



Geraldine Butler Lomax

May 18, 2025

Geraldine Dorothy Mae Butler Lomax

Sunrise Dec. 27, 1925- Sunset May 18, 2025

Celebrating the Life of Geraldine Butler Lomax

Geraldine Butler Lomax, lovingly known to her family and friends as “Mother Dear,” was called home to be with the Lord at the remarkable age of 99. She was born on December 27, 1925, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late Richard and Marguerite Butler.

Geraldine’s spiritual journey began in her childhood at Phillip Memorial United Methodist Church, where she received her spiritual education. A proud graduate of the original McDonogh #35 High School, she continued her studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. During her time at Xavier, she married Rev. James S. Davidson, and together they welcomed two children: Brenda Joyce Davidson-Jones and James Narvin Davidson.

With a heart for service and a passion for medicine, Geraldine relocated to Peoria, Illinois, where she pursued her education in the medical field, earning two associate degrees in medical histology with honors. Her professional journey led her to Chicago, Illinois, where she began a distinguished career at the University of Chicago as a Medical Histologist. It was there she met and later married McKinley Lomax, and continued to thrive in her field.

Never one to stop learning, Geraldine returned to college later in life and proudly earned her Bachelor of Science degree at the age of 73. She later retired from the Chicago Transit Authority, closing a long and accomplished

career.

After many years in Chicago, Geraldine returned to her beloved New Orleans. Following Hurricane Katrina, she briefly resided in Baton Rouge before settling back home. She became an active and faithful member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In her leisure, she cherished time with her beloved dog Marley and found great joy in the company of her family and friends.

Geraldine is preceded in death by her parents Richard and Marguerite Butler; her husband McKinley Lomax; brothers Clifford Butler, Earl Wright Sr., and Vandy Wright; granddaughter Janelle Davidson; and her loyal dog, Marley.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength through her children, Brenda Joyce Davidson-Jones and James Narvin Davidson; grandchildren William Jones Jr. (Lisa), Lenita Jones, and Javar Davidson; 11 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great-grandchildren; godchild Gayle Graham; sister-in-law Rose P. Wright; and dear friends Rev. William Jones Sr. and Marvin Sonait.

Relatives, friends, members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and staff of St. Mary's Academy are invited to attend a Celebration of Life honoring "Mother Dear" on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church, 4533 Mendez Street, New Orleans, LA 70126. Visitation begins at 9:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery and Mausoleums in New Orleans.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethany United Methodist Church
4533 Mendez St
New Orleans, LA 70126
(504) 324-5057

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Love, William Jr & Lisa (Wife) Jones purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Geraldine Butler Lomax.



Love, William Jr & Lisa (Wife) Jones - May 29, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ To Lenita, William, Mrs Brenda, and family our deepest sympathy for the passing of your grandmother/ mother. May the Lord give you strength and peace that surpasses all understanding in the midst of your sorrow.

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Geni Butler - May 28, 2025 at 03:58 AM