



LaVerne Paul Lanko

November 7, 1979 - April 27, 2018

LaVerne Paul Lanko, 38, of New Haven, passed away on April 27, 2018 in McLaren Macomb Hospital surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born on November 7, 1979 in New Haven.

LaVerne loved his daughters they were his life along with his niece and nephew. He was the life of his family. LaVerne loved to travel and enjoyed the outdoors. He was the owner and operator of Lanko Concessions traveling with carnivals.

He is survived by his daughters: Nicole Lynn Lanko, Amber Rose Lanko and Vanessa Francesca; beloved son of Robin Whitenburg and LaVerne C. Lanko; sister, Krystle Lanko; niece, Selena Tellez-Lanko; nephew, Samuel Martinez-Lanko; special brothers and friends: Anthony Johnson and Miguel Mandez; stepfather, Franklin Partaka; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

LaVerne was preceded in death by his grandparents: Paul and Dorothy Whitenburg and Clarence and Eleanor Lanko and a sister, Kimberly Cumberworth-Lanko.

Funeral services will be scheduled at a later date.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Wishes of the Family.

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“ My father was a great friend, family member, and father. I would never think I would lose my parent that soon but God wanted him home and trusted that me and the girls had enough knowledge and strength for him to go home. I know he is up there watching us and everyone he loved, life might get rough but I always think its him challenging me knowing I'll get through it one way or another. My dad always said "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference." I really miss him terribly and it hurts but I take that hurt in me and try to accomplish things that I know he would be so proud of. I got accepted to take college courses in the fall and I know he always wanted his girls to become something in life so I'm starting. Theres so much I wanted to have you here for dad, like when I graduate from high school, or in a VERY long time walk me down the isle, or even in a LONGER time hold your grandchildren and teach them somethings that you taught me when I was young. Dad loved and enjoyed the carnival as much as a fat kid likes chocolate cake, (He always said that) but while I was growing up we met some amazing people out on the road, we seen some amazing sights, and did some awesome and fun things traveling. I definitely miss being out on the road as do my sister but were doing great getting on to our schooling and achieving great things! From me and the girls, we love and miss you so so much and we'll be home when its our time. Ill always have you in my heart, it will always and forever be #TeamLanko. Love always and forever -Amber Lanko



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“ He was a really good guy. He loved his daughters as much as a father could love his children. If anyone even knew how much his children met, it was him. He was admired in the carnival business and was successful and envied for his love for the traveling and the industry. It is such a shame to pass this young man but as in every death it was time to be with the lord. People often digress from religion when something like this happens but we must take comfort in this was God's plan and good things will come from his death in forms of spiritual healing and the notion that we really don't know how much time we have on this earth and we must make the best of it everyday. For yesterday was the past, tomorrow is the future and today is a gift that is why we call it the present. An officer I served with from the military once said that not judge a person by what they have or who they have but rather know a person by how they lived and treated others is measure by the attendance at their funeral. And where there may not be everyone that is able to attend, if they were Verne's funeral would sell out Madison Square Garden. God bless all his family especially his beautiful daughters. May they live as he did, love as he did and enjoy life as he did.

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“ Girls,

Your dad loved you so much. I know he will never be far from your thoughts and I am sure he will continue to look down on you all with pride. I so wish there was something that would make this better for you. You have our deepest sympathies. We love you.

Laura and Caitlin Cunningham

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