



Helena Theresa Rohman Jones

October 29, 2024

Helena Theresa Rohman Jones was called home by our Lord on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the age of 92. Helena was born on October 1, 1932 in New Orleans, Louisiana and was a lifelong resident. She is survived by her six children, Pastor Melvin C. Jones, Jr. of New Orleans, LA; Sykina Gaston of New Orleans, LA; Selina Vik (husband Rob) of Orlando, FL; Paula Thomas (husband Wilbert) of Douglasville, GA; Zaida Monconduit of New Orleans, LA; Michelle Banks (husband Michael) of Las Vegas, NV; Step-son Christopher Lee of New Orleans, LA. She is also survived by her Daughter-in-law Lisa Jones; Sisters Amelia Waters and Dorothy Payton of New Orleans, LA; Sister-in laws, Jacqueline McCrea, Lola Jones and Judy Jones of New Orleans, LA. Other survivors include 17 Grandchildren; 28 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great-Great Grandchildren, one who was born on the same day Helena transitioned to Heaven.

Helena was preceded in death by her beloved husband Melvin C. Jones, Sr., her cherished youngest child, Miguel Jones, her mother Lillian Raymond Rohman, her father Monibar Rohman, her brother Issac Rohman and her sister Emelda Burris.

Helena married Melvin when she was 19 years old. She bore seven children in their marriage which included two set of twins. Helena was a devoted wife and mother and poured all her love into her family. She was the heartbeat of her family, and her heart will live on in each one of them.

Helena was a mother and housewife for most her adult life but at age 50, she

decided to leave the comfort of working at home, to get a floral design license to assist her oldest son Melvin in his florist. Helena loved gardening and flowers, especially red roses. At the ripe young age of 60 she and her husband, Melvin opened a Gift Basket business in the French Quarter. For 15 years the business grew and provided employment for numerous individuals including some of her grandchildren, which taught them the value of hard work.

Helena volunteered in her community with the Pontchartrain Park Homeowners Association and St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. She assisted with feeding the poor of her parish and the sick and shut ins. She partnered with the Louisiana Department of Child Services and Bethel Colony South Ministry with providing Christmas presents and school supplies to the children in foster care and at the Ministry. Helena worked with her husband Melvin as part of the Catholic Archdiocese's Diaconate Program dealing with children of separated and divorced Catholics.

It was her love of education that she instilled in her children and grandchildren that will live on. Her spirit of generosity, ability to forgive, her loving nature and her tremendous faith in GOD is what she strove to pass on to her family. She will always be remembered for the many poignant and relevant stories she told about her childhood and growing up in the segregated South. Her children and grandchildren will remember all the life advice and guidance she provided.

Finally it was her faith in God that sustained her through troubled times. It was her faith that gave her the strength to accept his will and help her family deal with her inevitable transition. Her faith in God was everything to her. She lived her Faith every day. The night she transitioned, her Faith led her home to Jesus. Helena died quietly in her sleep and transitioned into heaven on a whisper. Her last words on this earth were "Oh, My Jesus". Jesus was there to carry her home.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, 5621 Elysian Fields Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70122 on Friday, November 8, 2024 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Interment: St. Louis No. 3 Cemetery, 3421 Esplanade Ave. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook. Anyone wishing to donate monetary or in lieu of flowers donation can be made to Bethel Colony South Men's Transformation Ministry, 4114 Old Gentility Rd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
5621 Elysian Fields Ave
New Orleans, LA 70122

Funeral Mass

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
5621 Elysian Fields Ave
New Orleans, LA 70122

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Edrice S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.

Edrice S. - November 08, 2024 at 07:47 AM

AW

“ Auntie Lena, your love for God, Family and your Wisdom will continue to inspire others forever. Love you and miss you!

Your Nephew
Aaron Waters

Aaron Waters - November 07, 2024 at 08:02 PM

MD

“ Melissa, Nichelle, & David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.

Melissa, Nichelle, & David - November 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM

MD

“ Melissa, Nichelle, & David purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.



Melissa, Nichelle, & David - November 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM

TF

“ Thomas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.

Thomas Family - November 07, 2024 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ Thomas Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.



Thomas Family - November 07, 2024 at 12:29 PM

KF

“ Kaminski Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.



Kaminski Family - November 07, 2024 at 11:41 AM

KF

“ Kaminski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.

Kaminski Family - November 07, 2024 at 11:41 AM

FB

“ *To the Jones Family:
Please accept our heartfelt condolences over
the passing of your Mother - the Matriarch of
your family.
We extend support & friendship at this difficult
time.
We had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with Mrs. Jones on
several occasions and must say that she was a wonderful woman
with a pleasant personality.
She will forever be in our thoughts.
Sending love.
The Blakeney Family!*



Fredell & Patrick Blakeney - November 07, 2024 at 10:51 AM

MB

“ *Maryse and Peter Bradshaw purchased the Full
Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helena
Theresa Rohman Jones.*



Maryse and Peter Bradshaw - November 07, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.*



November 07, 2024 at 10:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.*



November 06, 2024 at 11:58 PM



“ *I remember visiting Aunt Helena at her home when dating her nephew (Elvin Waters) for the first time. We talked about me (Marthenetha Waters) and where I went to high school. We had a pleasant visit and she visited me at my home for my birthday party after I came home from the hospital. Auntie Lena, we are going to miss you until we see you again!!!*

Marthenetha Waters - November 06, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ *Selina V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.*

Selina V. - November 06, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *Selina V. purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.*



Selina V. - November 06, 2024 at 01:40 PM

LG

“ Love, Will (your grandson) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.

Love, Will (your grandson) - November 04, 2024 at 09:38 PM

LG

“ Love, Will (your grandson) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helena Theresa Rohman Jones.



Love, Will (your grandson) - November 04, 2024 at 09:38 PM

CT

“ *Grandma was such a light! Her wisdom and love will forever be with us. She was classy and elegant and always saw the good in others. She was my angel here on earth and now she’s my angel in Heaven. I’m so grateful for the relationship we had...we were extremely close. Life will be different without her but it gives me peace knowing I had the honor of having her as my Grandmother. She made me a better person. Love you forever and ever Grandma.*

*Love,
Christine*



Christine Thomas - November 04, 2024 at 04:32 PM