



## Mary Alice Babineaux

March 4, 1938 - August 26, 2012

Mary Alice Babineaux

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, September 1, 2012 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA, for Mary Alice Babineaux, 74, who entered eternal rest, Sunday, August 26, 2012 at Acadian Medical Center in Eunice, LA.

Interment will be in St. John Francis Regis Catholic Cemetery in Arnaudville, LA. Rev. Jaison Mangalath, S.V.D. will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial. Of humble birth, she was the eldest of 7 children born to Louisiana sharecroppers, Amos Cluse, Sr. and Germaine Cluse. She was preceded in death by both of her beloved parents and by two of her siblings Philomen Jordan and Wesley Cluse. Mary Alice is survived by three sisters, Velma Broussard (Willard), Rosebell Lemelle (Joseph), Rose Ledet (Christopher) and one brother, Amos Cluse, Jr. (Veronica).

She was united in marriage to the love of her life, Warren Babineaux, Jr. on February 15, 1958. Her new, big, family was led by Warren Babineaux, Sr. and Clementine Babineaux, both now deceased, who, including Mary Alice's new husband, had 14 children of their own, Berchman Babineaux (Joyce), Vincent Babineaux (Merline), Rose Guillory (Raymond), Merline Davis, Mary Ann Thierry, Clifton Babineaux (Gail), Jackie Perrodin (Junius), Patrick Babineaux (Rachel), all of whom survive Mary Alice. Five of her in-laws predeceased her, Elizabeth Savoie (Gabriel), Norma "Jeanie" Babineaux, Ira Mae Thibodeaux (Medrick), Earline Bihm (Lionel) and Howard Babineaux

(Mae). Several years after the death of Clementine, Warren Sr. remarried and Mary Alice was blessed with a third mother, Mildred Boast Babineaux.

In September of 1963, her definition of a "big" family would change again.

Inspired by the Christian charity of her mother, after the births of two daughters, Cynthia (Steven Lewis) and Fatima, and while pregnant with a third, Claire (Barry Fontenot), Mary Alice realized that she was called to do more.

During that faithful Fall in 1963, Mary Alice and Warren opened their home to children in need. And, despite the many challenges and struggles that come with a life that began with so little, she began to give so much. Over the course of her life, she was "Mom-Me" to over one hundred children (through birth, adoption and foster care).

First came Ramona and Louis Harris, later Evelyn Biagase (Lawrence) and Martha Hamilton (deceased), still later, Jonathan (Sonya) and Robert Pommier, Charles, Karen and Kevin Ledet, Patrick and Henry Bob (deceased), Shaquanna "Baby Ne" Babineaux-Handy (Alfonzo), Meco, Tunisha Thomas (Chris) and Brandon Babineaux, Jerry Gillespie (Trudy), Rev. John and Michael Harris, Alex Tyler (Emily), Michael Williams (Shirley), Sonny and Ronald Malveaux, Anthony Johnson, Gabriel and Marcel Levine, Godfrey and Prince Morris (deceased), Shaun Green, Mark Jones, Allen Guillory (Valerie), Ronald Williams, Ranius Papillion, Bobbie Woods,(deceased) and Wilbur Harris (deceased). And, many unnamed, but cherished, others.

People have often asked from whence came her strength? She had a quick response--Jesus. Mary Alice was a woman of Faith. When she visited local prisons as a Prison Minister, when she fed the poor both as a part of local charities and by giving out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to local children and adults, when she provided a cool drink to neighbors as they passed by on hot days, when she gave clothes to those without and provided shelter to the homeless, these things she did in His name.

Though she is sometimes touted as a "Saint," the real miracle of Mary Alice Babineaux was that she was human, like the rest of us. She felt pain and

heartache. She had fears, and, yes, even vices. But she was bestowed a mother's eyes that could not look past a child in need, and a mother's heart that had so much capacity that it could serve over 100 and still have room for "one more."

Visiting hours will be observed from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Friday, August 31, 2012 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hours will resume on Saturday at 7:00 A.M.

