



Elaine Barthelemy Banks

October 22, 1946 - July 24, 2024

Elaine Barthelemy Banks was born on October 22, 1946 in New Orleans to Allen and Victoria Barthelemy. Elaine attended St. Peter Claver and Xavier University Preparatory High School, graduating in 1964.

Elaine had three children, Michele Delille Lites, Paul Delille, Jr. and Elliott Delille. Three grandchildren, Brandi, Dana and Macy Lites also graced Elaine and Mark's lives, along with son-in-law Jim Lites. Godchildren Ronald Winger, Shantel Mitchell-Dees and Michael Legier were added blessings in her life, along with Brenda Mitchell-Williams, who was like a second daughter to her.

Elaine started her career with South Central Bell as a telephone operator. She later transitioned to serving as a hospital PBX operator, working at both Children's Hospital and Ochsner's Medical Center.

Elaine was a true creative artist. She was a skilled seamstress, making award-winning costumes and other clothing items, for family and friends. Each granddaughter won the best costume award at their 8th grade renaissance fairs. She had a side business making ceramics, painting, drawing, and creating silk flower arrangements. She specialized in one-of-a-kind bridal headpieces and veils, along with naughty baskets. Elaine was a crochet master and made custom Afghans for new babies and graduation gifts. While teaching crocheting to her sister Kathy and others, she sought to counsel,

guide and encourage relaxation as a part of crocheting artistry.

Elaine enjoyed cooking traditional New Orleans dishes and loved to cook for people who loved to eat. She valued passing down cooking traditions, life lessons to younger family members and friends, and was the designated holiday dessert baker. With the help of generations of little pie prickers, she baked tons of mini-sweet potatoes pies and other treats each year for all to enjoy.

Elaine passed away from liver disease on July 24, 2024 in Sacramento, California.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Gretna
1020 Virgil St.
Gretna, LA 70053
(504) 367-0621
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jearlene Nunn lit a candle in memory of Elaine Banks*



Jearlene Nunn - November 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM

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“ *Legier Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elaine Barthelemy Banks.*



Legier Family - September 19, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Barthelemy Banks.*



September 19, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elaine Barthelemy Banks.*



September 18, 2024 at 04:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Elaine Barthelemy Banks.



September 12, 2024 at 03:31 PM