



Elaine Lester

August 31, 2000 - December 11, 2023

Elaine "Lanie" Tamila Lester (23), affectionately known as Cookie, was born on August 31, 2000. Lanie entered eternal rest on December 11, 2023, at Bridgeport Hospital, in Bridgeport, CT, after a lifelong battle with Sickle Cell Disease.

She is survived by her parents Doris and Calvin Lester Jr. and Vera White; grandmother, Alma Hammond; brother, Calvin Lester III; sisters, Lakeisha Lester, Kiyana, Kiyasha, Amari, Brynesha, Elizabeth & El Torah; nephews, Marcus Hannans, Tyshaun, Rashawn, & Amir Lester, & Izaeah Searight; nieces, Laziya Hannans & Kaniya Lester; a special aunt, Catherine McDuffie; special cousin, Karissa Hammond; & special friend, Eric Keiron.

She also leaves to cherish her memory, a host of many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends. As a young child, Elaine enjoyed singing and dancing in the children's ministry at New Flame Restoration Christian Church. She loved to dance draw, sing, style hair, listen to music, and even enjoyed rapping. She graduated from High School in the Community and was also introduced to the world of modeling. Lanie fell in love with modeling and eventually participated in several fashion shows across the State of Connecticut. She was fortunate enough to have one of her billboard portraits displayed in front of the Dixwell Fire station in New Haven, CT.

She had a kind soul, an infectious smile, a joyful spirit, and a loving heart. In recent weeks, Lanie was so excited to rededicate her life to Christ and stated, " I have been through so much, But God has never left me. I will not look back".

Elaine will truly be missed by all her loved ones and her memory will live on forever. The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider donating to Yale New Haven Hospital s Sickle Cell Support Fund.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hour

DEC 21. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

DEC 21. 6:00 PM (ET)

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95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

E4

“ *I love you baby*



E&E 4lifers - January 23, 2025 at 10:14 AM

NK

“ *Thinking of Elaine especially today 😞* □

She filled my heart with dance and song. I am so grateful for our memories together, I just wish we could make more. I know she is at peace.

I love you Elaine! □

Natalia Sandrine Katz - December 11, 2024 at 11:12 AM

EK

“ Miss you so much !!!

Heart still heavy. Mind body soul
on a million mph

I love u Queen 🕊️

Shine in Peace Bae 🧶👤❤️👤

Forever thinking bout u
Forever locked in 🗝️

PS I know u still around somewhere bc i still be finding the remote
under ya pillow



Eric Keiron - December 09, 2024 at 08:34 AM

AD

“ Amari davis lit a candle in memory of Elaine
Lester



Amari davis - December 03, 2024 at 12:29 AM

AD

“ *Amari davis lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



Amari davis - December 03, 2024 at 12:28 AM

NO

“ *NoomstarrTheGod lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



NoomstarrTheGod - December 02, 2024 at 01:53 PM

NO

“ *NoomstarrTheGod lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



NoomstarrTheGod - December 01, 2024 at 10:23 PM



“ *Noomstarr TheGod sent a virtual gift in memory of Elaine Lester*



Noomstarr TheGod - November 29, 2024 at 12:23 AM



“ Happy heavenly holidays Lai ☐ Its unreal you're not here .. I hope heavenly paradise is treating you the best .. I hope you're okay I miss you a lot I finally got my apartment a year later I know you're proud of me 😞😞 I'm so sad without you here on earth I hope you know I'll never forget you Elaine Sleep in Heavenly Paradise ☐💕☐
☐ happy heavenly thanksgiving I'm thankful for you to have been my sister and to I have been yours❤️☐ I love you this life and after



Noomstarr TheGod - November 27, 2024 at 05:36 PM

AD

“ I miss you and I love you I think about you every day ☐💔😞



amari davis - November 20, 2024 at 07:06 PM

1U

“ I’m lost out here Lai.
I Don’t know my next move. I just know I gotta
keep cooking.
That kitchen is getting hot tho.
It’s been real Dark Sunshine since you left us 5
mths ago..
And it seems like it’s only getting darker.
like you said when we last spoke 12/10
“just stay humble bae and slow to anger”



How long will that last when my peace is not here anymore?

I love you
I’ll see you there.....

