



## Mrs. Frances M. Leday

September 25, 1940 - October 7, 2017

Mrs. Frances M. Leday

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Starlight Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA, for Mrs. Frances M. Leday, 77, who entered eternal rest, Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Opelousas General Health System.

Interment will be in Starlight Baptist Cemetery.

Mrs. Leday is survived by her grandchildren, Whitney Leday of Houston, TX, Alexandria Fenceroy of Opelousas, LA and Kristeney Fenceroy of Houston, TX; a great grandchild, Reigan Leday of Houston, TX; four brothers, Joseph Murphy (Ethel) of Opelousas, LA, John Murphy (Elaine) of Opelousas, LA, Lincoln Murphy of Houston, TX, Paul Murphy of Opelousas, LA; two sisters, Helen Adams, Opelousas, LA and Neld Miller of Houston, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leday was preceded in death by her husband, Roosevelt Leday, Sr.; a daughter, LaChandra Leday Fenceroy; a son, Roosevelt Leday, Jr.; parents, Willie & Lillian Hayes Murphy, Sr.; four brothers, Clary, St. Louis, Abraham and Willie Murphy and a sister, Dorothy Reed.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Starlight Baptist Church. An Ivy Beyond the Wall service will be held following visitation by the Lambda Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Starlight Baptist Church Cemetery

1522 Highway 3043  
Opelousas, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Starlight Baptist Church  
1522 Highway 3043  
Opelousas, LA 70570

## Service

OCT **14**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Starlight Baptist Church  
1522 Highway 3043  
Opelousas, LA 70570

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Frances M. Leday*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sandy Mae lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



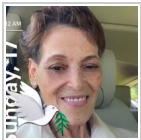
**Sandy Mae** - October 21, 2017 at 11:47 PM



“ *I fondly remember my Charles Drew PE teacher, Mrs. Frances M. Leday. Good Lady and Teacher.*

*Lee Anna (Leday) Washington*

**Lee Anna Washington** - October 20, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Frances Leday. She was a caring, intelligent and beautiful person. No matter where we met she wad always the same. We were both Health and Physical Teachers and we also had the extra task getting the correct information to the children of St. Landry Parish. I also took her place teaching at opelousas Jr. High when she war promoted to work with The Drug program at the School Board. Francis you will be missed; but I am thankful that you are now resting in the arms of our Savior.*

**Jean E. Fontenot** - October 14, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ My condolences to the family of Mrs. Frances LeDay, an untiring servant that was a die-hard support of Grambling State University. Thank you for your many years of educating young people and ushering them into productive lives.

Sincerely,  
Russell LeDay  
National President  
Grambling University National Alumni Association, Inc.

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**Russ Andrus** - October 14, 2017 at 12:03 AM



“ *"Our condolences to the family. Prayers for your comfort & peace. God bless."*  
*The Payne Family*



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**Joseph Payne** - October 13, 2017 at 11:58 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances M. Leday.*



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October 13, 2017 at 02:08 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances M. Leday.*



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October 13, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *My prayers are extended to the family of Frances. May you find peace in knowing that others care for you, and will be praying for and with you all. Frances was a strong, intelligent, encouraging and a very knowledgeable co worker of mine at the St. Landry Parish School Board. She and the Drug Free Program was on top with her supervision. She was really dedicated to her duties/assignment. May Frances rest in Peace! (Ester of Morrow).*



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**Ester** - October 12, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ *I will miss you Fran, Soror Eva Brown*

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**Eva Brown** - October 12, 2017 at 01:02 PM

SW

“ Mrs. Leday been on my mind for months. I was always remembering how many gifts this woman had. I would always call her Michael Jordan sister. 15yrs ago we played together in the teacher against the students. This woman threw a ali hoop from the other side of the court. Every shot she made was all bucket. We had so much fun. She always tell me I dribble with my left hand and shoot with my right hand. I had a reason for this I had MS. I always wanted to tell her but I was afraid that she wasn't going to let me play ball and run track. I glad I had the chance to play with her one last time and she was 68years old.

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**stacy wilson** - October 11, 2017 at 11:16 PM

HS

“ The neighborhood will never be the same. We looked forward to seeing Frances sitting outside in the afternoon waving and speaking to everyone that passes by. She was the Grambling Tiger that we (Jaguars) had to battle with every November (lol). When someone in the neighborhood was going through sad times, she was that person that showed up. God has called her to rest. We thank God for the legacy that Frances brought to us all. To the grand kids, follow the path that your grandmother had set for you all and God will see you all through.

*Harold Semien  
The Leday Street Family*

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**Harold Semien** - October 11, 2017 at 10:58 PM

TF

“ *The Dartez Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



The Dartez Family - October 11, 2017 at 06:27 AM

CV

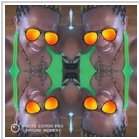
“ *Wow , what can I say about Coach Leday and teacher at Opel junior high . She was a very well respected woman at school . She always believed in doing your best . She was Hard on us at times , but it was for our own good . Coaching was her passion , cheerleading , pep squat , track and field , basketball and volleyball you name it and she was that coach . SHE helped me with my talent when I was running for Miss United Negro College Queen. I won for talent and I also became Miss UNCollege Queen with her help and Mrs Thierry ( Rip) sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. My Mommie loved her very much . God has received an amazing angel . RIP*

carolyn anderson verdin - October 11, 2017 at 02:31 AM

LH

“ *Our condolences for the family. She was my junior coach.and pep sqaw at Opelousas junior high.*

Lorna Aymond Hebert - October 10, 2017 at 09:06 PM



“ *I give my condolences to you guy's.*

Tranquilla Isadore - October 10, 2017 at 06:08 PM

AD

“ *Aquana Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



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**Aquana Davis** - October 10, 2017 at 05:30 PM

