



## Iola Mae Shepard Alexander

April 26, 2019

Iola Mae “Lady” Shepard Alexander was born August 7, 1930 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Eli and Madeline Turner Shepard. She departed this life on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Bell Vie Nursing Home in Gretna, Louisiana.

Iola worked for the Orleans Parish School Board in food services for many years where she touched the lives of many students and faculty. She enjoyed cooking, watching her stories, going to church, spending time with family and friends. She was a faithful member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Algiers under the leadership of Pastor Rev. Lonnie Williams.

She is survived by her loving husband of 69 years Alex Alexander; her four children: Etheldra Stokes, Elliott (the late Sheila) Alexander, Eric “Kirk” Alexander and Deana (Ronnie) Scott; her grandchildren: Tabitha Stokes, Erica (Boris) Harris, Erin Alexander and Kiana Alexander; her great grandchildren: Timothy Donald, Amari Johnson, Alexander Harris, Acire Harris and Camryn Jumpiere; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. She is preceded in death by her brothers: Rev. C.B. Riley, Warren, Alvin, Ernes and Rev. Earl Shepard; her sisters: Dora Allen, Mildred Austin, Mable Sterling and Vera Johnson.

Pastor, Officers and members of St. Mark Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, Regular Baptist Church, Household of Faith and neighboring churches are invited to attend the Homegoing Service at Greater St. Mary Baptist Church (host church) located at 1533 Horace St. Algiers, Louisiana 70114 on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 am under the Leadership of Pastor James

Robinson. Officiating Pastor Rev. Lonnie Williams of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Algiers, Louisiana. Viewing will begin at 9:00 am until time of service. Interment: McDonough Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## McDonoughville Cemetery

Gretna, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater St. Mary Baptist Church  
1533 Horace St.  
Algiers, LA 70131

## Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kim Higginbotham lit a candle in memory of  
Iola Mae Shepard Alexander*



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**Kim Higginbotham** - May 03, 2019 at 11:42 PM

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“ *Mrs. Iola was an angel here on Earth. I met her when my family and I moved to McClendonville, and I became lifetime friends with Etheldra. Over the years, I have spent many hours socializing with this beautiful, soft-spoken "Lady" who welcomed me into her home. The last time I visited her, she consoled me, over the passing of my son, even though she was struggling with her own health issues. I have admired Mrs. Iola since the first day I met her because of her generosity, compassion, and love.*



*My condolences to Mr. A, Etheldra, Elliott, Deana, "Kirk", and the entire family. May Mrs. Iola's soul rest in Heavenly peace, and God provide you all with peace, comfort, and strength.*

*Anita Woodley-Dennis and family*

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**Anita W. Dennis** - May 02, 2019 at 09:41 AM