Forever love
-Bae Daddy-

130 Newhall ST (All are welcome) Bz up - May 10, 2024 at 08:56 AM



Stay strong !!!! Love nunum !

Amari Davis - August 10, 2024 at 06:16 PM



She will want you too keep going remember everything she taught you
bro ! She watching us I know it hurts! I miss her dearly

Amari Davis - August 10, 2024 at 06:17 PM

BO



Bonkers - September 07, 2024 at 08:08 PM

NE

“ *"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.."

Neenie - February 11, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AD



amari davis - November 20, 2024 at 07:08 PM

HJ

“ *Hope Johnson lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



Hope Johnson - December 22, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JO

“ I love you so much Elaine!! I'm so glad that I was able to create memories with you and got to experience the real you💕 You were always real and had so much energy. Your energy was so unmatched & you never showed what you went through. If people didn't know you, they wouldn't know that you went through anythinggg. You were so strong and always smiled through your pain... We will miss you in this crazy world we live in!! 🧡



Jonae - December 21, 2023 at 01:35 PM

NA

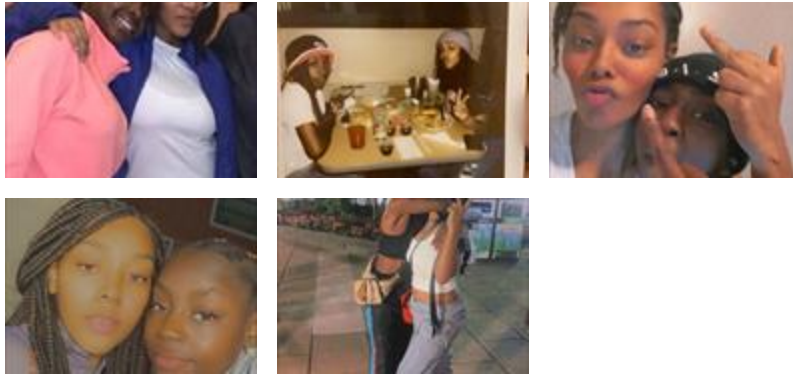
“ I love youuu💜



nasia - December 21, 2023 at 09:51 AM

RM

“ Man I don't even know what to say💔My Jelly to my peanut butter
😭 My heart ❤️ My Cousinnn 😭 My everything 😭💔 I feel so lost
and stuck inside 😭💔 You took my heart with you 💔 Elaine i know
we told eachother this all the time but I love you so much and so
glad God put you in my life not just as a cousin but a friend and my
plus 1 sister 🍷🍷🍷 You always held a special place in my Heart and
you and God knew that ❤️ My Lanie baby ❤️🕊️ Fly High Beautiful
💜 I Love You Cousin 💜



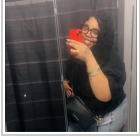
Ronisha Moore - December 20, 2023 at 08:04 PM

MC

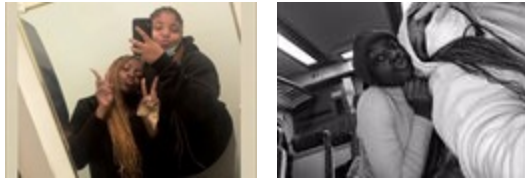
“ My Condolences to the family



Maria Coardes - December 20, 2023 at 06:39 PM



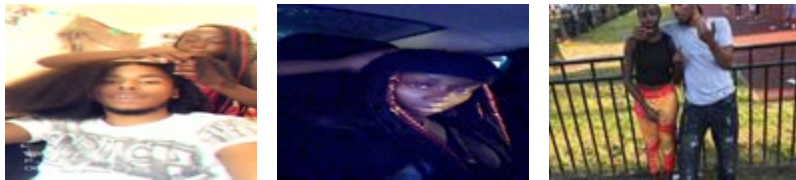
“ I love you for life cousin 💜👤 there’s no one else like you , your smile , your soul , your laughter , your swag and how you carry yourself ! I’ll never forget you my baby 💜💜🤔



