



## Mrs. Elise Duroousseau

December 4, 1922 - October 12, 2020

Funeral services for Elise Duroousseau, 97, will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, October 19, 2020, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, Louisiana. Interment will be at St. Landry Church Mausoleum. The family will receive visitors from 7:30 AM to 10:45 AM, October 19, 2020, at Williams Funeral Home.

On Monday, October 12, 2020, Elise awoke as she always did – giving thanks for another day. Though her body was tired, her spirit was full of gratitude to be able to draw another breath. In the late morning hours, Elise passed away peacefully when the Lord called her into His eternal care after 97 years. She was a loving mother and a woman of deep religious faith who devoted her life to her family and her church.

Elise was born on December 4, 1922 in Port Barre, Louisiana, the eighth of eleven children to Fannelia Keyes Comeaux and David Comeaux. She attended Holy Ghost Catholic School and received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degree from Southern University. During her teaching career, Elise taught at Garland Elementary in Whiteville; Sylvester Elementary in Sunset; Hyland Elementary in Plaquemine Point; and Northeast Elementary in Opelousas before retiring from the St. Landry Parish School System in 1986 with over forty years of dedicated service.

In her active years, Elise belonged to numerous professional and religious organizations. She was a member of the St. Landry Parish Association of Retired Educators, St. Landry Retired Teachers Association, The National

Association of University Women, and the Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Peter Claver.

For many years, Elise was deeply involved at Holy Ghost Church where she served as Coordinator of the Marion Choir, President of the Holy Family Alumni Association, Treasurer of St. Joseph's Society, and Treasurer of the Knights of Peter Claver Fourth Degree Ladies of Grace. She was also a Eucharistic minister, a lector, a religion teacher, and a parish council member. Her greatest ministry, however, was making hundreds of pies for the weekly Tuesday night Bingo which earned her the affectionate nickname "the pie lady" for her delicious sweet potato pies that were a favorite of many. For her unconditional service to the church and community, Elise was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award in 2008.

Elise is survived by one son, Felix Michael Durousseau ; one daughter, Bernadette Ann (Clifton) Carmon; two grandsons, Michael Durousseau and Mark Carmon (Heidi); one granddaughter, Alana Carmon-Bobb (Brandon); and five great-grand children; Alyssa, Brooklyn, Ashlynn, Isabella, and Maverick. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Elise was preceded in death by her husband, Felix Durousseau; parents, David and Fanellia Comeaux; one daughter-in-law, Venecia (Judy) Durousseau; two brothers, Joseph Rodney Comeaux and James Comeaux; eight sisters, Anna Comeaux, Ida Comeaux, Elizabeth Comeaux, Lucretia Thompson, Irma Frank, Louise Washington, Cora Jones, and Sister Mary Juliana, SSF.

Share words of comfort with the family of Elise Durousseau on her Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net). Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Elise. Show your support by sharing a personal message or story, meaningful photo or video, or record a video message using your webcam. On behalf of the family, we encourage you share your personal experiences and preserve the memory of Elise Durousseau for future generations to come.

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E.  
South Street, 337-942-2037.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Seplucher Mausoleum

914 N. Union St.  
OPELOUSAS, LA

# Previous Events

## Private Viewing (Phase 3)

OCT **19**. 7:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas  
817 East South St.  
Opelousas, LA 70571  
(337) 942-2037  
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church  
732 North Union Street  
Opelousas, LA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Elise Dourousseau*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Shala Rene Pickney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Dourousseau*



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**Shala Rene Pickney** - October 20, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Elise was a very good friend to my aunts , Irene Garrett and Lou Wilda Hamilton She was so dedicated to The Sisters of the Holy Family. We, the Sisters of the Holy Family are truly sorry for your loss. She will be remembered in our prayers and masses. May she rest in her much deserved peace with our Lord.*

*Sr. Carmen Bertrand*

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**Carmen Bertrand** - October 20, 2020 at 10:04 AM

EM

“ Ann,  
May the fond memories you shared with your mother be of comfort to you and your family at this time. She has released her earthly burdens and is now enjoying heavenly with the Blessed Trinity. Sorry I could not be with you and your family, I am praying that God's love and grace will surround and comfort you at this difficult time.  
Eleanor Jo Miller

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**Eleanor Miller** - October 19, 2020 at 09:54 PM

AC

“ At the time of my joining the HG Marian Choir after living away many years, Ms. Elise had already slackened her participation. Within months, she informed Ms. Chavis that she had to let some activities go and was quitting choir. What a blessing it was for her to have that long life of love, service, and devotion to God, family, and others. I post this message in behalf of the current HG Marian Choir members, as the current coordinator. R.I.P.



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**Andrea Brisco, HG Marian Choir** - October 19, 2020 at 09:32 PM

KG

“ Ann, I am so sorry to hear such news. Offering condolences and prayers to you and your family. May God's peace and mercy be with you all.



