



Velma Emerson Smith

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OPELOUSAS- Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Monday, October 28, 2013 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA for Mrs. Velma Emerson Smith, 99, who entered eternal rest on Monday, October 21, 2013 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home of Opelousas, LA. Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park in Opelousas, LA. Pastor Jaison Mangalth, SVD will officiate the services. Velma prided herself on being a dedicated and devoted teacher for nearly 50 years. Her first assignment was in St. Landry Parish in Linwood. She taught in Lawtell, where she was fondly remembered and her final teaching assignment in St. Landry Parish was at Park Vista Elementary. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Leland College, advancing her studies at USL, LSU, Xavier University, Grambling University, and Southern University. In retirement, Mrs. Smith taught Catechism students at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. She was a member of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Holy Ghost Court 8. She was also a member of the Legion of Mary, Senior Sodality, Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, and Tutorial Teachers for the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette, St. Benedict Temple 1013, and a lector at home Masses. She leaves to mourn and cherish her memories, nieces and nephews: Catherine Emerson Cottles (William), Alvin Haynes (Stephanie), Vernon Haynes (Joyce), Barbara Haynes (niece-in-law), Gregory Haynes (Evette), Adele Brown, Betty Thomas (Carlton), and Diane Winfield (Ike). Velma is also survived by godson Herman Fuselier; dear friend,

Joycelyn S. Haynes; and beloved great-niece, Chandra Haynes Labrie. Velma joins in eternal rest her husband and her parents; seven sisters, Julia Bourque, Jewella Hardaway, Florence Francois, Beatrice Fournier, Vivian Brigham, Marie Emerson, Helen Arceneaux, and Frances Haynes; two brothers, Lawrence H. Emerson and Eddie Emerson; and beloved nephew, Karl Ray Haynes. Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. Monday, October 28th, 2013 in Opelousas, LA. Share words of comfort with the Smith family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Emerson Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *My thoughts are with your family. In Ecclesiastes 3:11 God has put eternity into our hearts. Psalms 37:29 "the meek will possess the earth and live forever on it." Jesus said similar words in Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the meek since they will inherit the earth."*

Barb Layton - November 05, 2013 at 08:28 PM



“ *May God comfort all who mourn Ms. Smith's passing. She was blessed with 99 years on Earth and now eternity in Heaven !*

Andrea Brisco - October 26, 2013 at 06:42 PM



“ *Please accept my sincerest condolences on the passing of Velma E. Smith. She and I taught together in Lawtell under her husband Daniel as principal. We enjoyed many times together and I have many wonderful memories to cherish always. I pray that you too will cherish your memories of Velma as she was a "Star" in so many ways. She is truly an angel.*

Stella J. Mason - October 26, 2013 at 01:55 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of your aunt. May she rest in peace.*

Carol A. Phefferkorn - October 26, 2013 at 10:25 AM