



## Cynthia Hinkel Caliste

March 6, 2021

Cynthia Hinkel Caliste entered into eternal rest on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the age of 71. She was the daughter of the late Shelby Hinkel, Sr. and the late Bernadine DeBlanc Hinkel. She was the loving and supportive mother to Damon David Caliste and Lesley Caliste Payton and her husband Johnnie, and nurturing grandmother to Jaelyn Breanne and Jiyah Brielle Payton who were her two “Rays of Sunshine.” She was the sister of Myra Hinkel Saunders Ashmore and the late Shelby Hinkel, Jr.

Cynthia was a 1967 graduate of George Washington Carver Senior High School. She earned her B.S. in Vocal Music Education from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1971 and her M.S. in Educational Administration and Leadership from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1986. She was a retired educator for the New Orleans Parish Public System with almost 30 years of service.

Cynthia is also survived by two nephews and one niece, Darien Patrick Hinkel, Devin Anthony Ashmore and his wife Tiffany, and Jamie Saunders Payton; three great-nephews and one great-niece, Tyreke Michael Conerly, Drake Antione Payton, Blake Anthony Ashmore, and Olivia Grace Ashmore; an aunt, Dorothy Moore Martin, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. A private memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *I just saw this! I went to dance school with her daughter Leslie....  
My deepest condolences to her family*

*Kathy Watson*

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