



## Burnell Jerome "Hula" Robinson

August 17, 2020

Burnell Jerome "Hula" Robinson passed away peacefully on Monday evening, August 17, 2020 surrounded by his family at home. Although Burnell was his birthright name, everyone knew him as either Jerome or Hula; Hula being a nickname given to him at an early age. He was 66 years old. Burnell is a native of Houma, Louisiana, and a graduate of the 1972 Class of Vanderbilt Catholic High School. He graduated in 1978 from Xavier University of New Orleans, with a B.A. Degree in Communications. Burnell loved the city and became a resident of New Orleans with his wife, Kathy Moret Robinson. Burnell found the industry in which he would spend the next 40 years; the airline business. When Southwest made their debut in New Orleans, Burnell was the first person hired in the city. For the next 38 years, he worked for Southwest in various areas. He was well known throughout the company as being the first Southwest employee of New Orleans. In 2016, Burnell retired from Southwest.

After retirement, Burnell took pleasure in gardening and sitting in his special chair in his backyard. He thoroughly enjoyed sitting on his porch listening to jazz music. Every year Burnell looked forward to vacationing on the beach with his immediate family in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Burnell is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Kathy Moret Robinson. He is survived by his twin sons: Bradley (Whitley), and Brach (Ashley) and two grandchildren: Madison and Brach II. He is also survived by his siblings: Geraldine, Murle, Alfred (Carolyn), Evelyn (Claude), Jackie (Blanca), and

Lawrence. Other survivors include brothers-in-law: Anthony "Errol" (Merrita), Clarence (Janie), and sister-in-law Sharon.

He is preceded in death by his parents: John and Leontine Robinson of Houma; his three siblings: John, Donald, and Benjamin of Houma; and his parents-in-law; Edwina and Alexander of New Orleans. Kathy and their sons would like to thank the staff of Touro Hospital for their care and support provided.

A Memorial Mass for Burnell will be held at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 5621 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 11:00 am. Due to social distancing guidelines, a mask is required to attend services. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Transfiguration of Our Lord Catholic Church  
2212 Prentiss Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70122  
(504) 282-0444

# Tribute Wall

YD

“ Jerome and I were one of the first employees hired by Southwest. Not only did we start together at Southwest but we shared the same birthday. Even though I left Southwest in 1989 we did reconnect a couple of years ago. He still had his great sense of humor and we laughed about our past at Southwest. I pray for his family members.  
Yvonne Wood Dickerson

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**Yvonne Dickerson** - August 22, 2020 at 10:37 AM

VG

“ Jerome was the nicest, coolest and easiest going person I'd ever met. Nothing bothered him and he didn't get worked up about the small stuff. He would just laugh it off and carry on about his business. His laugh was contagious and so was his demeanor. You just couldn't help but like him. Rest easy my brother, until we meet again.



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**Victor Guzman** - August 22, 2020 at 08:13 AM

AH

“ Jerome was the nicest person I've ever worked with. I hated to see him leave Xavier for Southwest, but it made him happy and gave him a great future. It was an honor to attend his wedding to Kathy in Houma. Kathy, I hardly knew you, but Calvin was so great and patient to work with. I'm sorry our paths didn't cross, but Jerome will help me get into heaven and we'll all be friends again...eventually.  
Bless you, Alan Huard

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**Alan Huard** - August 21, 2020 at 02:51 PM

JM

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the entire Robinson family. Mr. Rob was a pleasure to work with as a member of John McDonogh Senior High School Family, Business Office. There were often times I don't think I could have gotten through the day without his help. Keeping each and everyone of you in my prayers.

JOYCELYN MARTIN - August 21, 2020 at 02:32 PM

MB

“ Dear Kathy and family, Our hearts weigh heavy learning the news of Jerome's passing. We send our deepest sympathy and prayers. May the love of God, family and friends give you strength, comfort and peace to lighten your journey of bereavement. Jerome always welcomed us with a big smile and will truly be missed. Mike and Avis Bevrotte

Mike and Avis Bevrotte - August 20, 2020 at 04:36 PM

KJ

“ Sorry for the loss of Burnell my Xavier brother. To his family you all are in my thoughts and prayers. ETERNAL REST GRANTED UNTO HIS SOUL AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

Kevin Joseph - August 20, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Burnell Jerome "Hula" Robinson.



August 20, 2020 at 09:39 AM