



## Mr. Ezekiel Joseph

October 14, 1929 - December 18, 2019

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Mark Baptist Church for Ezekiel Joseph, 90, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at his residence surrounded by family and loved ones.

Interment will be in the church cemetery. Pastor, Rev. Jason Rubin, Sr. will officiate the Celebration of Life.

He was a supportive, generous and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who lived life to the fullest and always loved a good laugh. He will be greatly missed as his enthusiasm and energetic presence was an inspiration to many. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army.

Ezekiel received his education through St. Landry Public Schools. He went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA in Mathematics and his Master's Degree plus 30 in Administration from Prairie View University. He served as a teacher, supervisor and counselor for 40 years in the St. Landry Parish School System. Ezekiel's teaching career began at J. S. Clark in Opelousas, LA and then he went on to teach at Opelousas Senior High School. He taught Mathematics at both schools. He later became a counselor at Opelousas Senior High and Supervisor of Adult Education. Ezekiel was very passionate about the younger generation and their education. Ezekiel was also very encouraging and a people's person. He was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, a member of the

American Legion Post 514 and a dedicated member of St. Mark Baptist Church. Obviously, Daddy touched our lives in more ways than we can count, but he touched the lives of so many people in our community.

Ezekiel leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his legacy, two lovely daughters, C. Yvette Laney of Opelousas, LA and Kim M. Joseph of Orlando, Florida and a proud grandfather of Christian Joseph Robert Laney of Opelousas, LA, one brother Lionel Joseph (Bernice) of Opelousas, LA, two sisters; Melvia Daniels of Opelousas, LA , Annie Ruth Young (Crayton) of Houston, TX, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and one Uncle, Ivory Joubert of Port Arthur, TX, two aunts; Leatrice Lawson also of Port Arthur, TX, Theresa Lawrence of Sunset, LA, two godchildren, Melvia Daniels, Opelousas, LA and Paul D. Joseph of Plaisance, LA, as well as. a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

Ezekiel was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mary Magdalene Joseph, parents Paul and Orelia Joseph, two brothers: Elijah Joseph (Ruby) and Leon Joseph (Juanita G. Joseph and Beverly Semien Joseph), father-in-law, John Miller, Sr. and mother-in-law, Alma C. Miller, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

The family requests visiting hours be observed on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at St. Mark Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA (Plaisance Community). The family extends a special thanks to Dr. Derek Metoyer for his love and medical guidance during this time and to all those who provided care and support to the family during his illness, including the teams at Opelousas General Health Systems and staff of St. Landry Extended Care, as well as Heart of Hospice, Paul Joseph, Sr., Darlyn Cormier, Aunt Melvia Daniels, Aunt Theresa Lawrence, Danielle Bush and a host of family and friends.

Share words of comfort with the family of Ezekiel Joseph on his Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net).

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337.942.2037.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mark Baptist Church Cemetery

3461 Hwy. 167  
Opelousas, LA 70570

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 8:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Mark Baptist Church Cemetery  
3461 Hwy. 167  
Opelousas, LA 70570

## Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Mark Baptist Church  
3461 Hwy. 167  
Opelousas, LA 70570

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ezekiel Joseph*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *It seems like I've known Mr. Joseph all of my life. He and my dad, Waldon Donatto, worked together for many years and they were really good friends. I remember them going to conferences together when I was very young. Mr. Joseph was also one of my high school counselors. Whenever we would talk about my future, if I said I wanted to do something that he thought daddy wouldn't like, he would tell me "Waldon wouldn't like that". I haven't seen him in years but I would think about him often. He was such a sweet man. He helped to shape a lot of our young people during his time in the school system. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his family.*

*Youlonda Donatto*

**Youlonda C Donatto** - January 08, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy for Mr. Joseph. Daughter of Nathan T-Bud Frank & Irma Frank.*

**Jacinta Frank** - December 30, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *Jacinta Frank lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph*



**Jacinta Frank** - December 30, 2019 at 07:04 PM

SJ

“ Yvette and Kim,  
Your father was a jewel in the community and education system. He touched many people and help to develop the minds and skills of Opelousas students. I will always remember his smile and gentle nature. He and his work will continue to shine as his students shine daily in their careers and personal lives. Thank you for sharing him with us and may he rest peacefully!  
The Jolivettes (Sheila Joseph and Gerard Jolivette)

---

**Sheila Jolivette** - December 29, 2019 at 09:10 AM

GO

“ Mr. "Zeke" Joseph was a counselor at Opelousas High when I began teaching and coaching there in August, 1970. In the years following, Mr. Joseph proved to be a man of high character and integrity. When a student, faculty member, or parent was "right ," Zeke supported them no matter what race. If they were wrong, Zeke told them they were wrong, no matter what race. Zeke set an example for us to follow. Though I have not seen him in many years(last seen standing by the fence at OHS"s home games), I will always consider him a friend that I greatly respected!!

