



Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross

July 12, 1935 - October 13, 2023

Mrs. Wilda Mae Alsandor Ross

On Friday October 13, 2023, our Mother and Matriarch of our family, rejoined our Father Charles and our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ.

Wilda Mae Ross, often referred to as Mae by her closest family members, was born on July 12th, 1935, to Wilton and Lillian Alsandor.

She was raised in Opelousas with her 4 siblings, all boys, Wilton, Wallace, James and Daniel. She would later have 4 boys of her own.

She attended Holy Ghost school, where she met the love of her life Charles Ross. She oftentimes joked that because she was younger, the girls in his class did their best to sabotage their relationship, but she was having none of it. Those that know her well would agree, there was a side of her that you didn't want to mess with. She stole his heart from his older classmates and became his wife on April 7, 1953.

Charles and Wilda had 4 sons, Glenn, Kevin, Dwayne, and Chuck. When we say her world revolved around her boys, that's an understatement. One might say she loved her boys equally and unconditionally. Well, the unconditional part is true, but the family knows, she did have her favorite, who we won't mention today. LOL. That didn't end as we grew into men. She continued to direct and guide us even from her sick bed as her health began to fail. Each son gave her 2 grandchildren who she adored.

Wilda was considered a home body, much preferring to stay close to home and operate from behind the scenes. She loved cooking and always left us full

and looking forward to the next meal. She was almost the complete opposite of our dad, who ya'll know was a very admired and recognized public figure. Her tireless work behind the scenes is what allowed him to be the adored public figure our community came to know. But don't ever mistake who ran things on Melancon St. That would be our mom.

In her youth, she did venture away from home periodically to be a part of a local Social Club. There she created several lifelong friends, Grace, Patsy, Barbara, Rose and Mary Ann to name a few. As her boys aged, she tended to spend most of her time having them over or traveling to visit them wherever they resided. Those that knew her would attest to the fact that they were shocked every time she got on a plane and travelled cause that was completely against her nature. But it showed the extent to which she would get out of her comfort zone to be with her boys. She went on multiple vacations to Cancun with Kevin and Dwayne and visited Los Angeles, New Orleans and Austin frequently. She even travelled to Europe, an experience she enjoyed sharing for the rest of her life.

Her final years were challenging as her health began to wane, but that didn't change her from directing and advising us from bed. Ask Glenn about that. Her homebody nature had her content and accepting of an existence many would find hopeless. Glenn, our hero, became the caregiver of Mama and Daddy until he passed away a couple years ago. She continued living with Glenn until about 8 months ago when we decided to place her at Prompt Succor, the local nursing home. We were very skeptical about that change, fearing that it might bring on her quick demise. On the contrary, she became more vibrant and content. She constantly spoke highly of all her care givers there and the nuns who frequently visited her. She developed a great relationship with Father Justin, who visited her at home before going to Prompt Succor, then prayed with her at the weekly masses she was adamant about attending. But it was Brittany who became the closest to her at Prompt Succor. She enjoyed her company immensely and often said she's like a daughter to me. Having Brittany there was like having a family member on the

staff constantly looking after her needs. This gave us a great sense of security. We'd also like to express our sincere thanks, and appreciation to Mary "Sis" Doucet for her dedication in visiting Mom each and every Sunday, providing her with holy communion as well as heartfelt prayers and comforting words.

She is survived by her 4 sons, Glenn Ross (Laverne deceased), Kevin Ross (Lori), Dwayne Ross (Maria), and Chuck Ross (Monica); 7 grandchildren, Kerrie Ross, Kevin C Ross, Kai Ross, Sydney Ross, Jonathan Ross, Charles M Ross, and Chloe Ross; 2 great grandchildren, Melvin Taylor and Princeton Ross (Plus one in the oven from Kevin C and Cristo); 1 brother, JC Alsandor (Quanita); nieces and nephews, Robin Alsandor, James Alsandor, Davonia Simien, Danielle Alsandor and Gerard Alsandor; close cousins, Janice Taylor, Jackie Espree, Brenda Durham and Maria Thomas of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilton and Lillian Alsandor; brothers, Wilton Jr., Wallace and Daniel; daughter-in-law, Laverne Ross and a grandson, Glenn Ross.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hour will be observed from 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA. A Rosary will be recited at 8:45 AM.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park. Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, S.V.D. will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 8:45 AM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
732 North Union St
Opelousas, LA 70570
(337) 942-2732

Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You mother and my mother were very dear friends. They long time members of the Carousel Social Club. I would her when she was able to talk, and she would always share how much she missed my Mom. May the Lord give you comfort and strength. My love and Prayers for you and your family.

