



## Lorraine Rita Desbordes

January 15, 2021

Lorraine Rita Desbordes, a lifelong resident of New Orleans, La., entered into eternal rest on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 at the age of 102. She was born on Oct. 22, 1918 to the union of George Peter Desbordes and Alice Hebrard Desbordes. She was the second of ten children.

She attended Valena C. Jones School. As the oldest girl, she assisted in the upbringing of her younger siblings. She was then employed as a seamstress at Haspel Sewing Factory and when needed she became a care giver for her aging parents until their death. She later returned to work in a domestic capacity.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina she was a devout Catholic Parishioner of Epiphany Catholic Church and a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Ladies Auxiliary of The Knights of Peter Claver and the Monday rosary group. She was soft spoken and a loving person who took every opportunity to always thank you for anything that you did for her. She was never judgmental or never complained about anything. At times she could be quite witty. When asked what was her secret for her longevity, she would say "I'm not telling." She had a strong faith in God and would always say it is God's will about her health challenges.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Calvert Desbordes, Anita Clax, Geraldine Echols, Dr. Lionel A Desbordes, Clarence Desbordes, Alice Barnes, Agnes McKay, and Bernardine Desbordes. She is survived by her brother Dr. Fabian F. Desbordes, DDS. (Phyllis Desbordes) of Pikesville,

Maryland. She leaves to cherish her memories a son, Leonard P. Blazio (Barbara Route-Blazio) of Hyattsville, Md., Claudette B. Stills and Melanie B. Williams. She is also survived by grandchildren Monique Ceasar and Jezell Mitchell of Upper Marlboro, MD., Dwayne J. Martin of Houston, TX., Angelo Keller and Danielle Keller, 6 great-grands and 2 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends

Relatives and friends of the family also priest and parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church and Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church are invited to attend a funeral mass of Christian Burial at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church 7300 Crowder Blvd New Orleans, LA. On Monday January 25, 2021 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00am until 10:45am. As mandated by the State of Louisiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance is limited. Everyone is required to adhere to all restrictions. You must wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery Arrangement by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I send my deepest heart felt condolences to you Mel and your family. I will keep all of you in my prayers .May God Bless You ,  
Cynthia Mays Farinas.

Cynthia Mays Farinas - January 25, 2021 at 02:17 AM

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“ My condolences to the Desbordes Family for your loss. May the Lord provide you the strength needed during this time and that you find peace in the fond memories of Lorraine.

With Sympathy,  
Sylvia Jeanmarie

Sylvia Jeanmarie Franklin - January 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM

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“ We will miss your laugh, New Orleans drawl, and gentle personality. God has spoken so Rest In Peace in the comfort of his presence. Until we meet again.

Phyllis and Fabian Desbordes.

Phyllis Desbordes - January 23, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lorraine Rita Desbordes.



January 23, 2021 at 07:51 AM

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“ I am really going to miss my Great Aunt Lorraine who was apart of my life from birth to adulthood. She would get on me as a child with that stick lol however it was just apart of her showing me true love. As a adult I would ask her how did she live that long and she was smile and laugh to say I am not telling you however she always said to be humble to others in her life and you will always be blessed. As you walk through those heavenly gates tell my mother your goddaughter hello. My prayers and condolences to my cousins on the loss of their mother.

*Inga Blazio*

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**Inga Blazio** - January 23, 2021 at 07:28 AM



“ Condolences to the Family from the Michael J. Gourrier Family of Richmond, Va.

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**Michael Gourrier** - January 22, 2021 at 08:26 PM