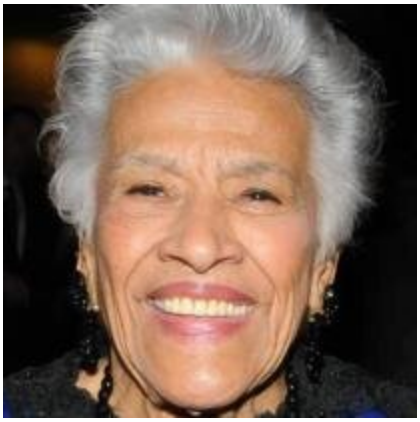

Leah Lange Chase

June 1, 2019

Leah Lange Chase passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the age of 96. She is survived by her children, Stella Reese (Wayne, Sr.), Edgar “Dooky” Chase, III (Alva), and Leah Chase-Kamata; son-in-law, James J.V. Haydel, Jr.; sisters, Grace Smith, Sylvia Lange, Yvette Goins, Adonicia Dawson, Eula Toca, and Janice Waddy; brother, Hayes Lange (Eura); 16 grandchildren, James Haydel, III (Leslie), Victor Haydel, Chase Haydel (Nia), Tracie H. Griffin (Michael), Kimberly R. Buckner, Trevor Chase, Travis Chase (Chastity), Wayne Reese (Kylynn), Myla R. Poree (Albert), David Haydel (Melanie), Eve Marie Haydel, Edgar “Dooky” Chase, IV (Gretchen), Robert Haydel, Chase Kamata and Alfred Reese. She is also survived by 28 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hortensia and Charles Lange, Sr.; husband, Edgar “Dooky” Chase, Jr., her daughter, Emily Chase Haydel; grandson, Nathan Haydel; sisters, Cleo Baham and Eleanor Ferrouillet, and her brother, Charles Lange.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Visitation at Xavier University Convocation Hall, 7910 Stroelitz Street on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm; Celebration of Life at 6:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1923 St. Phillip St on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 12:00 pm with Father Asari, Celebrant. Visitation will begin at 8:00 am until 10:30 am followed by Rosary. Interment: St. Louis Cemetery No 3. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933

Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **8**. 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Xavier University Convocation Hall
1Drexel Drive
New Orleans, LA 70125

Visitation

JUN **10**. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
1923 St. Philip St.
New Orleans, LA 70116

Service

JUN **10**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JT

My longtime friend and I met up in MSY for a bucket list weekend in 2017. A trip to Dooky's was a must stop for us both. . We had an amazing meal from start to finish, everyone was so kind, and the food was terrific! The personal gift that the Disney folks made for Ms. Leah, a.k.a Tiana, greeted us as soon as we walked in. The pictures that lined the walls of the restaurant seem to come alive. At the end of our meal I had purchased her cookbook, which I was so tickled to have. The woman that brought it to me asked if I would like her to sign it. I had no idea that this was Ms. Leah's daughter, and that Ms. Leah herself was in the kitchen! We were escorted thru the restaurant and into the kitchen. There she was, sitting court at a table right next to the chefs.
She invited us to sit and visit a bit while she signed my book and posed for pictures with us. Oh my goodness this woman was beyond dear, beyond sweet, she was aged to perfection. Alison and I both relished our time with her and how she was just so welcoming to visit with us and talk story. Such a remarkable soul! God's got the best gumbo and fried chicken now. Thank you Ms. Leah for all your years of grit and commitment to your city. We are better having known you.
Sincerely,
Juli

juli Faranda Tsang - February 10, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JW

Truly a beautiful lady inside and out. I didn't know her as well as I would have liked. New Orleans and all of us will miss her wonderful presence and spirit. And she could cook also!

Judy Winfrey - June 18, 2019 at 05:09 PM

TE

I attended Xavier Prep with your daughter ,Leah. I remember all the great events we held at your restaurant site. You always greeted us with that special smile.May you soul rest in peace.

Theresa Edgar - June 18, 2019 at 12:33 PM

SJ

Sending prayers and love to the family.

Sandra Saizan Jackson and Samuel Jackson

Sandra Saizan Jackson - June 12, 2019 at 05:53 PM

SC

Saint Joseph Church lit a candle in memory of Leah Lange Chase

Saint Joseph Church - June 11, 2019 at 04:44 AM

PJ

With deepest sympathy. It was truly a pleasure taking care of Ms. Chase during her stay at Baptist Hospital. Always pleasant and uplifting. She will truly be missed.

Pauline Johnson

Pauline Johnson - June 10, 2019 at 10:35 PM

MJ

To the Chase family,

Edgar, I remember Ms. Chase's graciousness and depth of memory when we brought international delegations of students to Dooky Chase's restaurant. It didn't matter where students came from they were mesmerized by her personality, her simplicity, her history, and her ability to connect to others. She is truly part of the soul of New Orleans and measure of love that expands the breathe of the city and the world. We are thankful to have been touched by her and you have been truly blessed to have her in your life.

God bless and keep you,
Mona Duffel Jones & Family

Mona Duffel Jones - June 10, 2019 at 03:28 PM

CH

Rest in eternal peace Mrs Chase. New Orleans love you and will truly miss you. To the family, you all have my deepest sympathy. God bless the entire family.

