



## Judy Arlene Singleton

December 24, 1963 - September 25, 2013

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OPELOUSAS- A mass of Christian burial will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church (732 N. Union Street ) in Opelousas, LA for Judy Arlene Singleton, 49, who entered eternal rest on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at Christus St. John Hospital in Nassau Bay, TX. Interment will be at Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery (4833 Hwy 182) in Opelousas, LA. Father Jaison Mangalath, officiating.

Judy Arleen Singleton was the youngest of eleven children born to Hazel Jordan Singleton and Weston Singleton on December 24, 1963 in Lafayette, LA. She received her baptism, first Holy Communion and confirmation at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. She was united with Whitney Paul in 1987. Judy was a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Houston, Texas. Judy was a graduate of Opelousas High School. She received her B. S. and M.S. degrees in Secondary Education (Business) from the Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. She completed post-graduate studies at University of St. Thomas and Texas Southern University.

Judy started her teaching career at J.S. Clark Middle School in Shreveport, LA. She continued on at Fondren Middle School in Houston, Texas. She was a Business Education Teacher at Willowridge High School in Missouri City, Texas. At Willowridge, she served as sponsor of both TAFE and FBLA. Also at Willowridge, she was chosen as Teacher of the Year. Judy moved on to L. V. Hightower High School where she served as Business Department

Coordinator. Judy served as FBLA sponsor at Hightower. She served on National FBLA Board for the past 3 years. Judy loved traveling to FBLA competitions and conferences with her students. She sponsored several state and national officers with FBLA. She also served as an Adjunct Professor in computer applications at San Jacinto College, in Houston, TX.

Judy received many awards and accolades during her career as an educator. She received Teacher of the Year awards at her schools. She was selected as High School Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators. She was selected as Texas FBLA Sponsor of the Year.

Judy was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She pledged with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Beta Psi chapter at Southern University. Judy received her Silver Star at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Centennial Boule in July of 2008 in Washington, D. C.

Being the youngest of eleven children, Judy was the life blood of our family. She kept all of us on our toes and kept us all young trying to keep up with her. She was loved by all. We will miss her dearly.

Judy leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Whitney Paul of Pearland, Texas; four brothers Francis Lionel Singleton (Irma) and Raphael Singleton both of Opelousas, LA; Herbert Gerald Singleton (Ollie) of Baton Rouge, LA, and Frederick Singleton (Iyon) of Austin Texas; six sisters Juanita S. Richard, Delores S. Blackwell and Loretta Singleton all of Baton Rouge, LA; Norma Singleton (Donald) and Cynthia Singleton both of Opelousas, LA, Monica S. Scott (Mack) of Dallas, Texas; a stepson Whitney Watkins of Kansas City, MO; two sisters-in-law Peggy Paul of Hitchcock, TX and Fetina Ward of Washington D.C., three godchildren Krystal Blackwell, Daniel J. Richard, III, and Hydi Kennerson; a special Aunt, Cinderella Singleton of Church Point, LA and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and special friends.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, godfather, godmother, other relatives and friends.

Visiting hours will be observed from 7:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Williams Funeral Home (817 E. South Street) in Opelousas, LA. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 A.M. and the Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated's Ivy Beyond the Wall service will be held at 12:00 P.M. Share words of comfort with the Singleton family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Judy Arlene Singleton*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Judy was very inspirational and supportive to my daughter. Her passion for her FBLA students inspired me. She was a very special person who touched lives and made an impact on humanity.*

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**Jesse Whitley** - November 07, 2013 at 11:32 PM



“ *Judy Arlene Singleton*

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**Sharon Allen** - October 02, 2013 at 04:51 PM



“ *It is so hard to let someone go who means so much to so many people. Judy was a very special person who will be deeply missed. I am grateful that our paths crossed at Hightower High School. I have lost a wonderful colleague and friend, but heaven is gaining an angel. ~Prayers, Peace & Blessings*

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**Rose Powell** - September 30, 2013 at 08:46 PM

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“ TO THE FAMILY WE SEND OUR DEAPEST SAMPATHY OUT TO ALL OF YOU, JUDY WAS THE NEW YEAR BLAST FUN OF THE CROUD WE WILL ALL MISS HER, WE CANT BELIEVE SHE IS GONE. BUT NEVER WILL WE FORGET HER SHE WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS. ANOTHER ANGEL TO WATCH OVER US. WE WILL REMEMBER HER ALWAYS WITH A SMILE. YOU DID IT YOUR WAY AND WE RESPECT YOUR WISHES. TO MY COUSINS GERALD,LYNEL,FRED,RAFEL,LORETTA, DOLORES,JAUNITA,CYNTHIA,MONA,NORMA SHES WITH YOUR MAMA AND DAD, WE SAT AND PRAYED WHEN WE FOUND OUT SHE WAS SICK, NOW WE WILL PRAY FOR ALL OF YOU, WITH LOTS OF LOVE. CATHY AND MY FAMILY.

