



Ms. Sandra Gardiner Pitre

July 5, 1954 - April 2, 2022

Sandra Gardiner Pitre

Sandra affectionately known as “Big Mama” to her siblings and “Nanny” to her nieces and nephews enjoyed cooking, bingo and hosting her annual Thanksgiving and Good Friday celebrations. She was devoted to her family and work family at Grand Coteau Elementary and the Thensted Outreach Center. She will be remembered by the way she served others. Sandra will sadly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 PM Saturday, April 9, 2022 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Grand Coteau, LA. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM at the church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Takiyah Pitre Milton (William) of Grand Coteau, LA; three grandsons, Dataevius Markel Milton of Lake Charles, LA, Mekhi Milton and Malik Milton both of Grand Coteau, LA; one sister, Debra Gardiner Dugas of Grand Coteau, LA; three brothers, James Gardiner of Lake Charles, LA, Gary Gardiner and Michael Gardiner both of Grand Coteau, LA; two sisters-in-law, Dr. Merline Pitre of Houston TX and Sandra Taylor of Fort Washington, MD; one brother-in-law, Merrick Thomas of Lake Charles, LA; five aunts, Alice Jean Coleman, Elsie Guillory both of Lake Charles, LA, Mary Longshore of San Jose, CA, Monica Gardiner of Lafayette, LA and Ruby Gardiner of Grand Coteau, LA; two God-children, Kedric Smith (Tammara) of Lafayette, LA and Armyni Francis of Grand Coteau, LA; close cousins, Carolyn Jean of Grand Coteau, LA and Betty Walker Taylor of Arnaudville, LA,

Alice Faye Bellard of Antiark, TN, Veronica Gordon of Houston, TX, Irene Victorian, Vicky Griffin and Cathy Stewart all of Lake Charles, LA and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gregory Pitre; parents, Royal Gardiner Sr. and Norma Gardiner; grandparents, Irene Johnson and Carlton Jones, Warren Gardiner Sr. and Octavia Williams Gardiner; one sister, Brenda Gardiner Winfield; two brothers, Royal Gardiner Jr. and John Merlyn Gardiner; three brothers-in-law, Nelson Dugas, Joseph Pitre, and Clarence Taylor; one sister-in-law, Betty Gardiner; one godchild, Derrick Gardiner.

Pallbearers will be: Shannon Gardiner, Desmond Gardiner, William Milton, Cedric Benjamin, Alex Chatman and Jamal Gordon

Honorary Pallbearers will be Dataevius Milton, Mekhi Milton, Malik Milton, James Gardiner, Michael Gardiner, Gary Gardiner, Damian Gardiner, Henry Smith, Ryan Dugas, Brian Dugas, Paul Jasmine, Jeffrey Coleman, Jonathan Gardiner, Yussuf Gardiner, Joshua Winfield, Keyunday Winfield, Carnell Gardiner, Cedric Gardiner, and Sidney Marcell

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



“ *Ms. Sandra Gardiner Pitre*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sarah Malbrue lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Gardiner Pitre*



Sarah Malbrue - April 09, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Sandra Gardiner Pitre.*



April 09, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *To the Milton/Gardiner Family
We send condolences to the family
You have our prayers at this time & May the memories or your love
one ease your pain
Danny/Paula Hardy Sr & Family*

paula/danny hardy - April 09, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MB

“ To the family of Sandra Gardiner-Pitre, my deepest condolences. What can I say about Sandra that you don't already know. She was the sweetest, kindest and loving person. I will miss those sweet hellos of "Hey My Girl." Heaven has gained a beautiful Angel.

Mary Myrtle Bobb-Singleton - April 09, 2022 at 12:54 PM

EJ

“ My condolences to the family. May you rest in peace

Elizabeth (Beth) Jolivette - April 09, 2022 at 10:03 AM

DG

“ My deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Ms. Sandra Pitre. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time. She was a wonderful God hearted person. I will miss her beautiful smile. Dwelling on the fondest of memories will surely bring smiles to all of your faces. Keep the faith and know that she's alright. Rest is Peace my dear coworker.

Ms. Darlene Gauthier

Darlene Gauthier - April 09, 2022 at 09:27 AM

BG

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

bguidroz@slpsheriff.com - April 08, 2022 at 10:56 AM

AB

“ My Dear Sweet Sandra,

Words could never truly express how I feel now. I'm sorrowful and yet joyful because I'm missing you so. I know I won't have those precious loving conversations, won't get to see your face, or here you laugh but I do find comfort knowing you belong to God and you're present with Jesus. You have been so much to so many, your cup was emptied out to us all and it was time for you to go. Now you have no more worries, heart brakes, or pain & sorrow for now you're experiencing nothing but JOY! I will be there for Tequeia and the crew in any way I can. Thanks for all the love you gave to us all! Tell all our love ones who have gone on to glory Hello & I Love Them :) I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH & I'LL SEE YOU LATER.

Alice Carter Bellard - April 08, 2022 at 10:22 AM

CD

“ My Dear Sweet Loving Nanny, 💕🥺

I can't express how I feel right now. I Am so heartbroken because we have so many good cherished memories as neice and auntie..& then as student and teacher. I want to thank you for everything you have taught me in school and in life. My kids (BJ&Brylee) cherished you..they miss you soooo much & its so different now especially when they are at school. A piece of my heart has been torn...you will be greatly missed and have fought a GOOD fight. May the work you've done speak for you. I am trying so hard to be so strong for my kids But It hurts so deep not seeing you anymore. I'm at a loss for words nanny.💔The pain runs deep 🥺💔 We love you & We will miss you dearly. FLY HIGH and WATCH OVER US!



