



Claudia Lucille Wainie Claude

June 6, 2020

Claudia Lucille Wainie Claude, retired owner of Tom's One Hour Cleaners, was born June 6, 1924 in New Orleans, LA to the union of Lucien John Wainie, Sr. and Yolanda Ellsworth Wainie. She transitioned peacefully at her home in Lafayette, LA on Saturday June 6, 2020, her 96th birthday.

Claudia received her sacraments attending Corpus Christi elementary school and then St. Mary's Academy. She later joined family members working at Haspel Brothers, a local clothing manufacturer in the 7th ward of New Orleans. From there she joined family as they opened Hamilton Cleaners in the Carrollton area.

During her life's journey, Claudia married Thomas Leroy Claude, Sr. (deceased) in 1946. Claudia and Tom continued to work with family at Hamilton Cleaners until they opened their own business, Tom's One Hour Cleaners at Desire and Galvez Streets in 1977. They also owned Marvel Washerette next door to the cleaners.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents, Lucien J. Wainie, Sr. and Yolanda Ellsworth Wainie, husband, Thomas L. Claude, Sr., son Thomas L. Claude, Jr., brothers Lucien J. Wainie, Jr. and Merlin T. Wainie. She leaves to cherish her memory, daughter, Yolanda C. Gourrier (Maurice, Sr.), son, Chet J. Claude, daughter-in-law, Sharon M. Claude (Tommie, deceased),

grandchildren, Nicole Claude, Nadine Claude Lewis (Jermaine, Sr.), Maurice V. Gourrier, Jr. (Laura), Dana M. Gourrier, Jason R. Gourrier (Tiffany), Chana Claude and Chet J. Pichon (Kimberly), 19 great-grand children, 4 great-great-grand children and a host of nieces and nephews. Also sharing in her memories are her cousin Phoebe Lastrapes, her lifelong friend Janice "Tu Tu" Picou and a long list of other friends and relatives that she held dear to her heart.

Private Services will be held at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church.

Services were entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Homes.

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Yolanda & family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. May your cherished memories bring you comfort in coming days.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Wanda Colin Martin*

Wanda Martin - June 15, 2020 at 10:35 AM

WM

“ *Wanda Martin lit a candle in memory of
Claudia Lucille Wainie Claude*



Wanda Martin - June 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM

NM

“ *My deepest condolences on the passing of this lovely woman. Mother of a great friend and daughter, Yolanda, I will always treasure and fondly remember her lovely smile, warm personality and the friendship she extended to me and my family. I'm so sorry that I didn't get to visit with her before she transitioned.*

Nona Martin - June 13, 2020 at 02:41 PM

AF

“ Yolanda and Chet,

Sending our sincerest thoughts that God will comfort you at this time, as you remember your mother.

Cousin Audrey and Family

Audrey and Family - June 12, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KJ

Yolanda and family, keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Your mom was such a lovely, classy lady and you were Blessed to have her with you for so long. May her soul rest in peace, my deepest sympathy.

Kim Jean - June 16, 2020 at 05:15 PM