



Audrey C. Octave

October 10, 2024

Audrey C. Octave entered this earthly life on February 17, 1932, in Donaldsonville, Louisiana to the parentage of the late Mr. and Mrs. James (Eva) Joseph Sr., and she was the third oldest of seven children. She was the mother of a devoted daughter, Dr. Bridget Anne Octave.

It was on Thursday, October 10, 2024, she went home to be with the Lord and loved ones who had transitioned before.

Audrey was a mentor and teacher to her siblings and cousins from an early age. Audrey was a proud graduate of the 1951 class at Lowery High School, and the 1955 class at Southern University where she graduated with a Bachelor in elementary education. Upon graduation, she began her teaching career at Lowery High School as a fourth-grade teacher and later taught second grade at West Ascension Elementary with a career which spanned 36 years. With a quest for more knowledge, while teaching, Audrey returned to Southern University and received a Master of Education. Later Audrey would continue her learning journey acquiring her +30 from Louisiana State University and Southern University. As a lifelong learner, she also enrolled and attended continuing education workshops from the surrounding universities including Nicholls State.

To know Audrey was to love her. She was friendly, assertive, analytical, and original. However, the most impactful quality that we can all agree upon was her humanitarian nature. Audrey never forgot her humble beginnings; nor her desire to always maintain a selfless nature as she prioritized family.

Audrey is preceded in death by her loved ones; Parents Mr. And Mrs. James Joseph, Sr., siblings, Mr. Harold Williams, Mr. James Joseph, Jr., Mrs. Bernice Jenkins, and devoted friend, Mr. Woner Singleton.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Dr. Bridget Anne Octave, three sisters, Ms. Evelyn Marie Joseph, Ms. Hazel Yvonne Joseph, Mrs. Carolyn J. Sobers, Houston, TX, and two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ernestine Joseph, and Mrs. Sylvia Williams, Richmond, CA, adopted sister, Mrs. Catherine Davis, an adoptive loving god-daughter who she reared and treasured as her own, Ms. Pamela A. Joseph-Carey, Baton Rouge, LA, godsons Anthony Varnado, Keith Fortner, Baton Rouge, LA, and Michael Joseph, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, compassionate friends, and the St. Luke A.M.E. family.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Visitation Only at St. Luke AME, 300 Oak St. Donaldsonville, LA 70346 on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Pride of Donaldsonville Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated; Ceremony will be held at 5:00pm and an Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony conducted by members of Tau Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated at 5:30pm Followed by a Funeral Service at Nelson Chapel AME, 217 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr. Napoleonville, LA 70390 on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation at 9:00 a.m. Interment: Ascension Of Our Lord Catholic Mausoleum, 703 Williams St., Donaldsonville 70346. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Cemetery

Donaldsonville, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke AME Church
300 Oak St.
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

Visitation

OCT **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nelson Chapel AME Church
217 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.
Napoleonville, LA 70390

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KJ

“ *Eternal rest granted unto her soul . I watch the service from Atlanta it was a very classy service and the music was excellent . Ms. Octave thanks for educating the citizens of the Bayou. Job well done from your Xavierite HBCU brother and bayou brother. My Rhodes Family did an excellent Job.*



Kevin Joseph - October 28, 2024 at 03:08 PM

ST

“ *Bridget I am sending you my deepest condolences and prayers. Your mom was a wonderful woman I remember her fondly. I will continue to keep you in my prayers 🙏🙏*



Schewanda Taylor - October 25, 2024 at 09:40 PM

CC

“ *My thoughts and prayers with your family doing this difficult time. The Bible says to absence from the body is to be present with the Lord.
Ms. Octave was truly a beautiful soul.*



Cinderella Cayette - October 25, 2024 at 10:57 AM

SS

“ Your mother was always ahead of her time. So scholarly so patient such a gentle kind teacher. I worked with her at Headstart when you were just a little girl Bridget. I have always remembered you both fondly. The world lost a beautiful person. Prayers and condolences 🙏, Stephanie DeLouise.



Stephanie Stirrat - October 24, 2024 at 04:50 PM

CJ

“ CLEATTA TAYLOR JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of Audrey Octave



CLEATTA TAYLOR JOHNSON - October 24, 2024 at 11:43 AM

CJ

“ BRIDGET, MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. LOOK TO GOD FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING.

CLEATTA TAYLOR JOHNSON - October 24, 2024 at 11:41 AM

EN

“ Enga sent a virtual gift in memory of Audrey Octave



Enga - October 24, 2024 at 10:38 AM

EC

“ Nanny, I will also remember every time I would visit, you would always make me some pecan candy, and you would also say Eng how do you like the candy? I would say nanny it’s delicious. Thank you

Enga Chatman - October 23, 2024 at 09:39 PM