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**Karen Broussard Gardiner** - October 19, 2020 at 09:29 AM

WC

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

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**Wanda Caillier** - October 19, 2020 at 12:45 AM

MZ

“ Mr & Mrs. Ronald Zachery lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Durousseau



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**Mr & Mrs. Ronald Zachery** - October 18, 2020 at 08:29 PM

RA

“ Our deepest condolences to the family during this time of sorrow. May God comfort you and give you his peace.  
Russell and Artherine Gradnigo White  
And Family



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**Russell & Artherine** - October 18, 2020 at 05:09 PM

FC

“ *Ann, Mike*

*My condolences on your loss.*

*As I recall your great mother touched, educated, counseled, guided an untold number of children she stood tirelessly in front of for many days and years.*

*Her legacy was that she touched many.*

*Your classmate and school mate.*

*Francisco*

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**Francisco Cunningham** - October 18, 2020 at 06:27 AM

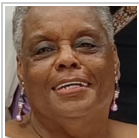
MV

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family of Mrs. Elise Durousseau.*



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**Mary G. Ventress** - October 18, 2020 at 12:08 AM

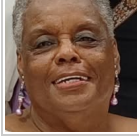


“ *Celina Richard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Durousseau*



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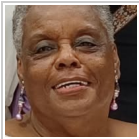
**Celina Richard** - October 17, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ *The members of the National Association of University Women St. Landry Branch extends their heartfelt sympathy to the family of our deceased member Mrs. Elise Dourousseau. At the age of 97 Elise was our oldest member. Elise and her sister Cora were dedicated members of our organization until their health prevented them from attending meetings and participating in activities. Elise was a very special lady and and a joy to be around. If Elise liked you she always greeted you with a very special smile. Now she is with her Lord and Savior and I know she is smiling now. RIP Sister Elise from your NAUW sisters.*

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**Celina Richard** - October 17, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *The members of the National Association of University Women St. Landry Branch*

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**Celina Richard** - October 17, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ *Aunt Ann, Felix and Family:  
My condolences to the Family: Will be praying:  
Ms. Dourousseau will be truly miss. Always with a smile, and a truly gentle, and kind heart. I can see her sitting in her chair and figuring out where (you) Aunt Ann are going to go somewhere that day. Or even when Felix come home where they are going.  
Love y'all!!! Will be lifting up in prayers!!*



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**Jacqueline Fontenot** - October 17, 2020 at 08:46 PM

AJ

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. May she rest in Heavenly Peace.* ”



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**Amy Jackson** - October 17, 2020 at 02:10 PM

TP

“ *Rest In Peace Mrs. Dourousseau. She was always smiling!* ”



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**Teresita Prince** - October 17, 2020 at 11:18 AM

AS

“ *My deepest condolences to the Dourousseau family. I was a student of Mrs Dourousseau at James A Hyland. She was a great teacher. I last saw her several years ago when I was back home and was happy to see her. I know she will be dearly missed by family, former students and friends.  
May the Angels of the Lord wrap their wings around her and escort her to her heavenly home. I think your were the last Hyland teacher left from my generation. May you rest in peace.* ”

*Former James A Hyland Student (1959-1966)  
Audry Richard Simmons  
Sacramento, Calif*

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**Audry Richard Simmons** - October 16, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JC

*I am a former student of Mrs. Dourousseau at James A. Hyland Elementary. She my first grade teacher. I remember her passion for her students and education. She was among the best teachers in my early childhood years. Being a retired educator myself , Mrs. Derrouseau's einfluence was with me throughout my tecaching career. Rest in peace Mrs.Derrouseau.*

*James A. Chavis 1955\_64*

**James A. Chavis** - October 18, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elise Dourousseau.*



October 16, 2020 at 04:39 PM

AS

“ *Audry Richard Simmons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Dourousseau*



**Audry Richard Simmons** - October 16, 2020 at 04:39 PM

SE

“ *Shirley Eaglin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Dourousseau*



**Shirley Eaglin** - October 16, 2020 at 02:55 PM

JF

“ *Jacinta Frank lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Durousseau*



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**Jacinta Frank** - October 16, 2020 at 01:19 PM

MF

“ *MONICA FONTENOT-LIVING lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elise Durousseau*



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**MONICA FONTENOT-LIVING** - October 16, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elise Durousseau.*



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October 16, 2020 at 12:07 PM

FH

“ *Mrs. Dueroussau taught me at Hyland Elementary. My first grade teacher.  
Loved her so much*

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**Florence Gallien Henry** - October 16, 2020 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ *Lady Elise Durousseau was a very faithful member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Even though she had to get around with a walker, she would ask her daughter to bring her to Mass. She would sit in the last pew at the back. I remember seeing her before the pandemic. What a beautiful Faithful servant she was. Rest in Heavenly Peace Lady Elise.*



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**Cynthia Singleton** - October 16, 2020 at 10:58 AM

LF

*Mom Elise as I call her was a very dear friend to my mom Victoria A.Lewis and my entire family take rest which is well deserve. Love and prayers Liler*

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**Liler florence** - October 18, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JM

“ *The family of Mrs Elise have our condolences.May the Lord watch over you/family.Joyce Gailes /Curley Milburn.*

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**Joyce/Curley Milburn** - October 16, 2020 at 09:34 AM

JF

“ *Mom Elise is what we called her. She help paved the way for all people, young and old. She enjoyed cooking and working for her church. She has always been instrumental in my life. I will truly miss her. My family loved her spirit, and the way she would tease my sons. She truly has left a legacy and impact on our lives.*

*Rest In Peace Mom Elise. We love You.!*

*Jacinta Frank (Cindy), Thaddeus Ned (TJ), Jamil Ned (CJ).*

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**Jacinta Frank** - October 16, 2020 at 09:01 AM

HJ

*1st grade 1960. James A. Hyland.  
May she Rest In Peace.  
Howard Duplechain Jr*

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**Howard Duplechain Jr** - October 19, 2020 at 11:17 PM

WB

“ *To Mrs Ann Carmen and family we extend our sincere condolences.  
Mrs. Elise Duroousseau..a beautiful lady and legacy. Wayne and  
Carol Batiste*

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**Wayne/Carol Batiste** - October 16, 2020 at 08:41 AM

EW

“ *Emma West lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Elise Duroousseau*



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**Emma West** - October 16, 2020 at 08:34 AM