



Mary Bell Butler

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Opelousas, Louisiana

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA., for Mrs. Mary Bell Butler, 64, who entered eternal rest, Sunday, May 29, 2011 at her residence in Opelousas, LA.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park in Opelousas, LA. Rev. Jaison Mangalath, S.V.D. will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial.

Mourning her departure, yet cherishing her precious memories is her loving husband, Mr. Joseph Butler, Sr. of Opelousas, LA. She is also survived by her children, three daughters, Letreece Jackson (fiancé, Lyndon Kately), Tanya Brown (Cedric) and Stephanie Holman (Zolton); a son, Joseph Butler, Jr. (fiancé, Ashley Westcott) all of Houston, TX.; four brothers, Charles Henry (Virginia) of Port Arthur, TX., Kenneth Henry (Mary) of Carencro, LA., Alvin Henry of Pauling, Ohio and Moses Henry, Jr. (Larissa) of Breaux Bridge, LA.; four sisters, Brenda Dugas (Charles) of Beaumont, TX., Nell Briscoe (Joseph) of Houston, TX., Debra Shivers (Danny) of Houston, TX. and Ora Banks (Scott) of Cartersville, GA.; 10 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

Mrs. Butler was preceded in death by her parents, Moses Jasper Henry, Sr. & Florina Melancon Henry; two sisters, Beverly Henry and Linda Johnson.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA.

Share words of comfort with the Butler family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Bell Butler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *My prayers are with you durning your time of saddness. God will confort you in a way that no man can. From your cousins(Jules and Mary Batiste) We Love you and you know we loved Mary.*

Barbara Batiste Henson - June 10, 2011 at 01:30 PM



“ *An Angel going home. I look at the beautiful picture of Mary and that is what it reminds me. She is an Angel that God called home. I may not have known her that well nor that long; however, I thank God for the time he allowed me to meet her at our wonderful Family Reunion. I will never forget her smile. My condolences to everyone. 23rd Psalms has always been my inspirationduring a time like this. Be Bless,
Mary Darline Henry (McKinley Henry's Granddaughter)*

Mary Henry - June 08, 2011 at 04:15 PM



“ *Mr Joseph Butler Sr. and family, We were sorry to hear of your wife's passing. You mentioned to us that she was ill. This was at a J S Clark Alumni Assoc meeting in Houston. May God stay in your presence as you begin to heal.
Take care, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roberts*

Mr & Mrs Lee Roberts - June 08, 2011 at 12:11 AM

CT

“ Our prayers and sympathy are with the Henry and Bulter family.

Candace & Vanessa Taylor - June 07, 2011 at 09:44 PM

SG

“ To the Bulter Family, I am one of Mary Bell's classmate. (I am the former Shirley Ann Henry.) I want to express my deepest sympathy to all of you. I am keeping you in my prayers and thoughts.

Shirley Ann Gross - June 07, 2011 at 10:54 AM

SU

“ Mr Butler and Family: Our deepest sympathy is with you and your family. May you find comfor in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do to help you through this trying time in your life, please let us know.

The office and staff of Dr. Scott Neusetzer. Jessica and Rachel

Southern Urology - June 06, 2011 at 11:08 PM

TA

“ To my loving aunt who I love and respected so dearly. I will miss hearing your lovely voice on Sundays. We will meet again.
Love you Always Aunt Mary...

Theresa Andrus - June 06, 2011 at 01:31 PM

DB

“ My heart is so full of love and sympathy for you all, but I do know that with God's Amazing Grace each and every one of you will be just fine.

