



Mrs. Barbara Etta Zachary

June 6, 1932 - October 24, 2025

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With hearts full of love and gratitude, we celebrate the life of Mrs. Barbara Etta Zachary, who passed peacefully into eternal rest on Friday, October 24, 2025, at the age of 93. Surrounded by family and wrapped in the grace of God's love, she left this world just as she lived in it—with faith, dignity and an open heart.

Barbara met the love of her life, Eugene, in 1965. Together, they built a beautiful life in San Francisco, California. After retiring, they discovered a shared passion for travel and especially enjoyed spending time together on cruises.

In 2003, they returned to Opelousas to be closer to their family and lifelong friends. They made their home at C'est La Vie Independent Living Facility, where they continued to create cherished memories and share their joy for life with everyone around them.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, October 31, 2025, at Holy Ghost Parish Life Center in Opelousas, Louisiana, with Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, S.V.D. officiating. Interment will follow in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery.

Barbara is lovingly remembered by her cherished nieces, Sherlyn and Franchetta Wyble both of New Orleans, LA; one nephew, Kirk Wyble (Jennifer) of Ocala, FL; one great nephew, Eric Giron of Pearland, TX; as well as a host of devoted relatives and dear friends, who held a special place in her heart.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband and soulmate, Eugene Zachary, the love of her life; her parents, Theo and Eloise Lemelle Gailes; three sisters, Gloria Giron, Eloise Wyble and Delores Gailes; one brother, Joseph Gailes; two brothers-in-law, Cleveland Wyble and Elbert Giron; two nieces, Karen Gailes and Debra Giron.

Family and friends are invited to gather in love and remembrance during visitation at Williams Funeral Home on Friday, October 31, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. A Rosary will be recited at 10:30 AM, a reflection of Barbara's deep devotion to her faith.

Your kind words, fond memories, and messages of comfort may be shared with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

Arrangements are under the compassionate care of Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas (337-942-2037).

Tribute Wall

CP

“ Carol Phefferkorn lit a candle in memory of Barbara Zachary



Carol Phefferkorn - October 30, 2025 at 05:48 PM

AI

“ Alvin Anthony Haynes, III lit a candle in memory of Barbara Zachary



Alvin Anthony Haynes, III - October 30, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara Etta Zachary.



October 30, 2025 at 02:36 PM

WF

“ With love..CLV & Prompt Succor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Etta Zachary.

With love..CLV & Prompt Succor Family - October 30, 2025 at 02:36 PM

PR

“ Barbara was my dearest friend here at C'est la Vie. We enjoyed a number of trips in this country together over a number of years after Gene died. She was a true friend. She loved bingo. Thru her many family stories, I got to know a number of her living relatives especially Stephanie & Eric.
I will miss her immensely as will many of her friends at C'est la Vie.
Rest well, Barbara til we meet again.
Paulette

Paulette Rawdon - October 30, 2025 at 08:58 AM

FS

“ Fred Singleton lit a candle in memory of Barbara Zachary



Fred Singleton - October 28, 2025 at 09:19 PM

GS

“ Condolences extended to the family in your hour of bereavement.



Georgia Harris Stevens - October 28, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JM

“ The Gailles Zachary family you have my deepest condolences. May the Lord watch over the family. Joyce Gailles Milburn.

Joyce Gailles Milburn - October 28, 2025 at 07:21 PM