



Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain

July 18, 1950 - March 28, 2023

Laurestine K Swain AKA “Tine”

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Laurestine Kinsey Swain was born on July 18, 1950, in Kinston, North Carolina to Wesley Kinsey and Mildred Patterson Kinsey. She was raised in Kinston and attended Lenoir County Schools—Bynum Elementary, Sampson Junior High and Adkin High School, where she graduated in 1968. She attended NC State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. Tine passed peacefully from this world into the hands of God on Tuesday morning, March 28, 2023.

Tine loved the Lord, her pastor, Bishop Rosie S O’neal and KCC church family, which is the only church she ever joined as a member. She would cry, laugh, and be inspired by the music and the word of God. In addition, her passions included time with family, traveling, cooking, drum camps, and her NC State Wolfpack teams. She always looked forward to family gatherings where she and her sister-in-law, Alice Faye Bynum, would cook up delicious meals and enjoy lots of laughs. She was a world traveler and just to name a few places—Japan, all throughout Europe (including London and Paris), Mexico, and Canada. In addition to various states in North Carolina, she also lived in Virginia, Canada, Texas, Chicago, Michigan, and Baltimore. She began cooking later in life, and became very good at it. She made the best rib

rubs, chopped BBQ and cheese cakes. She loved the cooking channel and All-Recipes website. For 30 years, she and one of her life-long best friends, Judith Comartin, founded and operated a women-only drum camp, JT Productions, where women all over the world descended on Canada to enjoy drumming, networking, workshops, and fun. As for sports, it was all about her NC Wolfpack teams and sports in general.

Her family and friends saw her as a person with a huge heart, who loved love, compassionate, would give her last, the best listener, prioritized fruitful relationships, loved any body of water (ie. beach, lake) and so much more.

Tine was preceded in death by her father, Wesley Kinsey, mother, Mildred Patterson Kinsey, brother, Wesley Kinsey Jr., and sister, Pamela K Kinsey.

Tine leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memories her two sons, Kevin Swain of Vero Beach, FL and Timothy Swain of the home and primary caregiver, Winterville, NC; niece, Shawner English (Merlin) of Winterville, NC; and a host of cousins, extended family members and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EC

“ Still missing you very much! REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!!!❤️🕊️



Ernest and Jo-Anne Clemons - March 28 at 10:09 AM



“ Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ Tine’s energy and inner light radiated out and sparked endless light and joy in others. I appreciated her passion for Womyn’s Drum Camp and her genuine authenticity. Shine on, beautiful sister. Sending love and light. ❤️🕊️

Jody Kitson-Roy - April 30, 2023 at 08:27 AM

MB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Monika BB - April 09, 2023 at 11:54 AM

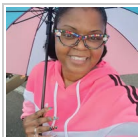
MB

“Tine, you will never be forgotten. Vero and I will always cherish memories of your welcoming warmth, your smile and your stories from decades past.

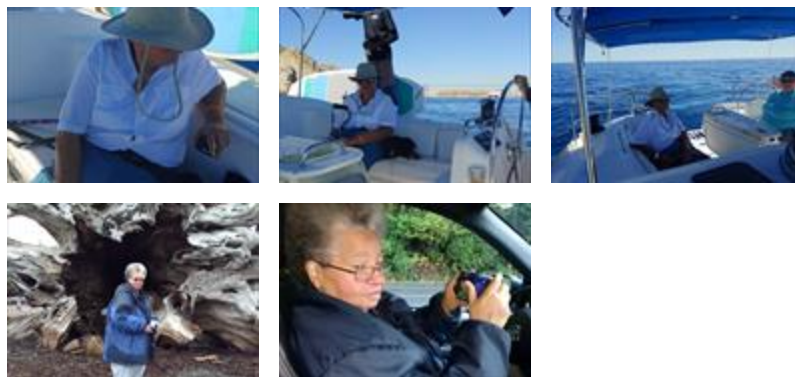
Along with Judith, you are leaving behind a beautiful legacy in the form of Drum Camp.

Rest In Peace, rest in Power, sweet soul.

Monika BB - April 09, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“I thank and praise God for bringing you into my life! Forever in my ❤️ heart!!



Pamela Smith - April 07, 2023 at 05:20 PM

AN

“Tine - what a wonderful woman who contributed to the happiness of myself and my daughters who attended many Ontario Womyns Drum Camps. Her physical being will be missed but I take solace in treasured memories. The Camps were for only for a few days a year - but her impression of kindness and openness are long-lasting.
Angela

Angela - April 03, 2023 at 10:15 AM

MG

“ *Marsha Hill Gray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain*



Marsha Hill Gray - April 03, 2023 at 09:50 AM

CL

“ *Tine was a wonderful woman and well loved and appreciated by so many of us through all the years of drum camp. There are lots of special memories of Tine and the feeling of love and connection that rippled out far beyond camp. The world is a better place having had her in it. My heart goes out to her family and loved ones. Claire* ❤️



Claire Lepine - April 02, 2023 at 02:56 PM

CC

“ *Christy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain*



Christy Campbell - April 01, 2023 at 03:34 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Judith Comartin - April 01, 2023 at 01:35 PM

JC

“ Tim, Kevin, Shawner, Alice and all the others who gave her care in these last years, Please know that when she came to Canada ---to The Ontario Womyn's Drum Camp that we all loved so much --- She was loved as she gave Love and Patience. Now she lives in Joy!
Judith Comartin

Judith Comartin - April 01, 2023 at 01:31 PM

LT

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to everyone in Tine's life. Her wonderful presence will always be felt at Drum Camp and beyond. Rest now, dear Tine, knowing your love, spirit, smile and humanity touched us all. Deep gratitude for the opportunity to meet you and reap so many gifts from the drum camp community.

linda tucker - April 01, 2023 at 12:50 PM

DJ

“ DJUANA R JACKSON-MOORE lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain



DJUANA R JACKSON-MOORE - April 01, 2023 at 10:51 AM

DJ

“ I will never forget the time I was able and allowed to work with Ms. Tine and her sister Ms. Pam. We had so many good laughs and ate well together, Ms. Tine would cook those chicken wings in the oven, and they be so pretty. I asked her to make me some and she did I was so grateful for all the times we spent together. I will never forget you Ms, Tine. I know Ms. Pam was waiting with open arms to say What we eating Tine. Until we meet again!

