This is not goodbye. Thank you for being THE BEST big brother, son, father, uncle I will always love you!

*Aurion*

Lanny. My little brother, but only in the since that I was born before you. God granted me life so that I was able to clear a path for your presence and prepare the world for your character. He called you home before all of us, so you could do what you always done, protect the family. You will forever be THE LIGHT, that guides us through the dark just in case if we should stumble trying to find our way. I love you little bro, and I got you, I'll see you again one day.

*Jonathan*

Tribute to my Brother!  
You gotta take the hood with the bad, and smile when your sad, love what you got, and remember what you had! Always forgive, but never forget! Learn from your mistakes! But never regret! People change! Things go wrong! But remember life goes on! And your legacy will forever live on!

*Michael (Love Papa Toni)*

Lanny you meant a lot to me. I will forever miss you and I loved you the most you did things with me and spent time with me more than anyone else and I won't ever forget that! you were the greatest brother anyone could ever ask for. I will hold you in my heart forever.

*Love you, PJ*

My Big brother from the same father and mother I'll always love you!

*Timothy*

At the age of 21, Lanny became the father of his first child, Rosaline. At that moment, who would have known that Lanny would be the best father and provider any child could ask for. When he was 26, Lanny fathered his second child, a son, Jayvion, and immediately afterward, his 3rd child, Amiya. They were his entire world.

Lanny loved all children and wouldn't allow anyone to harm a child in his presence. He was the protector of the entire family. Extremely overprotective over the ones he loved was an understatement, and he would do anything to ensure they were safe, always risking his LIFE for others.

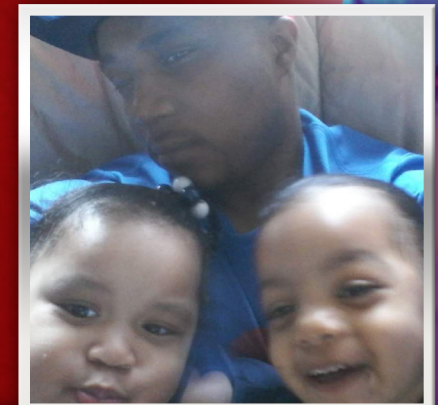
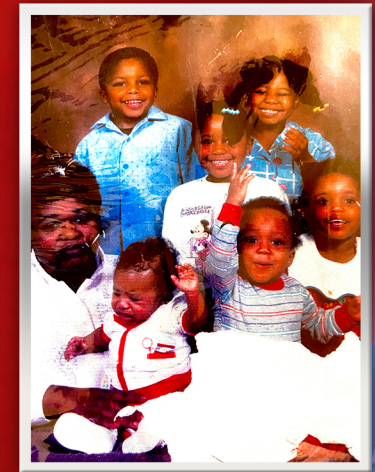
In 2018, Lanny decided he wanted more out of life and started a new journey, and that's when he found the love of his life, Raelynne. He would ask for her hand in marriage and earned what he loved most. Family! This union added four beautiful bonus children, Jayden, Journei, Jhonei, and Jayda. He loved them as if they were his very own. It took NOTHING for them to love him and eventually call him dad.

You could see the light shine through Lanny with his new wife and new life. It brought out the very best in Lanny. You could tell every time you saw him he was smiling, going to get his kids, or dropping off the kids. Either way, it was Lanny and a truck full of kids.

No matter what Lanny was going through, he carried a smile on his face, smiling thru whatever obstacle he faced. He faced it with a smile. No matter the pain or the problem, the smile was there! He smiled even brighter when he was with his wife and kids. To know Lanny was to love him.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Deshawn; uncle, Jermaine, aunt, Darla; uncle, Eddie; grandfather, Danny; and his great grandmother, Stella.

On March 4, 2022, Lanny DeWayne Nelson was called home to glory in Aurora, Colorado. Those left to cherish his memory and mourn his loss include his wife, Raelynne Hossler-Nelson; his mother, LaDana J. Nelson; 2 sons, Jayvion R.D. Trujillo Nelson and Jaydyn A. Hossler; 6 daughters, Rosaline Richardson, A'mya U. Trujillo Nelson, Journei M Hossler, J'Lonei R. Hossler, Jayda M. Hossler, Elisha R. Trujillo King; 5 brothers, Johnathan A. Nelson, Justin A. Nelson, Timothy J. Nelson, Patrick D. Dorsey, and Michael Owens; 5 sisters, Carrie J. Nelson, Erika L. (Billy) Bolas, LaDonna L. Nelson, April N. Owens, Aurion R. Swait, and Brittany L. Swait; grandparents, Patricia A. Nelson and Danny E. Nelson; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and many friends.



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# Family

is a gift that lasts forever.