Share words of comfort with the Babineaux family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Alice Babineaux*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *RIP, Mrs. Babineaux. You were the reason I became a foster parent. Your generosity, compassion and patience were characteristics I noticed in our first mtg in 1986 (Univ.. of Mo. summer) I have always admired the entire family.*

fran beard-zgorski - June 07, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ *To my extended family may God give you all the strenght in Jesus Name to continue to look to the hill were cometh your strenght which is the Lord in Jesus Name. Family, remember cuz alice left our family a legency. She showed unconditional love to everyone she met.*

Debra Richard Jackson - September 03, 2012 at 07:20 PM



“ *We as a family are deeply sadden to hear of your lost of such a beautiful spirit and person. We will forever remember and cherish the love she had for our aunt (Inez Pitre) and the entire Greenard family. Her calls would always bring a smile of joy to the face of our mother(Mable Jackson) just knowing she still cherished the friendships made years ago. Although we may be miles apart, you will always be close to our hearts.*

Gregory Jackson - September 03, 2012 at 01:04 PM

BC

“ My deepest condolence to the family. My prayers are with you all at. Mary Alice was a loving giving person.

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**Brenda Richard Covington** - September 02, 2012 at 06:07 PM

GE

“ To the Babineaux family, I'd like to offer my deep and heartfelt condolences on the loss of your love one, "mom-me". Over the past few years that I've known her, I feel very blessed. She always had kind and wonderful words for those around her. The world has lost a true angel. She will be missed!!!!

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**Georgia Edwards** - August 31, 2012 at 06:12 PM

JL

“ To my sister and friend Claire and her family, I wish to share my sincere sympathy to you and your family in this time of bereavement. Put your trust in God because he is the only one that can get ya'll through this. Cherish the memories of your mother and they will comfort you in the times when you miss her most. I am praying for the family and will continue to pray. God Bless and keep the Faith.

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**Janice E. Lee** - August 31, 2012 at 09:14 AM

DL

“ *A Beautiful Lady never to be forgotten!  
Know that God can and will take care of you during this time of  
sorrow. Always cherish those wonderful memories. And indeed be  
proud of and blessed for the life she lived and shared with her  
beloved husband, Mr. Babineaux  
Exceptionally proud and honored to consider myself, as well as my  
brothers and sisters, a member and members of this distinguished  
and honored family! We Love you guys.  
God Bless! Trent*

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**Delbert T. Lewis** - August 30, 2012 at 08:39 PM

SL

“ *Remember earth has no sorrow , heaven cannot heal. What a life  
and model for us all.*

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**Steven Lewis** - August 30, 2012 at 07:11 PM

PS

“ *I am deeply saddened by your loss. Please accept my most  
heartfelt sympathy. My prayer is with your family during this difficult  
time. May you find comfort in knowing that Mrs. Babineaux touched  
the lives of so many of us and gave the gift of many happy  
memories.*

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**Phyllis Sampson** - August 30, 2012 at 05:51 PM

DT

“ *Look unto the hills from whence cometh your help, your help comes  
from the Lord. May God Bless You in your time of sorrow.*

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**Donna Hightower Thomas** - August 30, 2012 at 05:34 PM

JP

“ *To the Babineaux Family: My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Babineaux Family. Mrs. Babineaux was considered more than a friend and a neighbor. When I called on her when my mother was ill and died she didn't hesitate to come over, she made the trip up to North Louisiana to attend my grandmother's funeral. She will be missed. May God continue to bless each of you and keep you in his care.*

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**Janice Pltre** - August 30, 2012 at 05:00 PM

VC

“ *Thinking and Praying for your Family. May your heart be filled with precious memories.*

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**Verma & Rayford Coleman** - August 30, 2012 at 04:28 PM

WT

“ *Your mother was a remarkable women with a loving heart for people and her God. Her works are displayed in your actions daily. Words cannot express our hopes and prayers for you and your family during this time. Always remember the joy and laughter you shared together. You will meet again someday in your home above.*

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**Warren Townsend** - August 30, 2012 at 04:25 PM

RM

“ *We wish to express our sincere and deepest sympathy to the Family. Earth hath no sorrow heaven cannot heal. We pray God be with you during this time of sorrow and may you ever look to the hills from whence cometh your help, all your help cometh from the Lord.*

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**Reshauna Mattox** - August 30, 2012 at 04:25 PM

TL

“ *Mrs. Babineaux will truly be missed. She was a wonderful woman and I am honored to have had the opportunity to meet her. The Babineaux family is in my prayers.*

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**Terrie lewis** - August 30, 2012 at 11:11 AM