



## Mrs. Rosa Lee Arnold

November 8, 1943 - July 20, 2022

On Wednesday, July 20th, a heavenly call went out. It was sent to 822 W Bernice St, the blue trimmed brick house. God sent angels to bring Rosa Lee Arnold to her new home. One where cares and concerns, though looking for her, they would not find; one where all earthly troubles are left far behind. No longer on a bed of pain, no longer trying to cope with legs that refused to move or eyes that ceased to see. No, now she has a new body, one robed in royalty.

Rosa Lee Arnold was born in Opelousas, La., to the late John and Stella J. Harrison, on 11/8/1943. Also preceding her in death were her husband, David Smith Arnold, Sr., her son Darryl Dwayne Arnold, daughter, Rasihaan Denise Arnold, her grandson, Brandon Jermaine Arnold; her brothers: Richard and Walter Harrison and her sister, Florence Edwards.

She is survived by her six children: sons: David Smith Arnold, Jr. (Eunice) of Tallahassee, FL.; Dwarrick Cardell Arnold of Opelousas, La., Shawn Marcus Arnold, Sr. (LaKiesha) of Lafayette, La.; daughters: Dwonnda Michelle Arnold and Shawnette Marie Arnold of Lafayette, La., and Rolanda Renee Arnold of Opelousas, La.; five grandchildren: Taylor Arnold of Tallahassee, Fl., A'Kaisha Brown (Tyler), Kiara Arnold, Shawn Arnold, Jr. and Daunte Arnold, all of Lafayette, La; two great-grandsons: Noah Brown and Noble Lazard, both of Lafayette, La.; two sisters: Gwen Harrison-Layssard (Joseph) of Youngsville, La. and Olivia Gross of Los Angeles, Ca. and one brother, John Harrison, Jr of

La., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jodea, as she was called by family, was a very colorful and creative woman. She was known for her fashion. Hat matched the shoes that matched the purse that matched the fingernails! To complete the flawless look, a nice spray of Royal Secret! She was ready for any outing.

Mrs. Arnold was the consummate teacher. Education and educating were her life. She was able to bring mundane subjects to life! She graduated from Southern University with a master's degree in Education and earned an additional 30 hours. She was the teacher's teacher. Her teaching career began with her own children then blossomed to Head Start and culminated at Sunset Elementary. It was at Sunset Elementary that she showed with perseverance, determination, hard-work and prayer, anything can be accomplished. Her students were recognized for scoring exceptionally well on the LEAP, scoring mastery many times. Additionally, as they excelled in their writings, their writings were published. As she helped them see the possible in the impossible, they soared.

Rosa Lee Arnold accepted Jesus Christ at an early age at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. There she sang with the Glory-nets, produced Black History programs Also, it was here that her teaching skills were exemplified as she taught Sunday School and spearheaded the Education Ministry until her health declined.

Ms. Rose, as we children sometimes called her when she was being too independent, loved cooking. She made the best pecan candy, whisky balls, and Thanksgiving feast! She could cook a seven-course meal with a hot plate and one burner on the stove! She could play a mean hand of spades; you just had to make sure the ace of spades was played only once! Other things she loved were traveling, going out to restaurants, reading her Bible, visiting her best friend and 1st Cousin Eva Thomas, and chatting on the phone with her sisters. Her love for her grandchildren was even greater. Those little ones could do no wrong, especially Lil Shawn!

In all she did, Rosa Lee Arnold did with a purpose. Her goal was for her

children and grandchildren to know their worth and celebrate themselves. She made sure we answered the phone correctly and used complete sentences. The only time bad/incorrect English was allowed, was if you were talking about her team, the Saints. Who dat talkn' 'bout beatn' dem Saints!?!? Who dat!?!? Who dat!?!?

Momma, Jodea, Mrs. Arnold, Ms. Rose, we will always cherish your memory and honor your legacy.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 30th, 2022, at 11:00 A.M. at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church with Pastor Chad Ned.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park, Highway 182 S., Opelousas, LA.

The family requests visiting hours be observed on Saturday, July 30th, 2022, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Opelousas, LA.

