



Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix

April 13, 1938 - November 8, 2022

The Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, November 18, 2022 at Emma Zion Baptist Church in Melville, LA, for The Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix, 84, who entered eternal rest, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at Opelousas General Health System.

Interment will be in Sweet Home Cemetery in Melville, LA. Rev. Paul Zachary will officiate at the services.

Ms. Hendrix is survived by her daughter, Sheila Gail Hendrix of Melville, LA; two sisters, Gloria M. Dureseau Crayton of Melville, LA and Gwendolyn Faye Dureseau of Melville, LA and a host of extended family members and friends. Ms. Hendrix was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard Dureseau, Sr. & Lillie Hicks Dureseau and a brother, Leonard Dureseau, Jr.

Visiting hours will be observed from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Williams Funeral Home. Visiting hours will resume on Friday, November 18, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 12:45 AM at Emma Zion Baptist Church in Melville, LA.

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

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

Tribute Wall



“ *I remember when she looked after me when I was a lil gurl*

makenzie - March 07, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *My former English instructor at Lincoln High of Morrow. This death was shocking. Prayers and deepest condolences for the family.*

Belva Reaves - November 21, 2022 at 07:18 AM



“ *Rest In Peace you were a great teacher to me.
Joyce Green Meullion*

Joyce Green Meullion - November 19, 2022 at 10:05 AM

CR

“ We the members of the National Association of University Women St. Landry Branch extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our sister, Velma D. Hendrix. Velma has been a very dedicated member of this prestigious organization for over twenty years. She was a Phenomenal Woman who was loved and respected by so many. She was dedicated to serving God and her fellow man. We the NAUW Sisters will truly miss her presence at meetings and programs. She loved the town of Melville and she served four years as Mayor and she was a candidate on the ballot when she passed away. Our hearts are saddened because we have lost our friend who was a dear sister to all of us. It will be different seeing our NAUW SISTER, Gwen Dureseau, without Sister Velma. We loved Velma and we will truly miss her, but we know better than to ask God Why. We know that Velma is in her new home in glory and we will remember her as the classy lady she was. We, the NAUW St. Landry Branch sisters thank God for our dear departed Carnation who was faithful to her calling and to NAUW and was loved by us. We are grsteful that her life touched ours. We rejoice with her sisters, Gloria and Gwen and her daughter Shelia, in the knowledge that she is in God's eternal care.



Celina Richard - November 18, 2022 at 07:43 PM

NM

“ My condolences to Sheila Ms. Gloria and Nanny Gwen. Nanny Vel I will miss you💔

Nichelle Milburn - November 18, 2022 at 03:22 PM

SG

“ Words cannot express what I am feeling right now. As a former student of her class, I felt the love and passion that she had for English. She was a huge influence for me to obtain my degree in English and Literature. Throughout my tenure at North Central, Ms. Hendrix's kind and warm spirit always made me feel welcome in her class. You will be truly missed, Ms. Hendrix.

Shundra Green, class of 1993.

Shundra Green - November 18, 2022 at 03:18 PM

SG

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

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz - November 18, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MV

“ Mrs. Hendrix was my Student Teacher from Grambling College in 11th grade(64-65) at Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, under the tutelage of Mrs. Myrtle T. Stewart.

I saw her last when she traveled to Shreveport to attend Mrs. Stewart's funeral several years ago. She took a picture with several of her former students. She remembered all of us from our accelerated English class.

She was an excellent teacher: caring, loving, personable, knowledgeable. We all cried when she left to return to Grambling. We were “her children”, a part of her forever family.

May her legacy continue to live on in the hearts and minds of those who loved her.

Rest in Heaven Mrs. Hendrix!!!

