



Maedell Robinson

November 14, 2025

Maedell Sparrow Robinson, 90, Loving Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, and Friend passed away on Friday, November 14, 2025, at Chateau Living Center in Kenner, LA. A longtime resident of New Orleans, LA and a native of New Iberia, LA, Maedell

Maedell was the second child born to the union of Roland and Eva Malveaux Sparrow on July 17, 1935. As a child, Maedell attended St. Edward Catholic Church

and graduated from St. Edward School in 1953. Her desire to help those in need

led her to New Orleans, where she attended nursing school at Charity Hospital

after attending Xavier University for a few years. Upon completing instruction, she

cared for young patients at Children's Hospital and through private duty nursing. Maedell was joined in marriage to the late Willie Robinson, a native of Summit, Mississippi. To this union, they were blessed with three children, Sharon, Bryan and Julie.

Raised in a household rooted in faith, Maedell was a devout Catholic. She took

great pride in serving St. Rita Catholic Church as a RCIA teacher and

eucharistic

minister where she was a parishioner for over 56 years. Her devotion to her faith

and service led to her receiving the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion from the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This honor is bestowed upon laypersons who have

devoted themselves to the work of the Catholic Church. Maedell was also a member of the Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament founded by St.

Katherine Drexel.

Maedell leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters, Sharon Blair and husband

Craig, Sr. of New Orleans, LA, Julie Powell of Washington, D.C. and Bryan Robinson and wife Gwen of New Orleans, LA; one brother, Roland J. Sparrow, Jr.

of Opelousas, LA; nine grandchildren, Ashley Blair-Lee and husband, Michael, Krysten Blair, Craig Blair, Jr. and Rachel, Jaime Blair, all of New Orleans, LA, Kayla

Powell and Natalie Powell, both of Washington, D.C., Brynisha Robinson of New

Orleans, LA, Bryan W. Robinson, and Brandon Robinson of New Orleans, LA; two

great-grandchildren, Madisyn Lee and Brooklyn Blair, both of New Orleans, LA;

one sister-in-law, Lenette Sparrow of New Orleans, LA and one brother-in-law,

Richard A. Landry of New Iberia, LA and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Robinson; her parents, Eva and Roland Sparrow; three sisters, Dorothy Sparrow, Verna Jones and Rita Faye

Landry; three brothers, Allen Sparrow, Jerome Sparrow, and Michael Sparrow, and her son-in-law, James Powell.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend A Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at St. Rita Catholic Church, 2729 Lowerline St. Visitation will be from 9:30 am until Mass.

Interment: St. Louis No. 3 Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to share online condolences.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (cst)

St. Rita Catholic Church
2729 Lowerline St.
New Orleans, LA 70125

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family: *"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living."* Marcus T. Cicero
May the memories of your loved one and God's love comfort you and give you peace.

Eugenia Foster Adams - December 01, 2025 at 09:22 PM

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“ Nicole Dupre & your Regions family purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Maedell Robinson.



Nicole Dupre & your Regions family - December 01, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Maedell Robinson.



December 01, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ Kirk & Denise Malveaux & Family purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Maedell Robinson.



Kirk & Denise Malveaux & Family - December 01, 2025 at 10:05 AM