



Mrs. Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-Henry

April 17, 1960 - May 22, 2025

LENA MARIE BROWN AUZENNE-HENRY

The Angels in heaven were in the garden on a day bright and sunny. The sky was a forever blue. One picked a rose so sweet, so delicate, so true. It was added to a vase along with others it once knew. It stood there every happy united with the crew. Our dear mother, that rose was you.

– Chica

On April 17, 1960 Parfait and Clara Mae Auzenne were blessed with a beautiful baby girl. She was given the name Lena just like her maternal grandmother before her. She was taken home where she was loved and spoiled by an abundant amount of family members. She was especially spoiled by her two older brothers who went on to give her the nickname Bull. Legend states that she was tough as them and was told one day by her older brother, "You're strong like BULL!" (They watched a lot of westerns). From that day forward, the name stuck.

Lena was the third of five children and was raised in the Catholic faith in Leonville, LA. There she went on to attend school and later obtained her GED. She also attended T.H. Harris in Opelousas and became a certified nursing assistant. She started her career in healthcare at Prompt Succor Nursing Home where she worked closely alongside Sister Mary Margaret Magdalene Felician of the Carmelite Nuns Society. She later went on to work at J. Michael Morrow Memorial Nursing Home in Arnaudville for 11 years. She then took a position working with a home health agency providing care for the elderly and infirmed for 5 years. She loved her work but thrived for more. Opportunity presented itself a few years later and she was offered a position at the medical office of Dr. Calvin White, where she worked for 26 years until she retired. Being the person she was, she could not stop. She came out of retirement and worked with the medical office of Dr. Eric Chapman for a brief period of time until she became ill.

Lena was a daughter, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, and friend. She loved everyone and

everyone loved her. She loved her parents dearly and was very close to both of them. She was also close to her brothers and often told stories of how she beat them all the time in a good ole game of jacks and marbles. She had a contagious smile that would light up the room and left the smell of her perfume wherever she went. That woman loved her some White Diamonds. She was also close to her aunts and uncle: Joyce, Judy, and Dalton (Pemo). They were the younger siblings of her mother but they grew up more like her sisters and brother. The stories they shared will forever remain vivid as though we lived them ourselves.

Lena was also bilingual, speaking both English and the native Creole language. That meant so much to her, especially growing up in a household where that was the only language spoken by her grandmother. The ability to speak the Creole language also made her a great asset in her career, being that the majority of the elderly in her community spoke it as well. She was a lover of words, which explained her love for books and literature. She was encouraged to read as a child by her mother, who grew up during segregation and the Great Depression and had very little opportunity to do so herself. She was raised in the Catholic faith and instilled those virtues in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She loved cooking. Lord, that woman could cook and bake. That's why the whole family is nice and plump. I remember my stepdad eating her food for the first time and saying, "I see why these children around here will never end up on a Feed the Children commercial!" She loved tending to rose bushes and the beauty of the native Crepe Myrtle trees—those were her favorite. Being outdoors was also something she enjoyed. There were many afternoons where she just sat outside and enjoyed life and all it had to offer. She never complained about anything.

Of all the favorite things she enjoyed doing, going to the casino was at the top of her list. She would always say, "Y'all, I'm going to strike big one day!" Seeing her eyes light up every time her machine entered a bonus will be a memory instilled forever. They may have been her favorite, but the time spent with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and family was priceless. That she would not have traded for anything else. She loved happiness and laughter. If you were around her and down in the dumps, she made sure you left with a smile and a full heart. She opened her heart to all that she encountered.

She was even a loving mother to her little dogs. She raised them as though they were her own children and not her pets. We had a hard time giving our own mother a hug without them being jealous and overprotective of her. Who wouldn't though? Because she was

truly one of a kind. Mama loved all types of music and had dance skills just like Thelma from the TV series Good Times. The memory of those dance moves—her and her older brothers, especially her swing-out sessions with her brother Roland. One would swear they were watching an episode of Dancing with the Stars. She took their dance moves seriously—just like she took the love she had for everyone.