*Melvyn Player Vaughn
Shreveport, Louisiana
Former Student*

Melvyn Player Vaughn - November 18, 2022 at 04:25 AM

NM

“ My deepest condolences Sheila Ms. Gloria and Nanny Gwen.
Nanny Vel you will be missed💔



Nichelle Milburn - November 17, 2022 at 11:50 PM

LB

My deepest sympathy to my friend Shelia. I will continue to keep you in my prayers, Sending prayers up for recovery for your aunts,

Lisa Blouin - December 22, 2022 at 08:48 PM

BF

“ *Former student, Brandi R. Ford; NCHS, C/O '94*



Brandi R Ford - November 17, 2022 at 11:38 PM

MO

“ *Velma was my cousin and I remember the time my family and I visited her in Melville after being away from my home town for many years, she showed my family and I so much kindness and love. She was a joy to know and I had just talked to her about a month ago not realizing that I would never talk to her again.*

Marie Oakman - November 17, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy cannot be expressed for the tremendous loss of "Nanny Vel", affectionately known to me. Mrs. Velma D. Hendrix has been a great part of my adult life and has always showered me with love and compassion. It is with a heavy heart I am saddened by her death. My love will remain to be with the Hendrix and Dureseau family forever. I will always love and miss you Nanny-Vel.*
Raina

Raina Curry - November 17, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Raina Curry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mayor Velma Dureseau Hendrix*



Raina Curry - November 17, 2022 at 08:59 PM



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Raina



Raina Curry - November 17, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *Curtis Ernestine Bowie lit a candle in memory of Mayor Velma Dureseau Hendrix*



Curtis and Ernestine Bowie - November 17, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ *To my Dureseau family, I send love, prayers & my heart felt condolences. It breaks my heart to my soul to know Cousin Velma is gone. Love & blessings from your cousins, Nedra Brown & sons.*

Nedra Brown Armstrong - November 17, 2022 at 07:38 PM

SA

“ *In Loving Memory of the Honorable Mayor
Mrs. Velma Lee Dureseau Hendrix* 🙏💖🙌🙌
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Sharon Oliney Adams - November 17, 2022 at 07:35 PM

SA

“ *Words can't express what my former English
Teacher meant to me(all) of her former
students... Whenever I came back to Melville
and I saw Mrs. Hendrix she would this is one of
my favorite students(I believe we all were her
favorite students lol) but the recognition
warmed my heart just the same... We will miss her dearly... To
Sheila I feel your pain because I sat in your seat 6 1/2months ago...
To Ms. Gwen & Mrs. Gloria Weeping my Endureth a night BUT JOY
cometh in the morning...*



She left nothing undone... We Love Her and Will Truly Miss Her!!! 😊

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Sincerely,

Sharon Oliney Adams

Sharon Oliney Adams - November 17, 2022 at 07:28 PM

LM

“ *Linda Mingo lit a candle in memory of Mayor
Velma Dureseau Hendrix*



Linda Mingo - November 17, 2022 at 07:08 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mayor
Velma Dureseau Hendrix*



Linda Mingo Gibson - November 17, 2022 at 07:06 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mayor
Velma Dureseau Hendrix*



Linda Mingo Gibson - November 17, 2022 at 06:52 PM

CY

“ *Rest in Peace Sweet Lady.* 🙏💕🌹

CynthiaKimble - November 17, 2022 at 06:21 PM

BE

“ *Those who we love don't go away. They walk
beside us everyday; unseen, unheard but
always near, still love, still missed but very
dear. Rest in Power.
Beth and Charles Edwards*



Beth Edwards - November 17, 2022 at 05:44 PM

LB

“ My prayers are with The Family Of Mayor Velma Hendrix. I pay for your strength and comfort with our Lord and Savior, 🙏🙏🙏



Lorraina Butler - November 17, 2022 at 05:24 PM

NM

“ My condolences to Nanny Gwen Sheila and Ms. Gloria. I am sooo sorry that is happened. Rest in heaven Nanny Vel. I will miss you.



Nichelle Milburn - November 17, 2022 at 04:32 PM

JC

“ To the Dureseau-Hendrix Family:

I first met the jewel of your family when I was a freshman at Grambling. She and I took a lot of classes together over the years because we were both English majors. After graduation Velma and I were involved with LIALO rallies and with LEA, LTA and LAE over many years around the state. I appreciated Velma as a very personable individual, a genteel lady of class, a dedicated and committed educator and my friend.

My family and I offer prayers for the repose of her soul and we pray for strength that you all are able to bear this loss.

