



Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason

October 2, 2025

Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason departed this life on October 2, 2025, at the age of 97. A native and lifelong resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, Gladys was born on September 8, 1928, to Edmund and Irma Jones Gautier, the fourth of nine children. She was the beloved wife of the late Ronald F. Mason, Sr., with whom she shared 66 years of marriage, and the devoted mother of six children, to whom she gave her unconditional love. Gladys graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and was employed as a cook at St. Joseph and Ursuline Catholic Schools. She was later recruited by the YWCA, where she served in the cafeteria and as a counselor in a child displacement program. Gladys took great pleasure in life's simple joys, including cooking, sewing, playing cards, and trying her luck with scratch-off tickets.

Gladys is survived by her children, Ronald (Belinda) Mason, Jr., David (Shelia) Mason, Shelia (Rodney) Bailey, Darlene (Alan) Williams, and Steven Mason. She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Nia Mason, Christopher Mason-Williams, Gaylan Williams, Quentin Mason, Jeremy (Candace) Mason, Brittney (Jared) Williams-Reese, Jared Mason, Kenan (Lauren) Mason, Teresa Williams, and Mason Bailey; and seven great-grandchildren: Jeremy Mason Jr., Gharri Reese, Caleb Mason, Oakley Mason, Elias Reese, Arsene Reese, and baby girl Mason, due in December. Her surviving siblings, Edmond Gautier and Leonard Gautier, are also left to mourn her passing. She was also a devoted friend and mother figure to many who were touched by her kindness and love.

As she enters God's kingdom, Gladys is lovingly reunited with her parents, Edmund and Irma Gautier, her husband, Ronald Mason, Sr., her beloved second son, Gary Mason, and her two grandsons, Ronald F. Mason III and Bernell Mason. She was also preceded in death by her siblings: brothers Leon (Vivian) Gautier, Noel Gautier, and Lloyd Gautier and sisters Doris (Nolan) Hamilton, Emelda (James) Beaudion, and Shirley (Everett) Labat.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 am at D.W.

Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rosary will begin at 9:30 am and her Celebration of life will follow at 10:00 am and can be livestreamed by visiting www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live. Interment will be in St. Louis Cemetery No. 3. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 14. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Recitation of the Rosary

OCT 14. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Lifting you all in prayer.*

Deb & Cary Grant - October 14, 2025 at 11:24 AM

EF

“ *Evola Bates & Family and the Christophe Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*

Evola Bates & Family and the Christophe Family - October 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MB

“ *Michelle theresa B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*

Michelle theresa B. - October 13, 2025 at 02:09 PM

LC

“ *Love, Your California Cousins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*

Love, Your California Cousins - October 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*



October 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.



October 13, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ Renaud Beaudoin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.

Renaud Beaudoin - October 13, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.



October 13, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ Leonard Patrick Gautier Sr. and family. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.



Leonard Patrick Gautier Sr. and family. - October 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*



October 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *Eric D. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*

Eric D. - October 11, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ *Valencia, Jacintha and Greg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gladys Theresa Gautier Mason.*



Valencia, Jacintha and Greg - October 11, 2025 at 11:33 AM