



JoAnne Theard Cross

July 11, 2019

JoAnne T. Cross, of New Orleans, La, departed this life on July 11, 2019, at the age of 66. She peacefully ascended this life surrounded by family and friends. She is the only daughter of Doretha S. Theard (Sampson) and the late Joseph Theard, loving and forever devoted widow of the late Gregory James Cross, sister of Michael Theard, Sr. and Granddaughter of the late Lillian Sampson.

Jo was a proud alumna of Blessed Sacrament and Xavier University preparatory High School (Class of '72) where she held a strong athletic presence on both the basketball and volleyball court, her forever passion. A woman of incredible faith, Jo Anne was a devoted parishioner of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, where she worshiped faithfully. She was a forever faithful member of the "WHO DAT Nation" and truly enjoyed her fan experience. As of December 2018, she was a retiree of Ochsner Clinic Foundation, where she gracefully and tirelessly served as a Medical Assistant II for 34 years. Her caring and selfless spirit, warm personality and infinite wisdom graced the halls of Ochsner's Orthopedic Department and will be an everlasting legacy in the hearts of staff, colleagues, and patients alike.

Jo Anne was preceded in this life by her husband, Gregory J. Cross; Father, Joseph Theard; Grandmother Lillian nephew Michael Theard, Jr., niece Juanita Theard and sister-in-law Lucinda Theard.

She is survived by her mother, Doretha S. Theard, her one and only daughter Ashley J. Cross and step-daughter Brandi R. Cross; grandchild Gregory Brown; her only brother Michael Theard (Lucinda), 1 niece Kimberly M Theard; 1 nephew Joseph; 2 grandnieces' Chloe and Jho'le, 2 grandnephews' Cali, and Joseph Jr. and a host of cousins, other relatives and close friends.

Relatives, friends of the family, Priest and Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, employees of Ochsner Foundation Hospital and Alumna and staff of XUP are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 7300 Crowder Blvd. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until Mass time. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Norman Mayer Ave. Arrangements by Rhodes Funeral

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so saddened to hear of the demise of Jo Anne. I met her several years ago when I traveled to Louisiana to visit a sick relative. She opened her doors and her heart to a complete stranger and showed me nothing less than absolute kindness. My love and condolences goes out to her daughter, mother, brother, and family. We in North Carolina loved her as well. Rest with Debbie Lee Jackson and all the other angels sweetie

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