



Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont

June 11, 1926 - April 17, 2020

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Harriet Rachel Valmont, daughter of the late Paul H. and Lena Wilson Valmont, was born in Gradney Island, Louisiana on June 10, 1926. Harriet was raised and educated in Opelousas, Louisiana / St. Landry Parish. She spent her adult life working as a cafeteria worker in the St. Landry Parish School System. Along with cooking, she enjoyed being with her friends, family and grandchildren. She was known for her annual birthday parties, where the entire neighborhood, friends and family would gather at her home, knowing there would be good food, drinks and a grand celebration.

Some of her favorite pastimes included sitting in her swing surrounded by her flowers and birds, keeping up with politics and current events and canning fruits and vegetables from her garden. She was an avid gardener and was well known for her green thumb for which she won several prizes for the 'Best Flower Garden' in the 1970's and 80's.

She enjoyed traveling and went on trips to Paris, France and London, England. Her final trip was to Chicago, Illinois in 2018 to visit her beloved nephew, Merritt P. Marks. Her kitchen was the heart of her home where birthdays were celebrated, coffee was served, and you can't forget her famous sweet potato pies.

Her pride and joy was raising and nurturing her great-great granddaughter, Acacia. She spent her days teaching her about life, flowers, nature, and Christian values. Harriet was affectionately known for her youthful and selfless personality. She embraced her roles as the family matriarch, sister, mother, and grandmother, immensely. She was active in her church and treasured each and everyone in her life. She lived her life according to Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as in Christ God forgave you." Her spirit and zest for life was infectious in that she made friends wherever she went.

On April 17, 2020, at the age of 93, our beloved Harriet entered into eternal rest at her home surrounded by her family. She is now reunited with her parents Paul H. and Lena Valmont; brothers Hammond Valmont, Paul Valmont, and Bernice Lewis; and sisters Viola Marks (Carlton); Ophelia Campbell; Velma Rachal (Curley); Selena Nevills (Clayton); Nathale Lewis (Ed); Rose Simms (Joe); Louella Barnes (Samuel); Dora Antoine (Oliver); and Alma Bertrand (Sidney).

She leaves to cherish her beautiful legacy in life: her sister, Juanita Blackwell (Sidney, deceased); children Don Alfred Joseph III of Opelousas, La.; Charles Jerome Valmont (Debra) of Houston, Tx.; Beverly Christy (Dr. Lawrence Wayne) of Lafayette, La.; Janet Malveaux (James "Shimmy") of Houston, Tx.; Susan Lloyd (Demetrius) of Grand Prairie, Tx.; Tracey Valmont of Opelousas, La.; and Lorraine Dominick of Opelousas, La.; grandchildren: Christopher Don Joseph, Antonio Joseph, Don Alfred Joseph IV; Quintessa Winbush, Kelly Pelican-Reed, Dwayne Pelican, Theothis Landry, Katina Key, Tangela Fontenot, Charles Jerome Valmont Jr., Natasha Christy, Nikki Honoré, Lawrence Wayne Christy II, Marcus Pitre, Porscha Valmont; Morgan Valmont, Jordan Lloyd, Vaughn-zel Lloyd, Mya Ashlan Lloyd, Antonia Dominick, Cory Datrice, Jonias Datrice, Bryce Datrice, Jashon Dominick; as well as a host of great and great-great grandchildren, relatives, and friends. Our beloved, Harriet, will be laid to rest at Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Share words of comfort with the family of Harriet Rachel Valmont on her Permanent Life Tribute Page at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net. Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Harriet. 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 to share your personal experiences and preserve the memory of Harriet Rachel Valmont for future generations to come.

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

Extraordinary times, requiring extraordinary measures, exacting extraordinary courage utilizing extraordinary faith !!!

The mandate for public gatherings makes it doubly difficult for grieving families especially, pastors and funeral service professionals; we pray your cooperation and support for us all !!!

We remain in prayer with and for all of the families we have served and are serving who have the difficult task of celebrating the lives and legacies of loved ones. Our prayer is that God grant you an extraordinary measure of strength and peace as you go forward. We are honored and grateful to be assisting with each celebration and appreciate the confidence entrusted to the legacy that is Williams Funeral Home. Family serving families "since 1932"! To send a memorial please feel free to visit our website at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

*Please adhere to state and national measures to protect each other.