Share words of comfort with the family of Rosa Lee Arnold on her Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net). Be the first to post your most treasured memory of Rosa. 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 Rosa Lee Arnold, known to some affectionately as "Jodea", to others as Mrs. Rose, for future generations to come.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Bellevue Memorial Park

4833 Hwy 182 S.  
Opelousas, LA 70570  
<https://www.bellevuememorialparkcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 8:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church  
621 Narrow Street  
Opelousas, LA 70570  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mount%20Pilgrim%20Baptist%20Church/132150263502548>

## Celebration of Life

JUL 30. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rosa Lee Arnold*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *she was my best teacher we would talk and clown around before class she got her wings in heaven rest easy mrs arnold*

**Ferdinand c Forbes** - October 16, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *It is with a heavy heart that I address the Arnold, Harrison, Jackson and extended families. You have suffered many losses of family members in recent years. God will walk you through this also. When “Jodea’s” parents bought the home next to my parents on Fern St., she was already married, but, living very close by. As has been said already, she always looked glamorous, even if just walking to visit her folks next door. The most important thing that mattered, was her inner beauty, enhanced by the beautiful smile and soft spoken, perfect speech. It was such an accomplishment for her to eventually achieve her education goals along with a supportive husband, in between the births of the children !😊 Wife, mother, daughter, sibling, cousin, friend, teacher, church choir member and volunteer, she wore all “hats” well. Rest In Peace.*



**Andrea Brisco** - July 29, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Wow, what beautiful memories May she continue to rest in God’s heavenly paradise 🙏*

**M/M Jeff Anderson** - July 27, 2022 at 11:50 PM



TS

“ Mrs Arnold. Wow what can I say. Thanks for inspiring me and many others. In all the years I've been in school, you were one of my inspirations. Thanks so much for everything you did not only for me but for former students you have taught in the past. Go get your rest sweetheart. I love you and will never forget you

travis sonnier - July 27, 2022 at 01:31 PM

BW

What an amazing teacher, you will forever play a major role in my life! Pushing me in so many ways especially when it came to writing. Always such a colorful spirit! I remember Kenny G playing as we write our poems etc, I will forever be grateful that you took me to New Orleans with you for 3 days! It was my first trip ever!! You was so love and so respected! Get your rest and thank you for everything.

Britney Williams - July 28, 2022 at 03:32 AM

ES

To my child hood play mate we had such good times she allways want to be a teacher and became one of the best I was so proud of her we played together had little fights and cryed and hugged next day times were different so were people she will truely be missed by all who knew and and all the lives she touched god bless her May she Rest In Peace Rose she bring back child hood memory so sorry pray for you all Anderson family Evonia

Evonia stevenson - July 28, 2022 at 07:13 PM

JS

I Love You, Mrs. Arnold. Aside from being my best friend's Mom, you were a second mother to me. Thanks for all of your advice and for keeping us straight. You will be missed. May you rest in peace.

Joan Sam-Jordan - August 03, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Arnold.*



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July 27, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *A Rose for a Rosa (Jodea), I will miss the long telephone conversations that we use to have, just to make each other laugh.*



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**Marie Mickens** - July 27, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. She was my best teacher ever. She was like a mother figure to all she taught. Me, my son in law and daughter was just talking about her last week. Always proper and wanted the best for her students. She also inspired me to be dressy and classy. RiP my favorite teacher.*

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**Bernice Richard Smith** - July 27, 2022 at 12:41 AM

CJ

“ Ms. Arnold was a woman of class, style and originality. I didn't know about her cooking talents, but I do know she was a good teacher that was firm, fair and consistent with her students. She always came to work with heels and clothing attire that caught everyone's attention. She was beyond professional dress, but that was Ms. Arnold. I loved you as a coworker and will always remember you, but God has taken you to greater heights in Heaven. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. Take your rest from all of your labor. Mr. Johnson

Charles Johnson - July 26, 2022 at 10:04 PM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Arnold! She was my favorite teacher at Sunset Elementary in the 93-94 school year and ensured that every student did the best to their ability requiring superior work from each of us. She knew our capabilities and had high expectations!! May she rest in eternal peace with our savior and many prayers to her entire family!!

Angela Menard Smith - July 26, 2022 at 09:28 PM



“ Doris Crudup lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Arnold



Doris Crudup - July 26, 2022 at 08:22 PM