



## Laura Marie Mitchell Delatte

June 24, 2025

Laura Marie Mitchell Delatte, a native of New Orleans, entered eternal rest at the age of 77 on June 24, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born on March 25, 1948, she was the third of seven children born to the union of her parents, Louis and Laura Mitchell. From about the age of 10, after the passing of her mother, she and her siblings were raised, loved, and guided by her uncle and aunt, Herman and Louise Wynne, until they all reached adulthood.

Laura was her mother's namesake, and she was affectionately known by many as Marie. Whether you called her Laura, Marie, mama, granny, sister, nanny, T-Ree, mother-in-law or friend, when you were with her you felt loved and special.

Marie was raised in the Catholic faith. Corpus Christi has been her church for her entire life. She was educated in Catholic schools in the city of New Orleans. She attended St. Monica, Corpus Christi, and St. Mary's Academy, where she graduated in 1966.

She was employed by AT&T (formerly Bell South). In her time with Bell South, she served as a union representative. After 30 years of dedicated service, she retired and began her own housekeeping business.

Marie was known for hosting fabulous Christmas dinners. The menu headliner for dinner, every year, was her stuffed mirliton. She was the best at making this dish and she was the only person who made it. Beyond the great

Christmas food, she made sure that everyone who walked through her door at Christmas felt welcome. Each person would leave with a gift. She would put on a Santa hat and outfit and head to the tree. She would call out each person's name, in her Santa voice, for them to come to get their gift from Santa. Before receiving their gift, she would ask "Have you been good this year?" and they had to respond before she would give them their gift. This is a big family tradition that will continue forever at Christmas.

Truly a matriarch by nature, she was a dedicated mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, nanny, aunt, cousin, mother-in-law, and friend. Her flowing, long, white hair was her signature look, along with that big left dimple and warm smile. She was the boss. She knew it and so did everyone else. Laura was a strong, independent, assertive woman with a great sense of humor. She always had a quick and quirky comeback when something was said. You might try to start something with her, but she was definitely going to finish it.

If you knew Marie, you knew where to find her. She was going to be at the casino, in front of a slot machine, sipping on a cold Coke. She also loved playing cards, especially Pokeno and game called in between with her family during the holidays. Raising the ante was her specialty and she would almost always win the big pot.

She also loved shopping, whether it was for a new outfit, the perfect Christmas gift, or just something that caught her eye; shopping brought her joy and excitement. Her favorite store was Stein Mart, and she was disappointed when they closed their doors. She had a sharp eye for style and enjoyed finding nice gifts for herself and others.

The most special place in her heart belonged to her grandkids and great grandkids. She didn't consider babysitting a duty, it was her absolute

pleasure. She loved them dearly and they loved her. Granny was a title she was honored to hold. She was grateful to God and her two sons, Darryl and Damien, for the gift of making her a grandmother. Her sons were devoted to her, speaking with her every day to make sure she was good. They adored and protected her. The relationship that she had with each of them was a joy to watch. She knew that her sons loved her dearly and she loved them right back. She was a proud mama.

Laura is preceded in death by her parents, Louis Mitchell Sr. & Laura Mitchell, her uncle and aunt, Herman Wynne and Louise Wynne, 3 brothers, Louis Jr., Addison and Marcel Mitchell, one sister Mary Louise Combre, and one granddaughter, Giona Santa Maria.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted sons, Darryl Delatte Jr. (Tamika) and Damien Delatte (Shakira), 7 grandchildren: Damien Dix, Daniel Delatte, Drew Delatte, Dillon Delatte, Damond Stovall, Dai Delatte and Damian Walton, 2 great-granddaughters, Nyla Santa Marina and Diamond Dix; her siblings, Leah Brown, Michael Mitchell, Peggy Jupiter, Marilyn Magee (Larry) and Kenneth Mitchell, one godson, Gary Jones, her former husband, Darryl Delatte Sr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The legacy she leaves is filled with love, laughter, great food, including the stuffed mirliton recipe, thank God she didn't take that with her; the family fun card games, in which the ante will be upped in her honor, and lastly, her beautiful white hair that can be seen in her sons and her nieces and nephews. Her beauty, great skin, quick comebacks, great food, including a cold coke and a welcoming demeanor, will live on for generations in her bloodline. This is the legacy that she leaves with each of us.

