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**ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023,
12-2 PM, FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 2 PM AT NEW WELLS GROVE BAPTIST
CHURCH, 6224 TENNESSEE 161, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT IS
IN RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Life. Of. The. Party.

There is no better way to describe Vanessa, than just that. The moment she walked into a room, she commanded all the attention with her upbeat personality and alluring energy. Vanessa never met a stranger and would give the shirt off her back to those she loved. From Columbia, KY to Springfield, TN and literally every place in between, you will find someone who has a story about a fun time with Vanessa. Vanessa Bailey-Darden passed away in the early hours of September 26, 2023, after a long, courageous fight with breast cancer.

Vanessa Dawn Bailey-Darden was born in Columbia, KY on June 6, 1963, to Doris Bailey and Charles Payne. Although she was a rebellious teen, she always managed to find her way back into her mother's arms. Vanessa shared so many memories with friends visiting Weavers, having Mexican at Elmo's or hosting barbecues at her home. Best believe, she was going to be there taking pictures.

Vanessa will always be remembered for how she could make a friend anywhere she went. You can ask a co-worker about her at any job she held, and the first words are always "I just love Vanessa!" She was a hard worker, sometimes working 2 jobs at a time, with no complaints. She just loved life. She would always be the first one to tell you how proud she was, or how cute you look. Vanessa wanted to see everyone shine, not realizing how bright her own light was. She didn't take care of people for the praise, she just did it because she loved you.

Vanessa was preceded in death by her daughter, Savannah Porter; brothers Darrell Bailey and Shawn Dowlen; nephew Phillip Bailey and mother Doris Bailey. She is survived by her husband Reggie Darden of Springfield, TN; sister Shelly Waters of Bardstown, KY; brother Derrick Dowlen of Springfield, TN; grandchildren Kaylendra, Korian and Kylie of Bardstown, KY; niece Joslyne (Patrick) Reed of Bardstown, KY and the Elmo Sisters of Springfield, TN. She is also survived by a plethora of family and friends that have become family over the years.