



## Frances Davillier Biagas

June 7, 2020

On 7, June 2020, Frances Davillier Biagas passed away as peacefully and calmly in her sleep as she lived her life. She is survived by her 6 children: Ronald James Biagas, Don Biagas (Penny), Thaddeus M Biagas (Dwanne), Gerianne M Thomas (Frank), Ned-Andrew Biagas, Janelda M Biagas-Guillory. She is preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Nolan James Biagas, son-in-law Brian F Guillory, and granddaughter Stacy M Biagas.

She leaves to cherish her memory, 14 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews.

Frances was born on January 6, 1924 to Manuel and Josephina (Faciane) Davillier in the community of Bayou Liberty just north of Slidell, La. She arrived into this world “whimpering” to mourn the death of “Fina’s” baby daughter, Lucille. She was dubbed “born for good luck” by her eldest sister, Amie.

Frances spent her final days entertaining company with stories of her life. She painted a picture of her life growing up on Bayou Vincent Rd with such vivid color you could imagine sitting on the porch swing and moss growing in trees. She spoke of her life in the family home, working odd jobs as a babysitter and record keeper during the great depression and before moving to New Orleans. At a young age she ventured across the lake by train to live with her older sister, Belle and then Amy. She attended a trade school where she learned how to operate machinery. She was smart and learned quickly. Young and

independent, she was quickly employed at Haspel's sewing factory where she was charged with making the collars for WWII soldiers' uniforms.

At the onset of the war, Nolan returned to New Orleans on "good liberty" and chose Fran to be his war-time bride. They were married at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on December 13, 1943. Frances spent the remainder of her life as a homemaker, wife and mother - dutifully taking care of her husband, children and extended family. Fran was a sous chef, a nurse, a doctor, a leader, an educator and a most importantly a Peacekeeper. She was an iconic embodiment of strength, grace and perseverance.

Mom, Mama, Grandma Fran, Aunt Fran, Ms. Frances, you will be compassionately missed by all who knew you.

The family would like to say thank you to her health care providers: Marion Daniels, Undrell Steward , Mary Chesterfield, and also to the personnel and staff at St. Joseph Hospice; a special thank you to her niece Sharon Nabonne for singing her home to join her sisters and brothers and two very tall and handsome men; Nolan and Brian. From the Biagas Family, thank you to all who provided compassionate support during her senior years.

There will be a private mass for family members at St Gabriel the Archangel Church, 4700 Pineda Street New Orleans, LA 70126 on Tuesday, June 16th at 10:00am with visitation starting at 9:00. Attendees must wear a mask.

Interment: St. Patrick # 3 Cemetery. Due to current health concerns, we are asking extended family and friends of family to express sympathies and well wishes via the Rhodes online guestbook [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com).

Arrangements entrusted to Rhodes Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick # 3 Cemetery

143 City Park Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70119

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church  
4700 Pineda St.  
New Orleans, LA 70126

## Service

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Please accept my deepest condolences to the BIAGAS Family. Aunt Frances was GOD'S gift to her family, friends and those who had the opportunity to meet her. Sending prayers for comfort and Peace.

Sincerely,

Joy Biagas and Family

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**Joy Biagas** - June 19, 2020 at 12:58 AM



MR

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Biagas family. Matt and Dwanne you are in my prayers during this difficult time. May the wonderful memories of Ms. Frances keep you smiling forever as you think of her. Loving Regards, Marvel Robertson

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**M Robertson** - June 17, 2020 at 01:57 PM



CJ

“ The Johnson family, Baton Rouge, send condolences to the Biagas family during this time of grief. Your mom was a beautiful lady and we're so delighted to have met her.

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**Cheryl Johnson** - June 17, 2020 at 07:33 AM

TM

“ *Janelda, we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful mother! God Bless you and your family! Lloydel's sisters: Tanya M. Menendez and Lawana M. Givens.*

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**Tanya M. Menendez** - June 16, 2020 at 04:07 PM

BW

“ *I loved and appreciated my visits with my Godmother, Fran. She always greeted me with the most beautiful smile and soft spoken voice. I enjoyed listening to her favorite memories of the Davillier Family. We will miss her graciousness and serene presence.*

*Bettye Davillier Woodard*

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**Bettye Woodard** - June 16, 2020 at 02:47 PM

BI

“ *Hang in there to Matt and his family. God be with y'all.*  
*Bernard*

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**Bernard L Mansion III** - June 15, 2020 at 11:15 PM

MA

“ *You have my deepest condolences, praying for your entire family.*

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**Michele Atkins** - June 15, 2020 at 08:30 PM

GF

“ *Dear Janelda, Lionel and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beautiful mother. I miss you so much and just wish I could give you a hug, May your grief find healing in your memories. Love you much, . Gaye Farris*

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**Gaye Farris** - June 15, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Frances Davillier Biagas.*



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June 15, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *The Carter family of Lafayette and in particular Jacoby would like to express our deepest condolences.*

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**jacoby** - June 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Frances Davillier Biagas.*



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June 15, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sherrelle and Brandon Jones purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Frances Davillier Biagas.*



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**Sherrelle and Brandon Jones** - June 15, 2020 at 10:22 AM

EA

“ Evelyn Anemaet purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Frances Davillier Biagas.



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**Evelyn Anemaet** - June 15, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frances Davillier Biagas.



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June 15, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JH

“ My dear family, please accept the condolences from my family for the loss of our aunt Frances. Frances was my father's, Howard Biagas, sister-in-law by marriage to his brother Nolan.

*It had been many years since me or my siblings have been in her presence but our past memories of her beautiful spirit will be forever etched in our hearts. RIP aunt Frances.*

*With love, Howard Jr. Biagas, Jezelle (Biagas) Hatchett and Darlene (Biagas) Keith.*



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**Jezelle Hatchett** - June 15, 2020 at 09:35 AM

TM

“ *Janelda and family, so sorry to hear of your mother’s passing. From her obituary we can see that she was an amazing woman. We can see from her photo that the family beauty runs deep. Please accept our most sincere condolences.*

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**Tommy Michot** - June 14, 2020 at 09:26 PM

TD

“ *I met Frances through daughter and work friend Janelda more than 30 years ago. I had the privilege to share a cooked meal and several reintroductions over the years to appreciate her beauty of face and heart mixed with a Southern charm and grace. The Apple does not fall far from the tree among the daughters to grieve for your loss. Moms are special and regardless of her nearly centennial age, the loss comes hard for its connection to the past and permanence that waits a reunion in the sky another day. I wish Janelda and boys along with sibs and all, flood upon flood of fond memories of days with Frances to celebrate her good and gifted life. May the peace and presence of God pour over each and everyone as you lay her body to rest and her spirit hovers above for your goodkeeping as all Mothers do for their own in this life and in eternity. Tom and Melanie Doyle, Lafayette*

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**Tom Doyle** - June 14, 2020 at 05:58 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the album Mom's photo share*



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**Janelda Biagas** - June 14, 2020 at 02:41 PM

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**Janelda Biagas** - June 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM

JB

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**Janelda Biagas** - June 14, 2020 at 02:36 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album photos for mom



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**Janelda Biagas** - June 14, 2020 at 02:33 PM

SM

“ So sorry for the loss of your beautiful Grandmother Bridget. I will continue to keep your family in my prayers 🙏.

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**Sheleth Morris** - June 14, 2020 at 12:45 AM