SH EA - December 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ Never imagined you leaving me forever !! You left me with a heavy heart ! I’m hurt 😞 u was one of my favorite lil cousins 👤💜💛 I DID NOT PLAY ABOUT YOU (NEVER WILL) but I just know u don’t ever gotta suffer ever again never gotta go thru pain nothing like dat I love you forever 👤😞😞 and I’ll see you later my baby !! 👤👤💜💛



calvin - December 20, 2023 at 06:18 AM





“ We love you Lai 💜💜



Tee myaa - December 20, 2023 at 06:11 AM

AD

“ I love you  in this life and the after Lai  ☐



amari davis - December 19, 2023 at 09:08 PM

EM

“ Ernestine mcgee lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester



Ernestine mcgee - December 19, 2023 at 06:31 PM

AD

“Lai it's mi Noom aka Amari you were not just my sister but you were my homie the day I got the call the breath was taken from my chest I don't understand and I don't know why I think there should be an autopsy but I have no say so I leave it to the most high our memories I'll never forget the prayers we prayed I will pray them forever we had plans to travel model act dance rap on stage together I don't get it ! I wasn't ready for you go and I'll never be ready to say goodbye I'll see you later your in peace in heaven and your amazing I love you forever you are great brilliant one of none I will never forget you hug mi in spirit 💔 my twinnem sisters by chance friends by choice your one of none twin you were a flower we never seen before ❤️ thank you for everything im sorry for everything I pray you sleep in peace and watch over mi ever day all day I am so hurt Lai ! 💔💔💔💔 I love you Lai rock the heavens !sleep in peace babygirl 🙏 you will forever be missed beautiful 💔💔💔💔 until we see eachother again forever my sis ! I'll never forget you !!💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔💔



amari davis - December 19, 2023 at 01:21 PM

MI

“It's Mimi , I LOVE YOU GIRL for life and after ..

miazhay - December 19, 2023 at 11:35 AM

MA

“ I love you sister 💜 🙄 till we meet again 😞



Mahaghaneer - December 19, 2023 at 07:18 AM

AP

“ Aunt Peachy lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester



Aunt Peachy - December 18, 2023 at 11:34 PM

DO

“ donisha lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester



donisha - December 18, 2023 at 09:36 PM

MB

“ What's shakin bakin.? Hey beautiful?. I'm going to miss hearing that from you every time I walked threw the door and that bright smile 😞 rest up Queen. I love you so much. God Bless ya gorgeous soul. #4lifers



Mon Beau - December 18, 2023 at 06:13 PM

ED

“ *Evadale Daniels-Smith lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



Evadale Daniels-Smith - December 18, 2023 at 11:13 AM

DH

“ *Deashiana Hammond lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



Deashiana Hammond - December 16, 2023 at 03:28 AM

DH

“ *Laine its little Alma I am going to miss you rest in heavenly peace with the most high god Allah love you so much Laine.*

Deashiana Hammond - December 16, 2023 at 03:28 AM

TH

“ *tommy hammond lit a candle in memory of Elaine Lester*



tommy hammond - December 16, 2023 at 03:23 AM

TH

“ Laine it's uncle peewee u are going to be so missed I still can't believe ur gone on home to be with the most high god Allah I am going to miss the time we talked so much you was so funny and so true when you wanted to be Laine. Laine I remember when we were all up the hill for Thanksgiving and u would come and talk so much and be so funny and happy I am going to miss you so rest in heavenly peace until we meet again and never depart from one another my fun lovely niece ii love you so much put Allah the most high god have u now he needed you so rest in peace 🙏 with Allah are great god Elaine. Love you uncle peewee forever Laine.

tommy hammond - December 16, 2023 at 03:21 AM

EM

I'm crying again Laine I'm not going to run into you at the stores anymore I love ❤️ you you are going to be misses so much but you are in good hands now take your rest my 💜💔😭

Ernestine mcgee - December 19, 2023 at 06:23 PM

ST

Totally shaken by the news of your passing. However, what came to mind as pieces of your life over the last few months were revealed to me by those who were used by the hand of God to show you the love that you desired the most, is the phrase 'painful joy'!. God sought after you relentlessly, & you answered;recommited your heart to the Father and months later, openly professed your faith in baptism! What a beautiful sight, captured for all to see thag God loved you beyond measure! We are rejoicing that you are resting, truly in Heavenly Peace, but will miss your beautiful smile. Love- Aunt Steph, Uncle Ron, Faith, Hope & Charity

Stephanie - December 19, 2023 at 07:00 PM