God blessed Lena with six children, aka “The Brady Bunch.” In each one, she went on to leave a special piece of her. Charles was the firstborn that opened her doorway to motherhood and shared the very first piece of her heart. He was also the first person she called every time something needed to be fixed. Tywana, her first-born girl, would follow in her footsteps and enter a career in the medical field as well. She also inherited her baking skills—that’s why it’s so hard for anyone to lose weight because she is always trying a new recipe. Brandon has her soft spot and love for animals. Brent definitely obtained her adventurous side, often sending her on many trips to the ER. That boy was always into something. To LaChica, she definitely passed on her love for words, language, culture, genealogy, reading, and writing. A skill that came in handy because that child went on to read newspapers and mail for all the old ladies in the neighborhood and the obituaries at all the funerals. Last but not least, Tasha—the baby of the crew, aka Big Boss, aka The Mama. That was her casino partner. Every time you called her and heard music in the background, she would say, “I’ll call you back, I’m at the casino with Tasha and Ramsey!” She was also blessed with many grandchildren. Four of them she raised as her own—Lizzy, Brennon, Layla, and Lindsey. Brennon and Lizzy were there with her by her side until the day she took her last breath. That meant so much to her and for that she will forever be grateful.

Lena is survived by her children: Charles (Marie) of Arnaudville, LA, Tywana (Kenneth) of Leonville, LA, Brandon (Krystal) of Opelousas, LA, Brent (Summer) of Leonville, LA, LaChica (Jake) of Duson, LA, and LaTasha (Ramsey) of Youngsville, LA. One brother, Michael (Donna) of Opelousas, LA. Aunts Judy of Houston, TX, and Delia and Josephine Brown of Leonville, LA. Mother-in-law Gertrude Henry of Grand Coteau, LA. Godfather Jimmy Davis. Godchildren Michelle, Ronald Jr., Tonia, and Massey. Special cousins Vanessa Sostand, Sharen Pickney, Alan Nelson, Pat Papillion, Sidney Lemelle, and James, Joe, and Harold Davis. Lena also leaves behind to mourn 20 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Lena was preceded in death by her parents, Parfait and Clara Mae Auzenne; husband Ernest Henry; brothers Ronald and Roland Brown; sister Linda Auzenne; paternal grandparents Aristide and Cecilia Fournier Auzenne; maternal grandparents Lawrence and Lena Sam Brown; sisters-in-law Carolyn and Marie Brown; special cousins Janett

Keys, Kevin and Eric Brown; father-in-law Sylvester Henry; and godmother Joyce Stelly.

Funeral services will be held at St. Leo Catholic Church, Leonville, LA on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. for Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-Henry, 65, who entered eternal rest on Thursday, May 22, 2025, in her residence surrounded by family and loved ones and in the comfort care of Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care.

Interment will be in Serenity Memorial Park, Opelousas, LA. Rev. Darren Eldrige, Pastor of St. Catherine Catholic Church will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial.

The family requests visiting hours be observed on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at St. Leo Catholic Church.

Share words of comfort with the family of Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-Henry on her Permanent Life Tribute Page at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net. Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Lena. 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 share your personal experiences and preserve the memory of Lena Marie Brown for future generations to come.

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 817 E. South Street, 337-942-2037.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Memorial Park Cemetery

7352 Highway 31
Opelousas, LA 70570

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
126 Church Road
Leonville, LA

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
126 Church Rd
Leonville, LA 70551

Tribute Wall

SG

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

Sheriff Bobby J Guidroz - June 02, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CB

“ *I was blessed to work with Lena at the home health agency in Opelousas. What a wonderful, dedicated lady she was always gracious and full of integrity. She was so caring and kind to everyone. Heaven just welcomed another Angel!! I will keep Lena's family in my prayers.*

cynthia barnes - May 31, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JJ

“ *She was such a Beautiful person. Lena would always greet me with her Wonderful smile at Dr. White's office. It was refreshing to hear her soft voice and experience her calm demeanor. Her care and diligence with her work was impressive! Our world was a better place while she was with us here, and she will be missed. God Bless her family!*

Johnnie R. Johnson

Johnnie Johnson - May 31, 2025 at 08:27 AM

LN

“ *REST IN PEACE DEAR LENA.PRAYERS FOR FAMILY STRENGTH.*

Lola neal - May 31, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Boudreaux & Touchet Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-
Henry.*



Boudreaux & Touchet Family - May 30, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-Henry.*



May 30, 2025 at 02:44 PM

JM

“ *We the Mayon Family Is, Sorry For your loss. Lena was, always a loving and caring person. She truly will be missed by all !! To her children and grandchildren may God give you strength and courage. May you always remember what a loving and great mother you all had! May God Bless You'll Always !*

Janice Mayon-White - May 29, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JM

“ *Janice Mayon-White lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry*



Janice Mayon-White - May 29, 2025 at 09:10 PM

KM

“ *It Definitely Was A Pleasure Of Knowing You .*



kimberly and maliah - May 29, 2025 at 02:58 PM

ER

“ *Sending my condolences to the family Mrs.Lena was such a beautiful soul*



Evette Rosette - May 29, 2025 at 10:29 AM

NP

“ It breaks my heart to know how much I'll miss this lady, with her sweet kind voice, and words. She gave so much of herself to so many. Everyone has my deepest sympathy. I've heard these words said many times, for her it's true she will be missed by so many.