*Joseph M. Cotton, SR
Lafayette, LA*

Joseph M Cotton - November 17, 2022 at 03:46 PM

DD

“ So many memories Ms Hendrix!The world will surely miss You!Now you have an even bigger class to teach

Doris Drummer - November 17, 2022 at 02:21 PM

CR

“ We the members of National Association of University Women St. Landry Branch are very saddened by the passing of our dear Sister Velma D. Hendrix. We became so accustomed to seeing you and Sister Gwen at all our programs and meetings. You two actually came from Melville more than some members here in Opelousas. You were a phenomenal woman. You were classy a great dresser and someone so full of life. We will certainly miss you, but we know better than to question God. Rest on Dear Sister Velma and we know you will continue to shine in your new home in glory.

Celina Richard - November 17, 2022 at 01:24 PM

GR

“ *My condolences and prayers for family.* 🙏



Gertie Carmon Rodriguez - November 17, 2022 at 11:57 AM

CF

“ *Charles Paula and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix.*



Charles Paula and Family - November 17, 2022 at 11:11 AM

JC

“ *To the Dureseau-Hendrix Family,*

I was saddened to hear of the recent passing of the jewel of your family. I met Velma in 1959 when I was a freshman at Grambling College. She and I were English majors and took a lot of classes together over our 4 years. We were colleagues over the years involved with LIALO rallies, LEA and LTA and LAE educational activities around the state for many years. I always appreciated her as a genteel lady, a dedicated educator, a committed professional and a friend of high quality spirituality. My family and I send our prayers for the repose of her soul and our support to you in bearing this loss and in keeping her memory alive.



*Joseph M. Cotton, Sr.
Lafayette, Louisiana*

Joseph M Cotton Cotton - November 17, 2022 at 10:26 AM

LL

“ LMA, RMI, LaMATS purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix.



LMA, RMI, LaMATS - November 17, 2022 at 10:21 AM

EF

“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of The Honorable Mayor Velma Hendrick. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Shelia, Gloria, and Gwen. May God provide you with comfort during your time of bereavement.

Love and Prayers ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

*Emmanuel Wayne Fontenot and Family
Richmond, Virginia*

Emmanuel Wayne Fontenot - November 16, 2022 at 09:03 PM

DH

Sincere condolences to the family of Honorable Mayor Velma D. Hendrick. Sorry I can't be there to support you but know that my prayers are with you. Hold on to the sweet memories and let them guide you through this difficult time.

*Your cousin,
Doris Hudson*

Doris Hudson - November 17, 2022 at 09:38 PM

HC

“ My condolences to the family, Ms.Hendrix was one of my favorite teachers, she was always nice and kind to us, as her students we were ask to write an essay and she read mine about the Ash tray and quickly fell in love with it 😊 after so many years she stilled remembered it when I would see her through out the community, she will truly be missed!!! Rest in peace Ms. Hendrix, I will miss you 🙏

Hilda Carry - November 16, 2022 at 08:12 PM

HC

“ Hilda Carry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mayor Velma Dureseau Hendrix



Hilda Carry - November 16, 2022 at 08:01 PM

HC

“ Hilda Carry lit a candle in memory of Mayor Velma Dureseau Hendrix



Hilda Carry - November 16, 2022 at 08:00 PM

EB

“ So very sorry for the tragic death of Ms Velma . May the good Lord comfort you all in days ahead Love and prayers for the loved ones of this kind and helpful lady

Emma G. Bertrand - November 16, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix.*



November 16, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Dureseau & Hendrix families on the passing of Velma D. Hendrix. I taught with her for 19 years at Melville High School and for another 10 years at North Central High School. Your family is in my prayers for comfort as only our Lord Jesus Christ can give.*

Darrell Porche

Darrell Porche - November 16, 2022 at 05:16 PM



“ *Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the Kindness they have shared and the Love they brought into our Lives.*

My Deepest Condolences,

Judy Guilbeaux-James. PhD

Dr. Judy Guilbeaux-James - November 16, 2022 at 04:28 PM



My condolences and sympathy to the family(Shelia,Gwen and Gloria) Be blessed in this time of sorrow Roy and Dorris Jackson-Hawkins Sr.

Roy and Dorris Jackson-Hawkins Sr. - November 17, 2022 at 11:06 AM

GA

“ *GLBC Women's Auxiliary purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Honorable Mayor Velma L. Dureseau Hendrix.*



GLBC Women's Auxiliary - November 16, 2022 at 03:43 PM