Relatives and friends of the family, the family is hosting a Christian Mass at

Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church, 2022 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans, LA on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 10:00am. Visitation: 8:00am-9:00am. Rosary: 9:15am. Repass to immediately follow in the church cafeteria. Cremation by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook, share memories and condolences with the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

JUL 12. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
2022 St. Bernard Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70117

### Recitation of the Rosary

JUL 12. 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
2022 St. Bernard Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70117

### Memorial Service

JUL 12. 10:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KE

“ Kenneth lit a candle in memory of Laura Mitchell Delatte



Kenneth - July 12, 2025 at 12:23 AM

KE

“ My you sister and i shared a special comedic bond. We would often engage in playful arguments much like The Smothers Brothers' "Mom Liked You Best" routine. In her eyes, I was spoiled by my older siblings and our caretakers. She would try her hardest (unsuccessfully) to convince the others that I was not the goodie too shoo that they thought I was. " Did yall hear Kenneth curse?" " Kenneth just called me a stupid \*\*\*\*\*" she say. "No he didn't " the others would say. " Not Kenneth". She always was met with defeat while I had the last laugh.

Kenneth - July 12, 2025 at 12:20 AM

MM

“ I remember I came to New Orleans to visit and I spent the night at Marie's house and we had a wonderful time together. Our kids were younger then and we went to Aunt Louise's house and took a group picture. I will always cherish that picture. She was a beautiful and strong person, and I will always love her. My prayers go out to the family. I love you all.



Marilyn Mitchell-Howard - July 11, 2025 at 06:12 PM

TS

“ *Love you much.*



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**The Box Studios** - July 11, 2025 at 12:33 PM

WL

“ *Dearest Family*

*We are lifting you all in prayer. The absence of a cherished one can't be easy. I am thankful for knowing cousin Marie and feeling her authentic love and welcoming spirit. I vividly remember during our SCM family reunion in 2014, my son Mekhi playing cards with the rest of the family, and that simple moment of family fun has become a lasting memory for him. While we are not there in the physical form, our spiritual prayers and achy hearts are with you all. God bless until we see cousin Marie again. Let's continue to love one another.*

*Sincerely*

*Waseme Little  
Santiago-Clemente- Mitchell Family member  
Three Names One Family*

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**Waseme Little** - July 10, 2025 at 08:25 PM

CF

“ Cousins Dee Dee & Megan Frank purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Laura Marie Mitchell Delatte.



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**Cousins Dee Dee & Megan Frank** - July 10, 2025 at 05:03 PM

FD

“ From The Brown Family(Derrick and Dana) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Marie Mitchell Delatte.



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**From The Brown Family(Derrick and Dana)** - July 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM

FD

“ From The Brown Family(Derrick and Dana) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Marie Mitchell Delatte.

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**From The Brown Family(Derrick and Dana)** - July 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM

PG

“ Laura Marie was a beautiful woman. I had the pleasure of working with her in Baton Rouge. She kept me going and lifted me when I was down. I love you SILVER FOX PAULETTE GIBBS. aka Paula

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**Paulette Gibbs** - July 10, 2025 at 09:12 AM

CS

“ Laura was one of my best friends when we were operators together at Bellsouth. I can still see us vying for “signals “ on the board to see who could get the most customers for the hour! Memories of those times will never be erased from my mind!

Cynthia Bidol Smothers

Cynthia B Smothers - July 09, 2025 at 05:06 PM

LM

“ Louis Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Laura Mitchell Delatte



Louis Mitchell - July 08, 2025 at 08:41 PM

NB

“ Worked with Laura and Peggy on the New Orleans Main Frame many years ago. So sad to hear of her passing. Prayers for her sons and family.

Nancy H Betts - July 08, 2025 at 06:43 PM

SP

“ My heart felt condolences to the family, may you continue the faith, joy ,hope & love of Marie rest in the bosom of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ & courage , strength, be with you all... Love niece Sherry Phillips 🙏💜



Sherry Phillips - July 08, 2025 at 04:19 PM