JC

“ *My Most Humble Angel... You r at Peace with your Soul.. Your Beloved Angels in Heaven and loves of your Life wanted you more. Francis ,an Angel to everyone she communicated with. Always Smiling and going her extra mile. Ask Francis to do something ,she take it and make it Fabulous with a smile. This time Sista Francis you are missed and will always be Remembered in our ❤️❤️❤️❤️ ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Forever. Rest ..Rest Angel Well Done.. Prayers for the entire Family..*

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**Johnnie Simmons/KOB Crew** - October 10, 2017 at 12:58 PM

TS

*To coach Francis job well done RIP*

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**Todd Tyler Sr.** - October 11, 2017 at 09:53 PM

JG

“ My Coach, my mentor and My Idol! I was saddened and surprise when I learned of the your passing.I know that it is always a terrible shock when someone so close to you passes away. Personally I understand the grief that is involved at this time. Perhaps their is beauty in brokenness that will help ease your saddens family. I met Mrs. Leday 38 years ago as my P.E teacher and later my coach. She taught me the core values of being a young lady at all times, how to conduct business, how to be a productive citizen, how to live a Christian life and the fundamentals of basketball and track. Winning wasn't everything with Mrs. Leday. She was just as proud of us when we lost games. She wanted us to do our very best on and off the court. I want to thank God for you gracing my presents and sharing your husband and kids with me as my closets friends. Frances I love you then and I love you now!. I would say sleep on my friend, but I will say tell the angels to save a seat for! #ForevermycoachFrances Love,Janice Mumsey Greene-Thibodeaux



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**Janice Mumsey Greene-Thibodeaux** - October 10, 2017 at 10:34 AM

JF

“ To a Beautiful Lady who was a great and awesome PE teacher and coach!!! You have blessed my life with your wisdom and guidance!!! Rest on in glory !! We will surely miss your presence Mrs. Leday!!!

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**Jennie Franklin** - October 10, 2017 at 09:59 AM

SR

“ I met Mrs. Leday while I was working at Leonville Elementary. I admired her passion for her job and had an instant respect for all that she did for the school system. She was a very kind woman who enjoyed helping people. My condolences to her family.

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**Stephanie Roy** - October 10, 2017 at 07:42 AM

Nikki  
Richard

“ *Nikki Richard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



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**Nikki Richard** - October 10, 2017 at 03:05 AM

RM

“ *I'm so sorry to read of the passing of one very special woman, Frances M. Leday! She & I had served on our city's Main Street Board years ago & in recent years had served together again on the Keep Opelousas Beautiful Board. Working with her was a delight. She was smart & funny & cared so much about our city. I'll miss her very much. Her family was everything to her. Bob & I send our love to her family, especially to her brother Joe who has been my friend since I was a teen. Frances was a shining example of a smart, caring woman who went out of her way to make the world a better place for all.*

*Roseanne & Bob Mitchell*

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**Roseanne Galyean Mitchell** - October 10, 2017 at 03:04 AM

MY

“ *Myrtis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



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**Myrtis** - October 10, 2017 at 01:38 AM

VT

“ *Mrs. Laday had a beautiful soul. Thank you for supporting our Lady Canes. We will miss seeing that beautiful smile in the bleachers.*  
*Coach Vanessa Taylor*

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**vanessa taylor** - October 09, 2017 at 11:00 PM

SA

“ *Always remembered  
never forgotten  
you've done so much for me and others  
job well done  
REST IN PEACE  
Sandra, Tyrone jr. Tyrese, Tyrell*

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**san** - October 09, 2017 at 10:56 PM

RF

*Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers goes out to the family!! We are so sorry for your loss!! Mrs. Frances will truly be missed!!*

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**Rita/Nina Pickens & Family** - October 11, 2017 at 09:06 AM

EP

“ *Mrs. Leday, a truly wonderful soul. Know that the Phythian's loved her dearly. To her family and friends, you all are in our prayers and thoughts.*



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**Edna Phythian** - October 09, 2017 at 09:26 PM

BA

“ *Barbara lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



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**Barbara** - October 09, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DR

“ *Darlene Richard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



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**Darlene Richard** - October 09, 2017 at 06:11 PM

DT

“ *Debra Motte Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances M. Leday*



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**Debra Motte Thomas** - October 09, 2017 at 06:08 PM

BC

“ *I am sorry for the loss of this fine woman. She was always a bright spot in my day when I would help her with computer problems when I worked at the Computer Center at the School Board.*

*Barry St. Cyr*

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**Barry St. Cyr** - October 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM

LE

“ To put to words that would describe my dearly departed Sister-in-Christ, they haven't made them yet. She was a beautiful person inside and out. I've been blessed to have known her for nearly 30 years (I met her at her little beauty shop on Market St. through Catherine Pierre) before she was baptized at Church of Christ @Northside. I would often get tickled at her bc she finally told me why she always wanted to sit close to me and my daughter Angela. She said " I just love to hear you and your sing bc the two of you sing so beautiful " and told her thank you but it was my daughter that sings so pretty and she said that she knew what she was hearing and that it was both of us. So I finally took her compliments ! Every October she would bring article to give away in honor of those men and women battling breast cancer. She was always concerned about others. For most ppl that knew her, they acknowledged her love for education and stressed a very strong desire thato every woman, man, boy or girl would be fairly educated. As a mother, her now only two deceased children, they were the love of her life along with her granddaughters who made her just as proud as did their parents. That beautiful smile will surely be missed by all of us at the Church of Christ @Northside. May God wrap His loving arms of Peace, Understanding and Comfort around the bereaved families forever.

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**Lyndale Edwards** - October 09, 2017 at 04:08 PM