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**CATHELEEN JORDAN RICHARD** - September 30, 2013 at 09:15 AM

JS

“ *Judy will truly be missed, her smile and energetic spirit. May God comfort her husband and the Singleton Family during this time and always. My prayers are with you. OHS class of '79.*

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**Judy Simmons-Madison** - September 29, 2013 at 10:30 PM

FW

“ *Ms. Singleton,  
Thank you for being such an awesome teacher and inspiration through the years. You will be missed!*

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**Franklin Wynn** - September 28, 2013 at 07:22 PM

LZ

“ *It is with a heavy heart that I sign this guest book. I cannot believe that another classmate has transitioned. Judy always had a smile and great reason to laugh. Although I haven't seen her for years, she will be missed on this side of glory.*

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**Lorretta Zachery** - September 28, 2013 at 04:10 PM

SM

“ Dear Singleton Family, My sincerest condolences go out to all of you for the loss of Judy. As I read her obituary it is apparent that each of you have a lot to be thankful for. Always believe she lived a good life and she is now resting in a better place. With all of our love, Stella J. Mason and family

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**Stella J. Mason** - September 28, 2013 at 03:08 PM

ML

“ You have my deepest sympathy.

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**mary george laviolette** - September 28, 2013 at 01:05 PM

KV

“ Your family is in our prayers at this difficult time. Look to The Lord and he will hold and guide you.  
Sincerely, Kaye and Jude Victorian

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**Kaye Victorian** - September 28, 2013 at 10:30 AM

MD

“ Our hearts are so heavy as we will miss this precious friend with her contagious smile, joyful personality and strong values. But we rejoice at her home going celebration and know we will see Judy again. We were blessed to know her. Praying for her family at this time.

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**Mary Ann Dolezal** - September 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM

RW

“ Judy's bubbly personality and her smile will surely be missed. Her positive, winning ways were inspiring, and she was the embodiment of Willowridge's Class and Character. EAGLES FLY HIGH!! FOREVER EAGLES!!! So long Soror Judy!

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**Rosie and Jacinta Williams** - September 28, 2013 at 08:37 AM

WB

“ I will miss Judy's sweet smile, loving spirit and the fun she brought to Hightower High School. Judy was a teacher's teacher. She had hundreds of children, through her years of teaching, and she has impacted the lives of each and every child. I was honored by her, as she told me she was making me an honorary Cajun Woman, based on the crawfish dish I would bring to Hightower. She loved my recipe! She carried a bell which she would ring between classes, encouraging the kids to hurry and get to their classroom. She would bring this same bell to our faculty meetings, ringing it whenever she felt something needed to be celebrated, and Judy celebrated everything. She was a lover of life and of people. We will miss her. I am sure she is ringing her bell, for Jesus, in heaven now. Ring on, my friend, ring on.....

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**Wendie Bussell** - September 28, 2013 at 08:03 AM

CG

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with Singleton family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. OHS Classmates 1981 and 1982

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**Cynthia Douglas and Stephanie Douglas Geyen** - September 27, 2013 at 10:59 PM

CR

“ *To the Singleton Family,  
We are very saddened by the death of your sister, Judy.  
We remember her as a very kind person and so full of life - always  
wearing a smile.  
Our prayers and sympathy are with your family at this trying time.  
Christine and Charles Ryder*

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**charles ryder** - September 27, 2013 at 10:08 PM

AW

“ *Judy was the loveliest of ladies and friends. She will be  
remembered with great affection in the hearts of all who knew her.*

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**Arlise wilson** - September 27, 2013 at 09:07 PM

RF

“ *We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Singleton  
family during their time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and  
prayers. God bless you all.*

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**Russell and Artherine Gradnigo White and Family** - September 27, 2013 at 07:04 PM

GE

“ *RIP my dear friend you were loved and we will truly miss you. To  
the family you guys have my deepest condolence and we will keep  
you all in prayer be strong my brothers and sisters.*

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**Gerald Espree** - September 27, 2013 at 06:38 PM

BM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the family.  
I was a fellow Business Teacher.  
Judy was very instrumental in my getting Intro to Business and  
Record Keeping materials during my time of need.  
That's the type of person I will always hold dear to my heart.  
God bless and keep you is my prayer.*

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**Barbara Merriwether** - September 27, 2013 at 06:09 PM

SM

“ *Singleton Family, You have all our love and sympathy for your loss.  
Sheila Mathews Miles*

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**sheila mathews miles** - September 27, 2013 at 04:48 PM