Christie Dugas - April 08, 2022 at 09:28 AM

JD

“ Sincere condolences to the families. Sandra was a coworker during my years at Grand Coteau Elementary. Always greeted people with a smile. She was very helpful with the children and the teachers she worked with. Her place in our lives will be impossible to fill.

Juanita Decquir - April 07, 2022 at 10:51 PM

LM

“ Sending My Condolences 🌸 To The Family Of Mrs. Sandra Pitre, RIH 🕊️ RIP, Sweet Lady Thanks For Being A Part Of My Life And Teaching Me In My Elementary School Years And For Being One Of My Favorite Educators... One Of Your Students, Lindsey Marks



Lindsey Marks - April 07, 2022 at 03:25 PM

SK

Beautiful friend throughout school years and beyond ❤️

Sherlean Henry Kerlegan - April 08, 2022 at 02:41 AM

PL

“ My condolences to the family Paula Lawrence Humble, Tx

Paula Lawrence - April 06, 2022 at 10:05 PM

PA

“ My condolences to the Families. Sandra was a beautiful person. I loved her smiling face and infectious laugh. She was a gem and will truly be missed. Love Pauline Andres

Pauline Andres - April 06, 2022 at 08:52 PM

TT

“ *Thea Charles, Tyranesha Joubert And Thel lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Gardiner Pitre*



Thea Charles, Tyranesha Joubert and Thel - April 06, 2022 at 08:33 PM

SK

“ *My condolences to the family. Sandra was my classmates and a close friend an a Co worker. Will miss you dearly*

Sherlean Henry Kerlegan - April 06, 2022 at 07:23 PM

JC

“ *My Condolences, Prayers and Love to the family of Sandra Gardiner Pitrie. May Our Heavenly Father strengthen you and comfort you during this difficult time. I will always remember Sandra as a beautiful lady inside out. She was a kindhearted, generous, loving person who was devoted to her family and friends. Sandra was an excellent cook and loved to share her food with her family and friends and especially with the sick throughout the community. Sandra had a heart of gold and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace my beautiful friend and in law. Your memories will forever live in my heart.*



Jonita C Chavis - April 06, 2022 at 06:52 PM

SM

“ Dear Ms. Pitre thanks for being a wonderful friend, teaching my kids and grandson, . We will miss you but not forgotten... your friend and coworker.

Sandra Marks

Sandra Marks - April 06, 2022 at 04:43 PM

CC

“ Carol Ann Singleton Citizen lit a candle in memory of Ms. Sandra Gardiner Pitre



Carol Ann Singleton Citizen - April 06, 2022 at 04:14 PM

SP

“ To my loving family sending love and condolences to you always know you are in my daily prayers. Love Sarah(Betsy) Plumbar.

Sarah Plumbar - April 06, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MS

“ I was blessed to work with her. She was a remarkable lady. I loved watching her interact with the kids at school! She had such a sweet soul. Sending love and prayers to the family.

Mollie Stelly - April 06, 2022 at 04:04 PM

LW

“ To my Gardiner family stay strong and know that although we may miss her, she's here in spirit and will forever be. Takeiyah and the boys, I pray for God to give y'all the comfort and strength to help with her passing, in the Mighty name of Jesus!!! Love ❤️ Linda W.

linda walker - April 06, 2022 at 02:53 PM

LW

“ *San I am truly lost for words and still in complete shock of your passing. I didn't worry about you much bc I knew the kind of faith you had that you were ready for that battle and all was well. However; now I know that God had his own plans for you, and as hard as it is "it's fair. We are only here on a journey!!! I will miss you my cousin but God needed another angel and can't think of anyone better than you!! RIP Cuz, Love, Linda W.*

linda walker - April 06, 2022 at 02:40 PM

VB

Hard to believe you will be missed my dear cousin and classmate Rest In Peace Queen of 1973

verna mae green ballard - April 07, 2022 at 02:30 AM

BW

“ -How I will miss my dear friend of many, many years, she was one of the most loving, caring, beautiful and selfless women I have ever met in my life...Ms. Pitre was my classroom mate for 12 yrs and in those years the times we shared with students, coworkers, personal talks, prayers, family, laughs, cries and so much more will be a staple in my life for all time. She was a friend like no other and I don't know that I will ever find the words to describe the bond we shared...I want to thank her for teaching me a lot of life lessons and for her giving me undeniable encouragement when I needed it. I will always remember our laughter when she would say "O they playing my record turn that up" and her pride showed through when I told her I made my first gumbo after she gave me the directions. I could go on for days about my friend...I love you beyond measure and shall never go a day without thinking of you....For the love she had for her daughter, son in law, grandsons and entire family will be something I carry with me forever and I can only hope to leave the same loving impressions on my own family as she has done for hers.... This Earth lost an impeccable, spiritual, graceful woman and I know she is watching us from above. Let your bright light shine on forever Ms. Pitre, for my heart will never be the same.



All my love, sympathy and condolences to all of her family, friends and people she touched throughout her spirited life...Rest my friend... Love, Belinda Wimberley

Belinda Wimberley - April 06, 2022 at 02:34 PM

KO

“ I subbed at Grand Coteau Elementary several times between 2004 and 2012. I remember her fondly as the “Candy Lady.” At recess she would roll her candy cart out and the children were so happy to see her. She was such a sweet, caring person, always giving of her time and talents. May she Rest In Peace. Karen R. Olivier



Karen R Olivier - April 06, 2022 at 11:41 AM

KR

“ I worked with Ms. Pitre at Grand Coteau Elementary for many years. I am terribly sorry for this loss. She was a great person!



Kellie Rabalais - April 06, 2022 at 10:17 AM