



## Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman

December 27, 1932 - February 12, 2022

### Obituary

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..."

II Timothy 4:7-8

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 on Friday, February 18, 2022 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Interment will be at St. Landry Mausoleum in Opelousas, LA. Fr. Lambert Lein, S.V.D., Pastor of Holy Ghost Catholic Church, will be officiating the funeral mass.

Visiting will begin on Friday, February, 18, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA. The Ladies Auxillary Knights of Peter Claver will perform ritual at 9:30 a.m. and the rosary to follow.

In the evening hours of February 12, 2022, God in his infinite wisdom, while strolling through his flower garden, spotted a beautiful delicate red rose in full bloom situated in the midst of the heavenly garden. That was just ripe for the plucking. This beautiful red rose was tagged, "Lula Beatrice Milburn Chatman." Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt has heard "Well Done" of the Lord and has entered the joys of His reward. She departed this life at 9:30 p.m. at her home surrounded by her family.

December 27, 1932 was a very special day; for on this day, a beautiful baby girl was born to two loving parents—the late Elizabeth Thompson and Earl Milburn, Sr. This beautiful baby girl as delicate as a rose was named Lula Beatrice Milburn.

Lula graduated from St. Landry Training School in 1951 and went on to further her education at Southern University where she received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. A lifelong educator, she taught elementary school at Teche Elementary School, Paul S. Dunbar, and Southwest Elementary for 36 years. Lula met and married the late Aloysius J. Chatman, Sr. and to this union seven children were born. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church where she loved working at the church and praising the Lord. She taught Religious Education Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes for many years, worked tirelessly with the Holy Ghost's Creole Festival, and sang in the Adult Choir. She was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Peter Claver 3rd and 4th Degree and Mary's Sodality. She also sat on two

boards: St. Landry Parish Federal Credit Union and the Holy Trinity Villa. Lula was an active member of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, (LRTA), Retired Educators Association, Retired Teachers Association, Secretary for Life Champions Organization, Treasurer for AARP St. Landry Pioneers, and was a member of Black Unity and Spiritual Togetherness (BUST) that was started by Fr. Albert J. McKnight.

Lula loved spending time with her family, volunteering, laughing and always wearing a smile on her face. She was an avid traveller and had a passion for flowers and gardening. She was a loving and caring person, devoted wife, mother, friend always thinking of other first. "To know her was to love her."

Lula leaves in God's care and to cherish her memory, five daughters: Sharon McGee (Arthur) of New Orleans, LA, Lillian Anthony (Kevin) of St. Louis, MO, Julia King (Tim) of Lafayette, LA, Erica Chatman of New Iberia, LA and Rhonda Carter (Craig) of McKinney, TX; two sons, Aloysius J. Chatman, Jr. (Carol) of Phoenix, AZ and Eric Chatman (Tamiko) of Opelousas, LA; six sisters: Alverda Goins (Richard) of Opelousas, LA, Marilyn Williams of Shreveport, LA, Carrie B. Hawkins (Richard) of Keithville, LA, Constance M. Stringfellow (Bill) of Moreno Valley, CA, Diane Leath (Jimmy) of Greensboro, NC; three brothers, Andra Thompson (Catherine) of Baton Rouge, LA, Columbus Thompson (Linda) of Pensacola, FL, and Curley Milburn (Joyce) of Opelousas, LA; 15 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lula was preceded in death by her husband Aloysius J. Chatman, Sr.; parents Earl Milburn, Sr. and Elizabeth Thompson; two brothers, Earl Milburn, Jr. and Jerry Thompson; sisters Elvira Dundy, Rose M. Hughes, Teddie Taylor, Wilma Ford, Velma Thompson, and Jo Ella Stewart.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to the church home Lula was devoted to and loved dearly, Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 747 N. Union St., Opelousas, LA 70570, (337) 942-2732. Contributions may also be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association <http://www.apdaparkinson.org>.

Donations may be mailed to: PO Box 61420 Staten Island NY 10306 800-223-2732

Funeral service will be livestreamed at this link <https://www.hgcatholic.org/>

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

# Comments

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“ I remember her beautiful smile everytime she and her family would visit her mom, Ms. Thompson. It's been years since I last saw her in Opelousas and she had that beautiful smile then.

