



Doris Holmes Ratcliff

March 12, 2025

Doris Holmes Ratcliff, a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2025, at the age of 94. A lifelong resident of New Orleans, LA, Doris was known for her warmth, resilience, and unwavering devotion to her family and faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mercedes Holmes and Delaney Holmes Sr.; her siblings, John Holmes, Delaney Holmes Jr., Oliver Holmes, Preston Holmes, Mary Braud, Gloria Anderson, and Mercedes Schexnayder; her children, Stephen E. Ratcliff Sr. and Mark F. Ratcliff; and her grandchildren, Dwyne J. Brown, Deshawn Ratcliff, and Courtney Clair.

Doris leaves behind a lasting legacy in her children, Shelia A. Brown and Karl M. Ratcliff (Glenda); her sisters, Ann White (late Alvin) and Cheryl Gilbert (Leonard); her 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She will also be deeply missed by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A dedicated worker throughout her life, Doris was employed at Raintree Children's Services, Touro Hospital, Walmart, Harrah's Casino, and the Windsor Court Hotel. She was also a devoted member of Ephesian Baptist Church and First District Missionary Baptist Association, where her faith guided her in service to others.

Doris Holmes Ratcliff will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and the love she shared with everyone who knew her. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

A Christian Burial service will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Ephesian Baptist Church, 4020 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, New Orleans, LA. Visitation will begin at 8:00 am. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Norman Mayer Ave, New Orleans, LA.

Following the interment, a repast will be held from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at KP Event Palace, 8700 Lake Forest Blvd, Suite 102, New Orleans, LA.

Arrangements are entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.rhodesfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Ephesian Baptist Church
4020 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70125

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ephesian Baptist Church
4020 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70125

Tribute Wall

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“ Unfortunately I can not make the services tomorrow morning but I wanted pass on my prayers and condolences to the family of Ms Doris. I am a poker dealer at Harrahs so I didn't come in contact with her often but the times we did she always had a smile on her face, she was impeccably dressed and greeted everyone with a positive attitude. A smile from Ms Doris made your day and you realized that whatever was bugging you that day was trivial because a beautiful lady graced you with that smile.

Mike Robertson - March 22, 2025 at 12:55 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Doris Holmes Ratcliff.



March 21, 2025 at 09:07 AM