Daisy Booker - June 06, 2011 at 12:07 PM

SB

“ *Mary Bell Butler*

Shondell Elliott Bartlett - June 05, 2011 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ *The Shivers' Family are sending their prayers of healing and comfort to your family. So, family remember that God holds holds a heavenly place for Mary than this earthly one. And so, rmember there will be no pain, sickness. God will send the family healing powers and the strength that will be needed.*

The Shivers' Family - June 05, 2011 at 01:41 PM

HN

“ *God comfort those who mourn, Our love and prayers are with you. Love Horace & Julia Taylor Nelson*

Horace & Julia Taylor Nelson - June 04, 2011 at 08:14 PM

EG

“ *Our prayers are with each and every one of you. We love you all.*

Earnest, Cicely, Zion & Earris Gibson - June 04, 2011 at 06:05 PM

DH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I worked with her in the Federal and State Compliance Dept for about 6 months, right up until she retired in March 2004. I knew her before I came to the dept, so it was like our friendship deepened. We used to ride together sometimes to Luby's to get lunch. She always got the Chicken Fried Chicken, that was her favorite. We spoke by phone after her move to Louisiana a couple of times. We shared our birthdays back to back--she was Oct 25th, mine is Oct 26th. I have remembered her periodically and hoped we would have an opportunity to get together again. I know that for now it won't be possible, but there is the hope that we will see each other again in the Lord's presence. Please know that Ms. Mary was special to the many people she worked with and she will not be forgotten. Diana C. Hinojosa

Diana C. Hinojosa - June 04, 2011 at 04:37 PM

JM

“ May you always remember all the Memories and life Mary had. Joseph , You and Your Loving Family are in our hearts at this time with much Empathy & Sympathy and Prayers. We want you to know God never makes a mistake...God loved her more. Johnnie B. Matthews/Simmons and Family

Johnnie B. Matthews/Simmons - June 04, 2011 at 03:22 PM

RR

“ May God comfort and strentghen you all as you grieve the lost of a great mother and wife.
God Bless
Raymond Richardson and Family

Raymond Richardson - June 04, 2011 at 11:25 AM

MJ

“ WITH SYMPATHY , WISHING YOU THE LIGHT OF LOVE, THE WARMTH OF MEMORY, AND THE COMFORT OF KNOWING YOUR LOVE ONE WILL BE REMEMBERED ALWAYS.

MARQUES&PAT JOHNSON - June 04, 2011 at 11:14 AM

KT

“ Dear Butler Family, You have my deepest sympathy...God is an all knowing God who makes no mistakes. Take comfort in knowing that Mary knew WHO and WHOSE she was...Mary knew "her God" made an amazing choice by choosing her to be in his Gardren of Life...be encouraged by the Word of God I pray you be strengthend where you are weak and built up where you are torn down.
Sincerly Lynn and family

Keidr "Lynn" Thomas - June 04, 2011 at 08:46 AM

SF

“ Our sincerest condolences goes out to your family. Please don't be sad but rejoice in the homecoming of another one of God's angels.
Love and miss you Aunt Mary!
Sandra

Sandra Brown and family - June 04, 2011 at 12:50 AM

SB

“ It was an HONOR to call Mary Butler my sister-in-law, but it was more of an HONOR that she called me her brother-in-law. She was more like a mother to me and I took great PRIDE in getting her approval and living up to her HIGH STANDARDS and EXPECTATIONS. She made all of our lives better just by being in it and being apart of it. My HEART and SOUL hurts for this TREMENDOUS loss, but I think about how BLESSED we all are to have had such a REMARKABLE person GRACE our lives with her PRESENCE.

To my family, I love you all and remember that STRENGTH is in numbers. ALWAYS stay together, be STRONG and live in a manner that would make your mother proud.

RIP Sister-In-Law With All My Love

Scotty Banks - June 04, 2011 at 12:39 AM

CL

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you during this difficult time. We have lost a beautiful saint and angel on this earth, but she has earned her wings in Heaven. Be strong family.

Charles & Lucy Lewis - June 04, 2011 at 12:20 AM

VJ

“ I can't begin to say that I know what her husband or children are feeling but, I do know that the word of God teaches us in John 11:25 - Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

As Aunt Velma continues to live with Christ. We must allow her to continue to live within us. Love you Aunt Velma.