Carolyn Hamilton - June 10, 2019 at 01:07 PM

EN

Warm Condolences to the Chase family.
Rest In Heavenly Peace Leah Lange Chase

From the A.P. Tureaud, Sr. & Lucille Dejoie Tureaud Family

Elise Tureaud nicholls - June 10, 2019 at 11:24 AM

AB

To Mrs. Leah Lange Chase Family,
Sending my heartfelt love and condolences to each of you during this sad time. May GOD be with Mrs. Leah Chase on her new journey. What a beautiful life, a beautiful soul. I surely know she will be missed. Keeping the family lifted in prayer

Anita Branison - June 09, 2019 at 10:41 PM

MG

2 files added to the tribute wall

mike giglio - June 09, 2019 at 08:17 PM

MG

1 file added to the tribute wall

mike giglio - June 09, 2019 at 08:17 PM

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1 file added to the tribute wall

mike giglio - June 09, 2019 at 08:16 PM

MG

What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch. We may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget"

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace, Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25,26

Mrs. Leah was gracious to have St.Joseph Church and Shrine Gretna Women's Club for lunch in 2018. May God bless her family & friends living with their loss.

Fr, Gary Copping, Fr. Frank Carabello and parishoniers of St Joseph Church.

mike giglio - June 09, 2019 at 08:14 PM

AN

Sending prayers, healing and condolences to the entire family of Mrs. Leah Chase. She's was loved by all, she will truly be missed by all, in some form or fashion she touched lives all over the world. I will definitely treasure the cook books I have by her.
RIP sweet Angel.

Angela Nicholas - June 09, 2019 at 12:10 PM

AK

Professor Chase, and the entire Chase family. I am truly sorry for your loss. May God provide you comfort. -Alicia Kelly

alicia kelly - June 08, 2019 at 08:14 AM

EN

To the family of “mamma Leah”: Be not dimayed God will take care of y’all. She was the epitome of a gift from God in every respect. RIP...

Ed Murray Decatur, Ga.(New Orleans nativ - June 08, 2019 at 02:29 AM

DD

Cousin Leah, we will miss you and the good times we had when we visited with you!
You will forever be in our hearts!
Loving you always!

Hubert (Butch) Dobard, Jr.
Valli (Val) Dobard Trahan
Deirdra (Dearie) Dobard

Deirdra Tereze Dobard - June 07, 2019 at 11:37 PM

EU

Mrs. Chase and her family provide great memories to hundreds of young men each year. I serve as a Mentor with the Silverback Society, at the Jim Singleton Charter School in Central City. Each year, the young men who participate in the program- Silverbacks - are treated to a special lunch at Dooky Chase's Restaurant. Thanks to Mrs. Chase and her family, the boys learn dining etiquette (as do I) while enjoying a great meal. The highlight of the day for me and for many of the boys has been Mrs. Chase greeting us after the meal. A couple of years ago, at age 94, Mrs. Chase gave a few of the young men a long chat about the importance of education and doing something positive to take advantage of the opportunities that exist now that didn't exist when she was younger. I was just so impressed, as I know were the young men, that Mrs. Chase took time out, while at work in the kitchen, to give sage advice to the guys. As they left, Mrs. Chase, wife, mother, legendary chef, business owner, civil rights leader, got back to cutting vegetables. So inspirational.

eugenejgreenjr - June 07, 2019 at 11:05 PM

IN

Ira Arthell Neighbors lit a candle in memory of Leah Lange Chase

Ira Arthell Neighbors - June 07, 2019 at 07:31 PM

MC

I'm so Sorry for Your loss...Leah was a Beautiful Spirit and Loving Woman..her Service and Devotion has shown in her legacy! We will miss her Warmth and Love..her Genuine Smile..know that we are with you All during this most Difficult time!! Our Deepest Condolences...Alfred & Maria Clark

Maria Peters Clark - June 07, 2019 at 11:55 AM

BR

Mrs. Chase was a beautiful spirit. I will always remember her graciousness.

Brickley - June 07, 2019 at 01:49 AM

TH

I had the very great pleasure of meeting Leah Chase on August 10, 2016, as a group of senior citizens of which I was part went to Dooky Chase's restaurant for lunch. After we were served, Leah showed up and socialized with all of us. She was kind enought to autograph my copy of the book MY NEW ORLEANS, edited by Rosemary James. She had written an article for the book which was designed to show New Orleans what is was before Katrina and what it will be again. It was a great pleasure to meet her and listen to what she had to say. May she now rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Hofer - June 06, 2019 at 11:08 PM

GJ

Condolences to the Chase family

Gizelle Jones - June 06, 2019 at 04:37 PM

GT

Gerald Theriot lit a candle in memory of Leah Lange Chase

Gerald Theriot - June 06, 2019 at 01:02 PM

MC

Marcy Cannata lit a candle in memory of Leah Lange Chase

Marcy Cannata - June 05, 2019 at 09:47 PM

AR

My condolences to the family. I have many fond memories of Mrs Chase at Dooky Chase's Restaurant.
She was the Queen of Creole Cuisine.
May she Enjoy the rewards of eternal life.
Alida Rochon

Alida Rochon - June 05, 2019 at 09:22 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leah Lange Chase.

June 05, 2019 at 11:11 AM

DC

Back in the 80-90's myself and three other Psychologist from the V.A. Center would go have lunch at her wonderful place every day. Being from all over the United States she made all four of us doctors feel as New Orleans was our home. Made us laugh at times as I was the northern one (Yankee) May she be blessed by God's Heaven's always. and yes Miss Chase you will always be missed but not FORGOTTEN EVER. And yes I still have all your beautiful cookbooks, and my retired hubby Chef John now cooks my meals for me every day. R.I.P You are one CHEF who needs it....

Dr. Rosemarie Campbell - June 04, 2019 at 10:33 PM