



Cora Nelms Charles

February 20, 2024

Cora Ruth Nelms Charles, R.N., born November 7, 1935 departed this life on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at the age of 88. Born in Bremond, Tx. and raised in Houston, Tx., Cora was the only girl and the 5th child amongst 8 brothers born to Wiley and Thelma Odessa Nelms. Educated in the Harris County Texas ISD school system, Cora was a proud Phyllis Wheatley H.S. Wildcat who furthered her education at Dillard University (BS in Nursing, '58) and later at LSU (Masters of Psychology, '71). In 1958 while starting her lifelong career in Nursing, Teaching, and Counselling, Cora married her lifelong partner, a young Law School student and business man Pierre Sourial Charles, Sr. To this union were born 3 sons, Dr. Pierre Sourial Charles, Jr (Pamela), Dr. Homer Nelms Charles (Dr. Debra), and businessman Michael Pierce Charles (Carol). Cora was preceded in death by her parents Wiley and Thelma O. Nelms, brothers Howard, Alex, Melvin, Willard, Billy Joe, Allen, Benny and Ommie, and her husband Pierre. Cora leaves to celebrate her life 3 sons and their wives, 5 grandchildren, Makeda Frazier (Aaron), Breanna Meeks (Eugene), Pierre III, Makayla Luter (Mickey), Rebecca, and Maleaha, 9 Great-grandchildren, Kennedi, Malachi Homer, Jackson, Logan, Reign, Aliya, Ivy, Micah, Michael. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 02, 2024 at 11a.m. at Cornerstone United Methodist Church at 5276 Bullard Ave., New Orleans, La. 70128. Burial to follow at St. Louis Cemetery #3, 3421 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, La. 70119, along the St. Michael Corridor, Crypt #112, on Tier B. Repast at Cornerstone United Methodist Church follows burial.

Arrangements handled by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone United Methodist Church
5276 Bullard Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70128

Tribute Wall

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“ *My mother, Barbara used to babysit Pierre, Homer & Michael. She always had a very pleasant way about her. To her family, I am sorry for your loss. I will keep y'all in my prayers & heart.*
Cerlida Gordon Fletcher

Cerlida Fletcher - March 02, 2024 at 04:07 PM

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“ *Cerlida Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Cora Charles*



Cerlida Fletcher - March 02, 2024 at 04:04 PM