**Sherell Jackson** - February 25 at 10:08 AM

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“ Sherell Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman



**Sherell Jackson** - February 25 at 10:07 AM

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“ Mrs. Chatman was my 4th grade teacher and Mr. Chatman my 6th grade teacher. I still remember Mrs. Chatman's kindness and the patience she had with us as students.

Prayers for comfort and peace for the family.

Mary Jane Rose Hooker

**Mary Hooker** - February 20 at 05:33 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and your family.

**Wanda & Larry Caillier** - February 19 at 12:31 PM

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“ Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman



**Yolanda** - February 19 at 11:34 AM

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“ Mrs. Chatman and the entire family welcomed me into her home for my first American Thanksgiving. A wonderful day I will never forget, thank you.  
~A.M.

**andrew m** - February 19 at 09:46 AM

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“ Sandra Milburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman



**Sandra Milburn** - February 18 at 07:14 PM

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“ Our Aunt was a blessing, her memory a treasure. She was loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure. Thinking of our cousins during this difficult time and praying for your peace, comfort and strength. With love, Khris and Kera

**Andrea Spears** - February 18 at 12:19 PM

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“ May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.

**Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz** - February 18 at 12:18 PM



“ Al, Carolyn & Family, we are lifting you in prayer as you prepare to lay your dear Mother to rest. May God’s everlasting promises & love strengthen you today & over the days ahead. Rest in Glory Mrs. Chatman. Well done thy faithful servant.

Love,

Carole, Booker & Family

**Carole Henry** - February 18 at 11:08 AM

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“ Constance M Stringfellow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman



**Constance M Stringfellow** - February 17 at 09:42 PM

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“ With sympathy, Nathan and Joy Moore purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman.



**With sympathy, Nathan and Joy Moore** - February 17 at 05:45 PM

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“ Mrs. Chatman, who I have always affectionately addressed her, was my fourth grade elementary teacher, and also the teacher for several of my brothers and my sister. I have grown-up and achieved my Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University. It is on the shoulders of Mrs. Chatman and the late Mr. Chatman that myself and my siblings were lifted to where we are today.

Condolences to the Chatman family. Your Mother was well loved for her kindness and grace that she always portrayed even many, many years after those elementary early years. She always remembered us. Such love. Such grace. My eternal gratitude to her and to you for sharing her with so many.

Anita Alexander (4th grade class of 1968-1969)

Anita - February 17 at 05:17 PM

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“ Mrs. Chatman was a beautiful person, I have fond memories of her and the family. She had a warm spirit a great sense of humor. We pray for comfort and support to the family during this time. Love, Eric & Mia



Mia & Eric Vincent - February 17 at 05:13 PM

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“ Condolences to the family for the loss of your mother and our cousin always smiling. May God bless and keep you strong. Jeff&Mary Barnes

Mary Barnes - February 17 at 03:20 PM

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“ Curel Milburn-Hollins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman



Curel Milburn-Hollins - February 17 at 08:48 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman.



February 16 at 08:48 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman.



February 16 at 08:01 PM

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“ My it's been a long time since I saw her but pleasant memories will linger forever. My first cousin who was always very smart. To the family please know what hat God always keep his promise an she has gone home to be with the lord. A great Lady and a Beautiful Cousin. Floyd Hunt, Jr.

Florida (Yancy) Hunt Jr - February 16 at 04:04 PM

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“ My prayers and condolences to the Chatman family in the loss of your beloved mother.  
Rest in peace, Ms. Lula. She was a kind and beautiful person. Earth has no sorrow and Heaven cannot heal.



**BARBARA THOMAS** - February 16 at 02:11 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman.



February 16 at 02:09 PM

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“ From: Darryl and Regina Hodges purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman.



**From: Darryl and Regina Hodges** - February 16 at 01:29 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lula Beatrice Chatman.



February 16 at 12:41 PM

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“ Prayers and condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, associates, and fellow HG church members. Fond memories of working along with her on the HG potato peeling team!



**Andrea Brisco** - February 16 at 12:20 PM

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“ Condolences to the family . May the Lord watch over you/family.She will greatly miss.Curley/Joyce Milburn.

**Joyce/Curley Milburn** - February 16 at 11:33 AM