*Michael Ortego*

---

**Glenn M. Ortego** - December 28, 2019 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ While I never met Mr. Joseph in person, I felt like I knew this kind gentleman through his daughter Kim whom I worked with. He was a fortunate man to have two daughters who cared for him dearly. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Mike Solary*

---

**Mike Solary** - December 27, 2019 at 10:09 PM

MV

“ Mary Ventress lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph



---

**Mary Ventress** - December 27, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph.



---

December 26, 2019 at 08:40 PM

TF

“ *The Hogans and Burney families. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph.*



---

**The Hogans and Burney families.** - December 26, 2019 at 06:41 PM

BD

“ *My condolences and prayers to the Joseph family. I will always remember Mr. Joseph as one of my favorite teachers at J. S. Clark High in 1966. Rest In Peace Mr. Joseph, you will remain in the hearts of all of J. S. Clark graduates!!!*



---

**Bonnie W. Davis** - December 26, 2019 at 04:43 PM

KC

“ *Kathryn Young Copper purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph.*



---

**Kathryn Young Copper** - December 26, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph.*



---

December 26, 2019 at 02:22 PM

TJ

“ A wise, gentle, loving Uncle; my heart is full of happy memories that I will forever cherish. Affectionately known to his nieces and nephews as “Pie.” May you have eternal rest and peace.

*Tara Joseph-Labrie*

---

**Tara V Joseph-Labrie** - December 26, 2019 at 02:05 PM

TJ

“ A wise, gentle, loving Uncle; my heart is full of happy memories that I will forever cherish. Affectionately known to his nieces and nephews as “Pie.” May you have eternal rest and peace.

*Tara Joseph-Labrie*

---

**Tara V Joseph-Labrie** - December 26, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph.



---

December 26, 2019 at 12:40 PM

DJ

“ *In Loving Memory of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph, a devoted father, grandfather, brother and friend. Thanks Mr. Joseph for being a good man and the best grandfather my son Christian could ever have. May you rejoice with your loved ones and the angels in heaven. Family, Always remember "Earth Has No Sorrow That Heaven Cannot Heal"*

*Sincerely,  
Dr. Robert L. Laney, Jr.  
Tuskegee University  
Tuskegee, Alabama*

---

**Dr. Robert L. Laney, Jr.** - December 23, 2019 at 05:47 PM

GY

“ *As we speak, he's in Paradise, hosting a cook-out right inside the Pearly Gates and mingling with Leah Chase and Paul Prudhomme. Thank goodness, St. Joseph just installed a gorgeous outdoor kitchen. ❤️*

---

**Gretchen Young** - December 23, 2019 at 03:53 PM

LC

“ *Gonna miss you Mr. Zeek. Enjoyed the times we had in the backyard. You my dad and me. Cooking, having a few drinks and telling jokes. Rest in Heavenly Peace.*

---

**Larry Collins** - December 23, 2019 at 09:47 AM

BG

“ Yvette, and Kim, you have my deepest Prayers and Condolences in the loss of Zeke. Cousin Zeke always made me laugh when I'd see him at the hospital. He frequented there to eat in the cafeteria. we would discuss you two and Blackie . I haven't seen you two since you were kids . Wow, Memories are all we have.!! It's those mem.ories that will help in giving us strength.! Be strong family. Love you both.! RIP Cuz Zeke. 🙏🙏🙏❤️



Brenda Green - December 23, 2019 at 02:05 AM

BE

“ Kim & Yvette you have our deepest sympathies during this difficult time. Me. Joseph was my high school counselor and a wonderful counselor he was. They don't make them like Mr. Joseph anymore. God Bless you both. We will keep you and the family in our prayers. Love, Charles & Beth Edwards 🙏

Beth Guilbeaux Edwards - December 21, 2019 at 05:57 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of the death of Mr Joseph, he and my Dad Vincent Collins were neighbors and good friends they on their gardens together. REST IN PARADISE MR. JOSEPH WE WILL BE MISSED

Cynthia Williams - December 21, 2019 at 09:09 AM

EW

“ Emma West lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ezekiel Joseph



Emma West - December 20, 2019 at 11:56 PM