DJUANA R JACKSON-MOORE - April 01, 2023 at 10:49 AM

DJ

“ 5 files added to the album Ms.Laurestine Kinsey Swain



DJUANA R JACKSON-MOORE - April 01, 2023 at 10:20 AM

KK

“ My deep condolences to friends and family of Tine. As a new attendee of drum camp, her spirit was felt. Deep bows and gratitude to the work done, and the vibrations that continue out. Sending love to those close.

Kim Kutner - April 01, 2023 at 08:15 AM

DB

“ I met Tine at my first drum camp just before covid. I can still remember her giant smile and her laugh. I am so grateful for the wonderful safe space that she created for everyone at camp. She will be missed.

Denise Blaney - March 31, 2023 at 10:39 PM

TR

“ Tine. What can I say. You were a pillar of strength and comfort for me. Whenever I stood close to you I felt safe, accepted, comforted and free to be exactly who I was in that moment. You will be missed and you will always be in my heart! Thank you for creating such a transformative space for women to gather together in community and song, dance, and of course DRUM.
You are in our hearts! 🔥⚡

tristamandia - March 31, 2023 at 06:46 PM

DS

“ I first met Tine about 5 years ago when I attended my first Ontario Womyn's Drum Camp. Both Tine and Judith greeted me along with Sue by smiling and saying "It s You!". I felt so welcomed right from the moment I stepped on the soil. From there on, I did my best to attend every summer.

I have to share that I was quite desperate to make it to this past summer's 2022 camp at White Pine, but was unable to commit until the very last minute. Who was it that did all my paper work and said she would do everything possible to get me ready and set up for this summer? None other than Tine. All this while she was battling this horrible disease. That speaks volumes about the type of person she was. I will miss her dearly, but know that Tine is smiling down on us all and will be surrounded by the beautiful echoes of our drums, voices and spirits this summer and always. We will miss you dearly, but your legacy lives on in all of us!

Daniela Schon - March 31, 2023 at 05:26 PM

JH

“ I had such an uplifting soul enhancing experience at drum camp thanks to the vision of Ms. Tine Swain. A sisterhood leader. Safe journey to our friend.



Janet Henstock - March 31, 2023 at 03:57 PM

MS

“ Tine, you were always so kind and gentle with me at drum camp. Thank you for providing a safe and powerful space for women to come together and celebrate the drum. May you rest in peace! Mar Stevens

Mar Stevens - March 31, 2023 at 03:13 PM

EH

“ With sad hearts Etta, Tshombe, and Jamaal extend our heartfelt sympathy to Kevin , Tim and Shawna. May the fond memories of Tine be of great comfort to you at this difficult time. May God Bless You and give you Peace.

Etta Hamilton - March 31, 2023 at 02:56 PM

MH

“ My first year at drum camp was 2022 and it was such a powerful uplifting experience to drum with so many women. Though I did not know Laurenstine, I am ever grateful to be able to honor her legacy.

Maryann Hopper - March 31, 2023 at 12:34 PM

CR

“ My love and prayers goes to the soul of Laurenstine, family and friends. Céline Romanin

celine Romanin - March 31, 2023 at 10:48 AM

TV

“ My lasting memory of Tine is at the Ontario Womyn's Drum Camp 2022 seeing her sitting back on a chair with a huge smile on her face, eyes closed, taking in the vibrations of the women drumming. A granny smith apple tree will be planted on womyn's land north of Montreal QC Canada this summer.



Tam Verrall - March 31, 2023 at 09:33 AM

MJ

“Tine , You left us with the beautiful gift of love, sisterhood and compassion. Now it is your time to shine amongst the stars ☆.Maureen Joyce



Maureen Joyce - March 31, 2023 at 09:33 AM

DN

“Denise Nowell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain



Denise Nowell - March 30, 2023 at 09:00 PM

CB

“Callie Burney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain



callie burney - March 30, 2023 at 05:44 PM

EC

“We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain. May Jesus comfort and strengthen each of you during this time of bereavement. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Memories of Laurestine will always be cherished in our hearts and minds. She will be greatly missed.



Ernest and Jo-Anne Clemons - March 30, 2023 at 05:04 PM

EE

“ *As Tine enters the Ancestral Realm may she now rest in the arms of the Ancestors. Sending Light, Blessings and Love to all her family and friends.*

Much Love, Eddie Clement Swan (aka Ed)

Eddie Clement Swan (aka Ed) - March 30, 2023 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ *Thank you Tine, for all you gave to the world. A life to be proud of. A woman to be remembered with love*



Deb Brown - March 29, 2023 at 10:48 PM

KK

“ *Tine brought so much joy to us at Ontario Womens' Drum Camp. She will be missed, and remembered always. To her family, sorry for your loss.*

Karen Kelly - March 29, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Jill Liles lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain*



Jill Liles - March 29, 2023 at 06:23 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - March 29, 2023 at 09:58 AM

R&

“ *Rev.Milton & Delores Staton &Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Laurestine Kinsey Swain*



Rev.Milton & Delores Staton &Family - March 28, 2023 at 11:00 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home Staff - March 28, 2023 at 11:25 AM