



## Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez

September 14, 1940 - November 4, 2023

Ann Elaine Collins Dartez was born on September 14, 1940 in Opelousas, Louisiana to Erwin and Estelle Lucille Lemelle Collins. Her journey on this earthly plane was one of unwavering grace, and compassion. On November 4, 2023, our beloved Elaine was called to her eternal home, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion to her faith, family and friends.

Elaine graduated from Holy Ghost High School in 1958 and attended Grambling State University before returning to Opelousas to marry her high school sweetheart and pursue a career as a legal secretary. She worked for Attorney Richard B. Millspaugh and the St. Landry Parish District Attorney's office for over forty years before retiring. Shortly thereafter, Elaine worked as an administrative assistant for Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church for nearly a decade.

Elaine's love for her family was boundless. She was a selfless and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, godmother, sister, and aunt who cherished quality time with her loved ones above all else. Her nurturing spirit and unwavering support were a testament to her deep commitment to family values, and she leaves behind cherished memories that will forever live in our hearts.

Elaine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Andrew Harold Dartez; her daughter, Karen Denise Dartez; parents, Erwin and Lucille Lemelle Collins; brother, Charles Collins; and sister, Jacquelyn Marie Collins Green.

She is survived by her brother, Jerome Paul Collins, Sr. (Sylvia) of Opelousas,

Louisiana; sister, Estelle Louise Vincent (Harold) of Algiers, Louisiana; brother, Joseph Erwin Collins (Cheryl) of Opelousas, Louisiana; sister-in-law, Gloria Collins (Charles) of Phoenix, Arizona; son, David Dartez (Jennifer) of Ventress, Louisiana; two granddaughters, Michelle A. Dartez of Opelousas, Louisiana and Malia Dartez-Nowlin (Destini) of Austin, Texas; two grandsons, Jaedyn and Braelyn Collier of Ventress, Louisiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

“Therefore, you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”

-John 16:22

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hour will be observed from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park.

Share words of comfort with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez.



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November 17, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ Aunt Gloria & your family in Arizona planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez.

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**Aunt Gloria & your family in Arizona** - November 17, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ To the Dartez, Collins, Green and Vincent families, and all those who loved our Elaine.

*I am so sorry that I can't be there with you to celebrate Elaine's beautiful life. I will be eternally grateful that I was able to spend memorable time with her this year. Being there with her and our families is something I will treasure forever.*

*To Dave and her beloved granddaughters, I know that you will miss her greatly. Just remember how much she loved you.*

*Lou, Jerome, and Joe, she loved you like only a "big sister" can. Treasure that love.*

*May she rest in peace.*

*Aunt Gloria and the Arizona Collins Family*

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**Gloria Collins** - November 17, 2023 at 06:59 PM

SC

“ *Dear Harold and Louise,*

*Just a note to let you know that I am thinking about you and praying for you. May God grant you the grace and strength you need at this time of sorrow.*

*Love you and miss you.*

*Love and Prayers,*

*Sr. Jean Marie*

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**Sr. Jean Marie Craig** - November 17, 2023 at 09:28 AM

BF

“ *May she rest in peace...*  
*Brenda B. Francis, ASBS, Rayne*



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**Brenda Francis** - November 17, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez.*



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November 17, 2023 at 07:44 AM

GD

“ Gina D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez.

Gina D. - November 17, 2023 at 07:44 AM



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November 16, 2023 at 07:12 PM

BL

“ To Louise and all surviving family members, you will see her again. Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed Rest In Peace.

Barbara Lombard - November 16, 2023 at 12:44 PM

CG

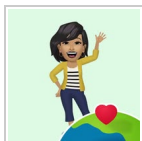
“ Sincerest condolences to the Dartez and Collins family members and associates!

Curley Green - November 15, 2023 at 05:44 PM

MA

“ My dear Louise and members of your family, my deepest condolences! May Elaine have eternal peace!”Weeping may endure for a night, but the happiness of being reunited with her family will bring “joy in the morning “  
Sincerely, Dr.Marva Broussard Allison n family

Marv Allison - November 11, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. Mrs Elaine will be greatly missed.



Barbara Thomas - November 11, 2023 at 06:01 PM

UJ

“ Sending sympathy and prayers to the family of Elaine. We admired and respected her. A great role model for all of us! May she rest in peace! (Ulysse & Glenda Joubert)

Ulysse & Glenda Joubert - November 11, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ To my Godmother I will love u always Nanny Thank u for your unconditional love as always your Light will shine bright. Always  
Your Godchild Janita collins

Janita collins - November 11, 2023 at 01:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez.*



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November 10, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ *Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Ann Dartez*



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**Rosalie Meullion** - November 10, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Lakeview HOA purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Ann Elaine Dartez.*



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**Lakeview HOA** - November 10, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *To Estelle and family... Death leaves a heartache no one can heal - Love leaves memories no one can steal." .... May the memories of your love one and the love of God comfort you and mend your broken heart.*

*God's peace,  
Jeannie, ASBS*

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**Eugenia Foster Adams** - November 09, 2023 at 05:42 PM