



Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes

July 28, 1934 - April 26, 2018

Obituary

Velma Helen Auzenne Lastrapes was born in Monroe, Louisiana on July 28, 1934 to Aramise and Carrie Decuir Auzenne. She entered eternal rest on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at Lafayette General Hospital, surrounded by family. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at Williams Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 9:00 AM.

She graduated from St. Landry Training School in 1952. After high school, Velma obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education as well as a Master's Degree +30 from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She taught in the St. Landry Parish School System for 30 years, retiring in 1988.

Velma was a life member of the Southern University Alumni Association and a member of its local chapter. She belonged to the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 46 in Leonville and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies of Grace 4th degree Court 7 in Opelousas. Additionally, she belonged to the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, the St. Landry Parish Retired Educators Association, the Legion of Mary and the Salve Regina Rosary Group. Her hobbies were reading, doing word search puzzles, dancing and listening to Zydeco music.

Velma traveled extensively taking her as far as Sicily, Italy where she visited

the Vatican and attended mass with the Pope. Her travels also took her to Mexico, the Bahamas, Canada, Hawaii and many other states in the US. In her later years, she did not care to travel because she said, "I've been there and done that. I just want to do what I want to do as long as I want to do it. I've worked hard and earned that privilege."

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving and devoted husband of 61 years, Jude "Bunny" Lastrapes; six children: Keith Lastrapes of Jacksonville, FL; Tanya Lastrapes Griffin of Woodstock, GA; Darin Lastrapes and Alanna Lastrapes Barbour, both of Opelousas, LA; Dionne Lastrapes Williams of Frisco, TX; and Scott Lastrapes of Columbia, MD; two daughters-in-law: Wanda and Rosalind Lastrapes; three sons-in-law: Scott Griffin, Paul Barbour, and Antonio Williams; eighteen grandchildren: Ashley, Henley, Kara, Lance, Ricardo, Nicholas, Erin, Ryan, Shelbi, Sierra, Hunter, Jordyn, Madison, Nyah, Jaya, Linda, Courtney and Norman; seven great-grandchildren: Morgan, Kaiden, Peyton, Addison, Beau Danielle, Micaiah, and Korryn; two sisters, Mildred Lemelle and Ruby Chavis; five Godchildren: Delores Barnaba, Ann Harris, Carla Lemelle, Alicia Auzenne and Johanna Guillory; and a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Todd Anthony and Jude Thaddeus Lastrapes; parents: Aramise and Carrie Auzenne; in-laws: Henley, Wilda and Grace Lastrapes; sister: Emily Ruth Auzenne, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

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

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

Cemetery Details

St. Leo Catholic Cemetery

126 Church Rd
Leonville, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas
817 East South St.
Opelousas, LA 70571
(337) 942-2037
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
732 North Union Street
Opelousas, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Saddened by the passing of Velma Lastrapes our deepest condolences to the family, our love and prayers are with the family , God Bless. William and Deborah Fields and the Sims Family*

Deborah Fields - May 03, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *I met Mrs. Lastrapes in December 2017, when she came to NYC while her son, Jude, was hospitalized. We had a nice conversation, and I learned about her childhood. Even in that brief period of time, I knew she was an amazing woman. I worked with Jude and I was glad to have met his sweet Mother. Today, at the office, I learned the news that she had gone to her eternal rest, and that today, May 1st, is her burial. I am offering prayers for her, and for her family, and I extend my deepest sympathy to her husband, her children, and her large family. You are all in my thoughts, most especially today. May she rest in peace. Amen. With sincere sympathy for your loss - Irene Gaudreau.*



Irene Gaudreau - May 01, 2018 at 01:03 PM



Sorry to hear of the loss of our dear love one, Velma Lastrapes. I cannot be with the family at this moment because of recent surgery. My prayers are with the family and friends. May she rest in peace! (Ester Bazile -Morrow)

Ester Bazile - May 08, 2018 at 08:39 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family, from the McLendon’s of Richmond, TX. The scriptures say, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, just know that, there’s no sorrow on earth that heaven can’t heal, so hang onto Gods unchanging hands for comfort, He will see you all through this difficult time.

