



Cynthia Marie Thibodeaux

August 28, 2023

Cynthia Maria Thibodeaux passed away at her home in New Orleans on Monday, August 28, one month before her 80th birthday. Cynthia, affectionately known by her family as “Sister” was born September 25, 1943, in New Orleans, LA, to Thomas and Cornelia Dumas Thibodeaux. She graduated from Xavier Preparatory School in 1961. Cynthia was married to Alvin J. Bordenave, Jr., and they had two sons, Stephen Girard and Jeffery Joseph. She later married James N. Duffy and they resided in New Orleans. Cynthia had a successful career, which included time as Director of Membership for the Audubon Institute, and Membership Director at the World War II Museum. In her later years, she became an Interior Design Consultant at Helm Paint and Decorating. She loved helping friends and clients decorate their homes with lovely colors and floral prints. She created beautiful drapery and slipcovers and was an accomplished upholsterer. In addition to sewing, Cynthia also enjoyed gardening, and she was an excellent cook. She often prepared fabulous holiday meals for her family and friends. Cynthia was a big fan of the New Orleans Saints, and on most Sundays during football season you could find her at home, watching the game and cheering for a win. She loved cats, and they provided her companionship throughout most of her life. Cynthia is survived by her children, Stephen (Jessa Flor) Bordenave and Jeffery Bordenave, her grandchildren, Deijah, Rachel, Jordan, and Johnathan. She is also survived by her siblings, Thomas Thibodeaux, Jr., Michaele Thibodeaux (Sidney) Barthelemy, Sheila Thibodeaux Marcus, and Donna

Thibodeaux (Joseph) Brennan, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. Cynthia was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Michael Thibodeaux.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on September 9, 2023, at 10:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Church, 4640 Canal Street. Internment to follow at St. Louis #3 Cemetery, 3421 Esplanade Ave. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trap Dat Cat or the Louisiana SPCA. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
4640 Canal St
New Orleans, LA 70119

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Cynthia's passing. We worked together at the 1984 World's Fair and she was one of my bridesmaids in the late 80's. She was a lovely, fun lady, a good friend and I will miss her dearly. We had recently reconnected and had many fun times together attending the French Quarter Fest several times, the Oak Street Po Boy Fest, Satchmo Summerfest and many other events. This summer, we picked her up and had dinner at Cafe Degas, which she greatly enjoyed. She was a great cook and often treated us to her fabulous fudge cake. My sincere condolences to all the family and know she was well loved by many friends. Carol Matheny Szakmary

Carol Matheny Szakmary - September 07, 2023 at 02:36 PM

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“ We extend our most sincere condolences to the Thibodeaux, Bordenave and NcDuffy families. Our prayers are with them as they grieve this terrible loss. Cynthia's death will create a void in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in peace.

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