



Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy

December 8, 1951 - February 11, 2026

Mrs. Lelia Mae Cassimere Hardy

Lelia C. Hardy, age 74, a lifelong resident of Plaisance, LA transitioned into the loving arms of JESUS on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026, at her residence, surrounded in the presence of GOD and by her loved ones.

Born on December 8th, 1951, Lelia dedicated her life to the Lord, her family, and the students whom she taught throughout her 42 years employed in the Lafayette Parish School System.

Lelia was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister-in-law, and friend. She loved flowers, gardening, cooking, traveling, going to church, giving to others with a loving heart and most importantly she loved Jesus Christ.

Lelia is survived by her wonderful and loving husband of 53 years, Felton Hardy. Her inspirational daughters and caregivers, Marcia and Tameka Hardy; three grandsons, Jari Henderson, John Veal and Roderick Johnson, Jr.; two sisters, Janis C. Alston and Gwendolyn C. Sam, one brother, Micheal J. Cassimere; one aunt, Bertresa Gardner; three sisters-in-law, Doris Williams, Marjorie Goodman and Mary Richard; one brother-in-law, Freddie Thompson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lelia was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel and Ruby Jack

Cassimere; her mother and father-in-law, Jerry and Nettie Mae Watkins Hardy; maternal grandparents, Leonce and Mable Pitre Jack; paternal grandparents, Moses and Lelia Cassimere; three brothers, Daniel Cassimere, Jr., Leon Cassimere, Sr. and Calvin Cassimere; two sisters-in-law; Maude Esther Warren and Mildred Hardy and one brother-in-law, Matthew Hardy.

Family, friends and loved ones we ask that you come and celebrate the well lived life of Lelia on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Mohorn Missionary Baptist Church in the community of Plaisance, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM, prior to the service, which will begin at 10:30 AM.

Interment will be in Serenity Memorial Park in Opelousas, LA. The service will be officiated by Rev. Nicholas Thomas.

We would like to thank Pelura Gallow, Lelias gentle, patient, devoted and compassionate caregiver from Always Caring Home Care, Nurses, Ms. Liz, Annette and Kirsten, CNA's Brittany and Stephanie, Social Worker; Amy, Dr. Michael Burnell and Nurse Practitioners of Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care.

Family and friends are invited to share words of comfort and remembrance at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

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

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Aunt Lelia C. Hardy
Saying goodbye is never easy. Thank you for the love, kindness,
and moments that will stay with me forever. Your spirit lives on
through the lives you touched. Rest in peace, and know you were
truly loved.
From your Big Head nephew and his family our condolences. Love
Always and Forever ❤️❤️❤️

Leon Cassimere Jr - February 20 at 08:51 PM

JC

“ Lelia was a warm gracious woman that was
nothing but kindness to me whenever I came
to visit. My deepest sympathies are for all of
her family and friends. She will be deeply
missed and remembered with love.
Jo Ann Clark



Jo Ann Clark - February 20 at 05:21 PM

SG

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

Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz - February 20 at 09:43 AM

JC

“ Jo Ann Clark purchased the Simply Elegant Spat
hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.



Jo Ann Clark - February 20 at 08:56 AM

JC

“ *Lelia was a warm and welcoming woman, she made my visit to her home a pleasure. To Lelia’s family and friends, you have my total sympathy and prayer that God will ease your sorrow with time.*
Jo Ann Clark

Jo Ann Clark - February 20 at 12:03 AM

LS

“ *My deepest Condolences to the Hardy Family.*
--Leisa Sam Anderson



Leisa Sam-Anderson - February 19 at 05:56 PM

WF

“ *Sending the Family all our Love.*
May God give you strength and comfort.

From Aunt Shirley Watkins , Robert Jr. and Vallery.



Watkins Family - February 19 at 05:33 PM

JH

“ *Jari Henderson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.*



Jari Henderson - February 19 at 05:13 PM

JH

“ Jari Henderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.

Jari Henderson - February 19 at 05:13 PM

TH

“ Tameka H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.

Tameka H. - February 19 at 04:11 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.



February 19 at 12:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.

February 19 at 12:54 PM

AT

“ TEARS IN MY EYES LET THE CASSIMERE WINGS FLY SMART
HARD WORKING FOLKS WILL BE MISSED

Athena - February 18 at 10:44 AM

SF

“ Aunt Lelia (Chubby) We will always remember your awesome cooking and love. We will miss you. Your Niece and Nephews- Valerie, Matthew Jr., Christopher Sam

Sam Family - February 18 at 08:00 AM

SR

“ Shelia Johnson Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lelia Hardy



Shelia Johnson Robinson - February 17 at 01:18 PM

TA

“ Love you mommy so very much! I am going to miss you greatly, everything about you. This is not goodbye but I will see you later. Love you to the moon ad back.

Tameka - February 17 at 11:42 AM

TG

“ Tawana George lit a candle in memory of Lelia Hardy



Tawana George - February 16 at 07:38 PM

SF

“ *Sias and Pete Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Lelia Mae Hardy.*



Sias and Pete Family - February 16 at 01:25 PM

TG

“ *Tawana George lit a candle in memory of Lelia Hardy*



Tawana George - February 15 at 11:38 PM

AL

“ *ALTHEA lit a candle in memory of Lelia Hardy*



ALTHEA - February 15 at 10:44 AM

AC

“ IM SO SAD MY SMART AUNTY Passed away but all die one day. AUNTY THANKS FOR THE Canned Figs and Candy you used send to California. I will miss your Pretty Wings song written by Maxwell A smart Aunty



Althea Cassimere - February 14 at 03:08 PM

LW

“ My thoughts, prayers, and sincere heartfelt sympathy are with the family.

Loretta L. White - February 14 at 10:20 AM

ES

“ Elijah and Ruth Siverand lit a candle in memory of Lelia Hardy



Elijah and Ruth Siverand - February 13 at 07:24 PM

MH

“ In 1996 I met Lelia Hardy at Carencro Middle. When I needed a mentor she was there. She would say ,” Hall come here girl I got to talk to you! . A beautiful soul, colleague , friend. Lelia you the one!!



Mrs. Juanita Hall - February 13 at 03:49 PM