John McLendon - May 01, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



April 30, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



April 30, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



April 30, 2018 at 09:55 AM

LF

“ Lydia Rochon Jacobs and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



Lydia Rochon Jacobs and Family - April 29, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



April 29, 2018 at 10:28 PM

DD

“ David & Ruth Donato purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



David & Ruth Donato - April 29, 2018 at 09:31 PM

LS

“ Lionel, Emily, Stephen and Jared Sam purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



Lionel, Emily, Stephen and Jared Sam - April 29, 2018 at 06:49 PM

LF

“ *Lee Anna and Pitre & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



Lee Anna and Pitre & Family - April 29, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



April 29, 2018 at 03:37 PM

AJ

“ *Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family. May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*
Joe and Amy Jackson

Amy Jackson - April 29, 2018 at 03:17 PM

RW

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.*
Russell and Artherine Gradnigo White and Family

Russell White - April 29, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



April 29, 2018 at 05:23 AM



“ *Another angel has earned her wings as we celebrate a life well lived. Velma has always had a smile to share and will be missed. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for each of you as we say so long my friend and cousin until we meet again.
Ann Lastrapes Porche, Rosharon TX*



Ann Porche - April 28, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ *To the loving family of Velma, she and my sisters Elnora Matthews & Stella Lee along with Ruby Chavis were great friends and they ALWAYS HAD A HALLELUJAH GREAT TIME. You all have our condolence, Rest Oeacefully Velma! Love ❤️ to the Family! Catherine & Joe Lemelle/from Baytown, TX*



Catherine & Joe Lemelle - April 28, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



April 28, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *-Gerald Simon & Crystal Simon purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



-Gerald Simon & Crystal Simon - April 28, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



April 28, 2018 at 04:03 PM



“ *Love, Marilyn "Teda" Overton & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



Love, Marilyn "Teda" Overton & Family - April 28, 2018 at 03:33 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Sam lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes*



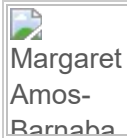
Gloria Sam - April 28, 2018 at 02:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.*



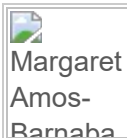
April 28, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Margaret Amos-Barnaba lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes*



Margaret Amos-Barnaba - April 28, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ *Margaret Amos-Barnaba lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes*



Margaret Amos-Barnaba - April 28, 2018 at 12:30 PM

DL

“ *Delbert T. Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes*



Delbert T. Lewis - April 28, 2018 at 12:15 PM

WC

“ *Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family. She will be missed.*

Wanda and Larry Caillier

Wanda & Larry Caillier - April 28, 2018 at 10:08 AM

KC

“ *Condolences to the family. God be with you.*

Ken Carmon - April 28, 2018 at 08:54 AM

MF

“ *Sadden by this news but one thing I know Velma lived a beautiful life. It was my pleasure to have worked with her at South Street Elementary and had her for a neighbor up the hill for a time. Rest in peace my dear friend.*



Monica Fontenot-Living - April 28, 2018 at 08:52 AM

BA

“ 2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight and won the race. Our prayers are with the entire family. Dionne, Antonio, Hunter and Madson we stand with you during this time. May the Lord strengthen you and keep you. Pastor Richard and Kiiki.

Bazanye - April 28, 2018 at 08:47 AM

RM

“ Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes



Rosalie Meullion - April 28, 2018 at 07:09 AM

CS

“ My deepest sympathy to the family.



Christine Stoot - April 27, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes.



April 27, 2018 at 10:52 PM

V.

“ *My Sympathy to the Family of Velma. My Prayers are with you all. May God give y'all Strength and Courage God Bless Y'all. Rest in Peace Velma*

Viola .Meullion - April 27, 2018 at 10:41 PM

SP

“ *The Pickney & Kennerson Family*

Shala Pickney - April 27, 2018 at 08:29 PM

VC

“ *VICKIE COMEAUX lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Helen Lastrapes*



VICKIE COMEAUX - April 27, 2018 at 04:07 PM



My Deepest Sympathy and Prayers goes out to the family! So sorry for your loss! Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family! From: Rita Gradnigo & Family

Rita Marie - April 27, 2018 at 05:08 PM

HC

*My Condolences To Mrs Velma Lastrapes Family . Velma and my late Sister Annie Bell Carriere-Smith was Classmates..
Helen Carriere Crawford
Seattle, Washington*

Helen Carriere-Crawford - April 28, 2018 at 03:27 PM