Nancy Winfrey Pierre - May 29, 2025 at 12:46 AM

LG

“ To all of my cousins, Aunt Lena was the sweetest person to have known. Every time I'd see her she was always smiling and never said anything negative about anyone. She will truly be missed. May we all find comfort in knowing she's resting in the arms of the lord with Uncle Ernest. Im sorry I can't be there, but know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Loretta Guilbeau-Thompson

Loretta Guilbeau-Thompson - May 28, 2025 at 11:58 PM



BS

“ Blake Authorlee and Siblings purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-Henry.



Blake Authorlee and Siblings - May 28, 2025 at 08:05 PM

BN

“ Bernadette & Allen Nelson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Lena Marie Brown Auzenne-Henry.



Bernadette & Allen Nelson - May 28, 2025 at 11:21 AM

CP

“ Cynthia & Joseph Payne lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Cynthia & Joseph Payne - May 28, 2025 at 11:14 AM

CP

“💖 Lena was such a a dear, caring person. She served in authentic solace and love as she cared for her patients. She was a jewel, a friend, always with a listening ear and kindness. She served with heartfelt compassion to my entire family. We all looked for her whenever we went to Dr. White's office & then again at Dr. Chatman's office & she was there with a warm, loving smile and arms stretched wide to greet you. I thank God for His faithful servant, Lena. ❤️ May her soul rest in in Heaven's peace. 🙏 I pray for the comfort of her family and their continued practice of the Catholic faith, trusting in God & spreading His Love to all you meet. Tell the world about Jesus. 🙏🙏🙏 She did it. ❤️ God bless you all. †

Cynthia & Joseph Payne - May 28, 2025 at 11:12 AM

GF

I worked with Lena at Dr. White's office and she was always so caring and kind. If I was having a bad day she was there with a nice warm hug and compassion to make me feel better. Lena was a good person and friend. RIP Lena.

Greta Aucoin Fontenot - May 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM



My beautiful cousin, Gone but never will be forgotten

Sam Joseph - May 28, 2025 at 02:17 PM



Rest In Peace

Sam Joseph - May 28, 2025 at 02:18 PM

OA

“ODELIA ANGELLE lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



ODELIA ANGELLE - May 28, 2025 at 09:34 AM

LW

“May God bless each of you as you walk through this part of the JOURNEY OF LIFE. My prayers are with you.

Loretta White - May 28, 2025 at 09:20 AM

LW

“ Loretta White lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Loretta White - May 28, 2025 at 09:16 AM

RM

“ Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Rosalie Meullion - May 28, 2025 at 05:09 AM



“ Leah Miles lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Leah Miles - May 28, 2025 at 04:11 AM

GF

“ Gloria Ned Fuselier lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Gloria Ned Fuselier - May 27, 2025 at 11:47 PM

BW

“ Such a beautiful soul always greeted me with a big hug and kiss on the cheek whenever I seen her she always was full of fun and laughter I tell u if u was having a bad day and u see Mrs lena all that badness was gone I'm thinking about the good times I'm so sorry that had to happen to YOU💔but u not suffering anymore yall all have our sympathy love u my girl u will be truly missed love always Britt❤️🙏

Brittany walker - May 27, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DN

“ Donald Noel lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Donald Noel - May 27, 2025 at 07:33 PM

PM

“ Patricia Keys Davis Blanche and Matthew lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Patricia Keys Davis Blanche and Matthew - May 27, 2025 at 06:15 PM

PD

“ Patricia Keys Davis lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Patricia Keys Davis - May 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM

SP

“ Shala Rene Pickney lit a candle in memory of Lena Auzenne-Henry



Shala Rene Pickney - May 27, 2025 at 05:43 PM

PM

Our condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Lena with much agape love ❤️

Patricia Keys Davis Blanche and Matthew - May 27, 2025 at 11:07 PM