----- Vicky

Victoria Henry Joseph - June 04, 2011 at 12:09 AM

TB

“ My aunt mary !! Always has the two really big horses . Had two big dogs that I was really scared of . But , I wanted you to know that I lived you . You are caring an always babied me when I was younger . Your gone but , never forgotten an we love you .. Love your Banky !!

Tarris "Banky" Batiste - June 03, 2011 at 11:44 PM

GT

“ To the Henry/Butler Family From the Taylor Family We extend our condolelences and Prayers to you in this our of sadness.and know that God is with you even if it seems that he is far from you.God Bless your Family and friends.

Gloria Taylor - June 03, 2011 at 09:07 PM

RW

“ We want to wish our deepest sympathy to the Butler family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Russell and Artherine Gradnigo White - June 03, 2011 at 08:44 PM

AW

“ THE TIMES THAT WE HAVE SHARED TOGETHER WAS PRECIOUS EVERLASTING MOMENTS.I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU AS A STRONG WOMAN.YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MISSED,UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN ..I LOVE YOU

ASHLEY WESCOTT - June 03, 2011 at 08:03 PM

TJ

“ Mommie I have been searching for a role model and I can finally say i found her. Thank you so much for teaching me how to be a young lady and I promise i'm going to make you a proud grandmother and I love you dearly and I will miss you SO SO MUCH !!! THANK YOU FOR EVEYTHING MY LOVE !!!!

Taylor Jackson - June 03, 2011 at 07:49 PM

PL

“ To Stephanie and the entire Butler Family. Look to God and he will give you peace and comfort. Over the 30 years I have known Mary she was a very good and supportive mother. Carry on her legacy as you go forward she led a good life for you to follow. She will forever bloom in your heart! Luv Ya!

Pat Living - June 03, 2011 at 06:54 PM

NE

“ Our prayers are with you all for your lost. God knows what is best so now she is resting with no pain, no worries. Just remember the joy that she brought all of you. So be happy for her. She has her wings. From her Houston ISD familyTo God be the glory.....The slide show was very nice Thank You for sharing...

Neysa Ewing - June 03, 2011 at 04:33 PM

TB

“ Hey family I love the slide show! She was such a wonderful auntie to me! I can truly say that god has bless me with a beautiful family. Even though I wasn't able to see aunt mary before she past, it wasn't a day that went by that I didnt pray or think about her. I love you all very much hopefully I will see you soon R.I.P. Mary Bell Butler(Aunt Mary) forever in my heart

Terrance Batiste - June 03, 2011 at 01:30 PM

IP

“ Mommie I'm going to miss you more than words can explain. I know you are in a better place can't wait to see you on the other side. You are the best grandmother a granddaughter could ask for. You are the strongest woman I ever met and I will miss you a lot I love you mommie as big as the world.....

india pertile - June 03, 2011 at 01:21 PM

WB

“ We always enjoyed seeing Cousin Mary at the Joseph Family Reunions and sharing in her hospitality at her beautiful home. We will cherish the time we spent with her last March. She was a ray of sunshine. Her smile and beautiful spirit will definitely be missed. She was such a special person. We love her, but God loves her best.

Will, Shirley and Denise Batiste - June 03, 2011 at 01:00 PM

SW

“ Butler family, you have our deepest sympathy. We will always remember Mary, for her true kindness, good heart, beautiful persona and the way she loved her family! GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
Love, Charles & Sylvia Wyatt & family

Sylvia Wyatt - June 03, 2011 at 11:46 AM

YL

“ Tanya, Look to the hills for whence cometh your help which is in Christ Jesus. I am just a phone call a way anytime of the day are night, you can lean on me when times get hard.
Love, Yvonne

Yvonne Lewis - June 03, 2011 at 11:31 AM

SM

“ To the Butler, Brown, Holman and Jackson Family, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your "great" Mother, and please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

We love you,
Stephon & Joanna Martin

Stephon and Joanna Martin - June 03, 2011 at 09:52 AM

MB

“ There are just no words to express Mary Bell's loss. My sincere condolences to all of you. I will forever have the memories of Mary Bell at our 45th Class Reunion (George Washington Caver) in September 2010. May you find peace in knowing that Mary Bell will always be remembered in our prayers.