We solicit your prayers for us, funeral professionals throughout this community and the country who endeavor and persist in maintaining the commission of service to families at a critical time!

"GOD IS IN CONTROL !!!"

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz - May 01, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Dearest Tracey, My heart goes out to you for the loss of your Dear Mother. She will always be with you in your heart and your memories. Treasure the memories and special moments that the two of you shared.*

Know that my prayers are with you.

Shirley A. Barnaba

Shirley Barnaba - April 23, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *I hope you're at peace and thank you for welcoming & loving my sweet baby girl (your great great granddaughter). My forever memory of you will be when I first brought Adalynn to meet you & you fell in love lol the gist thing you said was, "she's heavy" lol then you continued by telling me to go out her in your bed so you can keep her. I will be sure to remind her of that when she's older. Love you grandma ;)*

Brandie Joseph - April 23, 2020 at 08:50 PM

JM

“ I love you all. Aunt Harriet will be missed dearly. ❤️



Jasmone & McKenzie - April 23, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont.



April 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM

MF

“ Mr & Mrs Merritt Marks and the Williamson Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont.



Mr & Mrs Merritt Marks and the Williamson Family - April 23, 2020 at 11:05 AM

MW

“ When I was a child, my dad, Merritt Marks, brought me from our home in Chicago to Opelousas to meet our Louisiana family. He had told me many stories about different family members to acquaint me somewhat before I would meet them. I remember how fondly he spoke of Aunt Harriet and couldn't wait to meet her. She was even warmer and kinder than my dad could describe. She opened her heart and her home to me to visit regularly when I came that summer and several more to play with my cousins. I always enjoyed going to her home also knowing how much my dad loved her.

In 2018, we organized a small reunion that was held in Chicago with my dad, his sisters and their children. I was delighted when Janet reached out to me expressing a desire to bring Aunt Harriet to see my dad. One of my fondest memories of that reunion was when my dad, Aunt Harriet and Aunt Juanita saw each other for the first time after many, many years. The joy in their faces exhibited the love they shared for each other. I am so thankful that they had the opportunity to have that time together.

Rest in peace Aunt Harriet. We will always love and miss you.

Michelle Williamson



Michelle Williamson - April 23, 2020 at 10:55 AM

PB

There are stars up above, so far away we only see their light long, long after the star itself is gone. And so it is with people that we loved- their memories keep shining ever brightly though their time with us is done. But the stars that light up the darkest night, these are the lights that guide us. As we live our days, these are the ways we remember. Rest In Peace my love !

Patricia Baker - April 24, 2020 at 08:06 AM

GA

“ Georgia Armstrong-cezar lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont



georgia armstrong-cezar - April 22, 2020 at 09:19 PM

LM

“ Lillian Marks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont



lillian marks - April 22, 2020 at 09:17 PM

TM

“ Tara Manuel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Harriet Rachel Valmont



Tara Manuel - April 22, 2020 at 05:55 PM

SH

Rip Ms Valmont u will b miss very much o can remember when I was going to elementary school at Northeast where u was a cook always had a smile on ur face

shirleyjones - April 22, 2020 at 07:18 PM

CB

Peaceful neighbor.built fence gate to her yard.recognized her goodness.praying in case anything is missing for admittance to heaven.missed her last birthday due to conflict with meeting of Community of Jesus Crucified in St Martinville

Charles Bertrand - April 23, 2020 at 05:23 PM

PV

“ I see you decided to celebrate both birthdays here too! :)

Funny story about my Mawmaw: over the years she was blessed enough to celebrate TWO “bird-days” as we call it! As the story goes, Mama Lena told her she was born on the 10th but the state of Louisiana recognized her birth on the 11th! So each year, she would celebrate on the first day... and the next day... she would always wake up and do it again (LOL) what a way to live!

I love you and miss you Mama Doo <3

Porscha V. - April 22, 2020 at 11:23 AM

MW

I remember her telling us this story about her birthday. Much love and keeping her close. My condolences.

Mary Pauline Wagner - April 23, 2020 at 08:58 AM