



Adonica Francois Lange Dawson

April 17, 2020

Adonica Francois Lange Dawson passed away peacefully on Friday, April 17, 2020, at the age of 84. Born in New Orleans and raised in Madisonville, La., Ms. Dawson grew up with many brothers and sisters before moving to New Orleans, where she spent several decades as an employee of the United States Postal Service (and where she would meet her husband). Ms. Dawson will be remembered for her love of her vast family, especially her daughter and grandson, her appreciation of music and theater, her participation in her monthly book club, her passion for gardening, playing Words with Friends with friends and family, and her devout faith as a parishioner at Our Lady of the Rosary in the Faubourg St. John neighborhood she adopted after Hurricane Katrina. In the early 2000s, she received the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion by the Archdiocese of New Orleans for her lay work in the Catholic Church. She is survived by her daughter, Faith Dawson Simmons (David Lee); sisters, Grace Smith, Sylvia Lange, Yvette Goins, Eula Toca, and Janice Waddy; and brother, Hayes Lange (Eura). She is also survived by her grandson, Elijah Stephen Simmons — who was her pride and joy — and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hortensia and Charles Lange Sr.; husband, William Louis Dawson; sisters, Cleo Baham, Eleanor Ferrouillet and Leah Chase, and her brother, Charles Lange Jr. A private funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in New Orleans. As an expression of sympathy, the family suggests a contribution to Catholic Charities of New Orleans. Arrangments by D.W.

Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Dawson was our neighbor on Ponce De Leon. She was a lovely lady, always friendly and smiling. We will miss seeing her on her front porch. We are so sorry for your loss. -Andrea & Tripp Morris*

Andrea Morris - May 21, 2020 at 09:20 AM

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“*Adonicia it was a delight to work with you in the foreign section. You brought many smiles and laughter. Condolences to the family. Rest In Heaven. Respectfully, Terrence Butler, Sr.*

Terrence Butler, Sr. - April 25, 2020 at 12:52 PM

JW

“*What an awesome woman! She loved and lived mightily. Now she can rest in the arms of her maker. Faith, David, Eli, she won. Indeed, she won!!*

Janice Waddy - April 25, 2020 at 08:24 AM

RD

“*Faith, David and Eli, you all have my deepest sympathy. Adonicia was a beautiful person and she will be truly missed. Ruby DuCre-Gethers*

Ruby DuCre-Gethers - April 24, 2020 at 06:51 PM

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“*So sorry for your loss. I am a volunteer at the aquarium and have fond memories of working with Adonica many times. She was a lovely lady and will be missed by many.*

Ray Drouilhet - April 24, 2020 at 06:39 PM