Margaret James Baker - June 03, 2011 at 12:55 AM

CO

“ EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AS YOU GO THROUGH LIFE'S GREATEST SORROW, THE LOSS OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE. MAY YOUR FAITH IN GOD KEEP YOU STRONG.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Claudia Plumbar Orphe - June 03, 2011 at 12:22 AM

TL

“ All -
Cameron, Nyah and I would like to express our deepest sympathies for your loss. This has been such a tragic loss to us as well. Aunt Mary was a wonderful mother, wife and friend to many. She will be deeply missed.

Agape Love - Cameron, Nyah and Tammy

Tamara Lee - June 02, 2011 at 05:45 PM

SJ

“ *I am praying for you all, and God will take care of you all, love you all.*

sadie jackson - June 02, 2011 at 05:07 PM

SH

“ *Tanya, you have my deepest sympathy and may God comfort and strengthen you in your time of sorrow. Although I'm unable to be there with you my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your mom was truly a lovely lady and I'm blessed I had the opportunity to know her and work with her. She will be missed dearly by all those that knew her and loved her. Remember she's now your "guardian angel" and will be forever in your heart.*

Stephanie Hooks - June 02, 2011 at 04:20 PM

VM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care and God Bless. ~Victoria Mahabir~*

Victoria Mahabir - June 02, 2011 at 04:11 PM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Stephanie Holman. May the love of God comfort you and give you strength at this time of sorrow.*

Dee Herrera - June 02, 2011 at 04:01 PM

TJ

“ *The Butler and Henry family please accept my heartfelt condolence on the loss of Mary Bell. Please know that my thought and prayers are with you.*

Theresa Lewis Jordan - June 02, 2011 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ My heart and love goes out the the Butler and Henry families. We were all very close growing up in the Sunset area.

JERRY "Butch" BELSON - June 02, 2011 at 02:26 PM

JG

“ Our 45th class reunion held in September 2010 was a very memorable and warm time with Mary Bell. My family's prayers are for and with Mary's family.

John Raphael Guillory - June 02, 2011 at 01:34 PM

FJ

“ Please allow me to pass on the deepest condolences of my family to my cousin Velma's family on their loss. Words cannot express my sorrow during this time. Let us all take comfort in the knowledge that she is now in heaven with her beloved Mom, Dad and two sisters. Be well and may GOD Bless!
From your cousin Smitty, my wife Sandra and our daughters Grace & Rachel.

Fletcher Lee Smith, Jr. - June 02, 2011 at 10:52 AM

AL

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. May you all stay strong in your time of sorrow and know that the Lord is by your side at all times. If you need anything please don't hesitate to contact us.
The Lovett's (Mark,Alicia, Zac, Xavier)

Alicia Lovett - June 02, 2011 at 09:54 AM

SN

“ Mr. Butler, Tonya and family you all have my condolences. God Bless and keep you all.

Sheryl Neal - June 02, 2011 at 08:11 AM

BW

“ *My prayers are with you. I wish so much that I could be there. I have fond memories of Mary, and the gang from Black Middle School. Please know that my thoughts and prayers will be with your family.*

Brenda Walker - June 01, 2011 at 10:45 PM

CS

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. A bright light has been extinguished much too soon. Always hold dear those precious memories.*

Cynthia Singleton - June 01, 2011 at 06:27 PM

ES

“ *Tanya, your mom was a beautiful person inside and out. The love of a mother is something that cannot be replaced. Although your mother is not here in the physical, she will always be with you in the spirit. May GOD continue to Bless and keep all of you during this time of your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

Eva Samuel - June 01, 2011 at 02:58 PM