



## Ms. Harriet Jayne Benjamin

August 11, 1962 - December 25, 2024

Harriet Jayne Savant Benjamin was born August 11, 1962, to Marshall and Willie Mae Fontenot Savant in Lake Charles, LA. After losing her mother at a very young age, Harriet was relocated to Opelousas, LA, to be raised by her grandmother, Gustavia James.

Harriet accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at a very young age. She was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A.L. Taylor.

Harriet, who many called "Janie," was educated in the St. Landry Parish School System, graduating from Opelousas High School in 1980. Shortly after, she attended Southern University, where she desired to become a Registered Nurse. Janie stopped her education after welcoming her beautiful daughter, Brionka Benjamin. She later welcomed her son, Martin Benjamin IV, who many call her twin. Although unable to finish her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse, Harriet remained in the medical field and served as a devoted Certified Nursing Assistant for several years, working long hours caring for others who could not care for themselves, and she never complained. (The only time she fussed was when she could no longer work, lol), her independence was everything to her. Janie always worked multiple jobs to ensure her children and grandchild never went without. "Janie" had a heart filled with love until her dying day.

Harriet leaves to mourn her passing while cherishing precious memories of two children, Brionka Benjamin of Beaumont, TX, and Martin Benjamin IV

(Tamysha) of Opelousas, LA; fifteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; a special niece, Tracy Griffin; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Willie Mae Fontenot Savant; a brother, Preston "Red" Fontenot; her sisters, Gladys Fontenot, Linda Savant, Brenda Savant, Delores Daniels, and Charlene "Mum" Greene; former spouse, Martin Benjamin III; her niece, Marshariki Watkins, and great-niece, Gabrielle Watkins.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, January 4, 2025 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Saturday, January 4, 2024 at Williams Funeral Home. Interment will be in Serenity 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

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“ JANIE WHAT CAN I SAY WORDS COULD NOT DO JUSTICE FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME, TIMES WHEN YOU SAID WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH RUBY AND TRACY CUTTING UP IN OPELOUSAS, THAT WAS GOOD FUN, TAKE YOUR REST AND GLORY BE TO GOD IN HIS KINGDOM...LOVE ALWAYS RUBY LEMELLE

RUBY THOMAS - January 03, 2025 at 04:41 PM

GL

“ Cuzco I'm going to miss you. I thank the lord for blessing me to have meet you and shared some time together especially working together at the nursing home. Love always Yahweh needs you more. I can hear you singing.



Gloria Laws - December 31, 2024 at 01:08 AM

PB

“ My Deepest Sympathy to the Benjamin's Family.Harriet we were the very best of Friends,and I will Truly Miss you.God needed another Beautiful Flower in his garden.Gone To Soon.R.I.P.My Girl and I will always Love you.



Priscilla Boutte - December 30, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Harriet Jayne Benjamin.*



December 29, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ *Georgian Harris Stevens sent a virtual gift in memory of Harriet Benjamin*



**Georgian Harris Stevens** - December 28, 2024 at 09:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Harriet Jayne Benjamin.*



December 27, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Harriet Jayne Benjamin.*

December 27, 2024 at 05:17 PM

CQ

“ *Beautiful Lady, inside and outside. My Deepest Condolences to your Family. Carolyn Quebedeaux*



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**Carolyn Quebedeaux** - December 27, 2024 at 03:08 PM

DB

“ *I remember the first time Bri. Introduced us,we was cool ever since. I love you Mrs Harriett will never forget about all of our talks and jokes Bby Girl-Get Your Rest.Our Angel.*

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**Dorothy Boast** - December 27, 2024 at 02:52 PM

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“ *Mrs. Harriet was so kind and she kept it real. May God continue to comfort and love on all who may be grieving.*

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**Tara Wilson** - December 27, 2024 at 02:47 PM