Jacinta Frank Parrish - October 24, 2023 at 01:15 PM

EW

“ Our thoughts ad prayers to the family. Wilda was an amazing woman, mother and friend to many people. She will truly be missed. RIP

Ed and Ulli Wahmann - October 23, 2023 at 05:54 PM

AJ

“ 1 file added to the album *Our Deepest Condolences*



Alvin Haynes Jr - October 23, 2023 at 11:52 AM

GG

I shall never forget our visits and your endearing friendship, your motherly advice, and unconditional love. The roasted pecans you made me were the best I had ever had. I'm gonna miss you dearly. Your strength and grace will always be remembered. Love you always.
Gina Gauthier Pearson

Gina gauthier - December 06, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TM

“ Tara Manuel lit a candle in memory of Wilda Ross



Tara Manuel - October 21, 2023 at 09:17 AM

GG

“ My deepest condolences to Glen, Kevin, Dwayne (Big Fali) and “Chuckie”. Your mom was my mom’s (RIP) BFF, she always treated me as one of her own. I remember one of the last times I visited Opelousas, Dwayne and I decided we were going out to a club. Well I guess I had a little too much fun with my “cuzz” that night and spent the night at the Ross’s home. We both woke up next morning with TREMENDOUS headaches and nausea lol. Mama Ross made us the best soup ever and told me that she wouldn’t tell mama how hung over I was,,,, well of course she did because again my mom and her were besties. It was all in love though because that’s how family is. Mr and Mrs Ross were a big part of my family lives and Glen, Kevin, Dwayne, and Chuck will always remain special to my dad, me, and my sister. I miss and love you all. My sincere and deepest condolences Gregory Giron.

Gregory Giron - October 20, 2023 at 05:23 PM

AB

“ † Cousin Wilda was the only female sibling in her family. She was close to my mom “Sis”, and all of her 1st cousins. They would tell stories of their upbringing that “burst your stitches!” RIP 🌸
Love to Glenn, Kevin, Dwayne, Chuck families.



Andrea Brisco - October 20, 2023 at 03:34 PM

TP

“ *Teresita Prince lit a candle in memory of Wilda Ross*



Teresita Prince - October 20, 2023 at 09:21 AM

PF

“ *Wilda Mae, and my grandmother , Ethel Kimble were 1st cousins. RIP. My mother, Babo, is in the nursing home. Babo and Wilda Mae were telephone buddies. Babo will be sad to hear about Ms Wilda.*



Phyllis Fisher - October 19, 2023 at 11:38 PM

MC

“ *Mary Colomb lit a candle in memory of Wilda Ross*



Mary Colomb - October 19, 2023 at 10:29 PM

MM

“ *Mark&Ommada Major lit a candle in memory of Wilda Ross*



Mark&Ommada Major - October 19, 2023 at 10:23 PM

JM

“ Condolences to the family in this time. Sorry for your loss. Will keep the family in prayers. Joyce Gales Milburn.

Joyce Milburn - October 19, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross.



October 19, 2023 at 01:48 PM

KW

“ Chuck, Dwayne, Kevin and Glenn, sending my sincerest condolences to all of you during this difficult time. I am praying that you find comfort as you reflect on the wonderful memories of your beautiful and classy mom. May she rest in heavenly peace. Heaven has gained another beautiful angel.
Kim Washington-Pickney and Family

Kim Washington-Pickney - October 19, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross.



October 19, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross.



October 19, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ Delbert Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross



Delbert Lewis - October 19, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Condolences to the Ross Family. Great memories attending family events. Always very jovial and quick witted. A kindred spirit. Rest in Peace Ms Wilda. Sincerely Thr Thornton Family (Kervis, Robin. Varah & Reed)

Robin Landry Thornton - October 18, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ Tara Manuel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross



Tara Manuel - October 18, 2023 at 06:18 PM

MZ

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Zachery sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Wilda Mae Ross*



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Zachery - October 18, 2023 at 05:49 PM