



Magnolia Ricardo Baker

February 10, 2023

Magnolia Ricardo Baker entered eternal rest at the age of 78, while sleeping peacefully, on February 10, 2023. She was born on April 28, 1944 and is affectionately known as “Nola”, “Nola Rae”, and “Mimi”,. She was the sister of the now deceased, Marva Mae Ricardo Paul with whom she shared a very close relationship. Nola was the daughter of Washington Whitney Ricardo and Letitia Moton Ricardo. After her Baptism, Nola received her First Communion and Confirmation at St. Jules Catholic Church in Franklin, LA. She remained a woman of Catholic faith and attended St. Maria Goretti Church. During her years at Willow Street High School, Nola served as President of the Student Council, was a member of the Drill Team and the Future Homemakers of America. She subsequently moved to New Orleans and graduated from the “Jewel of Gentilly”, Dillard University, where she sang in Frederick Hall’s Concert Choir. There she met and later married her husband of 57 years, (Wrophas) Kendall Baker who was attending Dillard on a football scholarship. Nola and Kendall were the proud parents of 2 sons, Kendall, endearingly called “Poppa”, who preceded her in death, and Kevin.

“Mimi” was loved and cherished by daughters-in-law, Raquel and Maria; grandchildren, Micah, Halie, Noel, Hannah, Camille, and Gabriel, and great grandchildren, Elijah, Aniyah, and Julianna, all of whom were the pride and joy of her life. When visiting their “Mimi”, the grands were welcomed to a warm, loving, and comfortable home which was always decorated in festive colors and accessories befitting the holiday season, whether it was Christmas,

Halloween, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, or a Saints victory! On Saints game days, Nola and Kendall hosted or were guests at house parties with family and many of the devoted friends with whom they established, maintained, and nurtured relationships lasting dozens of years.

Following a teaching career and retirement from the State of Louisiana Juvenile Court system, Magnolia Baker was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Diversified Health Services, a position she held for 13 years. During that time she enjoyed with family, cruises to Mexico and a European trip to London and Paris, both of which yielded fond lifetime memories. Nola was a beautiful and loving woman who will be missed by all who knew and cherished her. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Memorial Service honoring the life of Ms. Magnolia Ricardo Baker at D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La. 70125 on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Visitation will begin at 12:00 pm. Interment: Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La. 70125.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Shiri Bogan lit a candle in memory of Magnolia Baker*



Shiri A. Bogan - February 27, 2023 at 08:29 PM

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“ *To the Baker Family: May the Beautiful Memories of Nola Rae sustain you. May her soul rest. She cooked some great meals.*

Shiri A. Bogan - February 27, 2023 at 08:27 PM

GM

“ *We were so blessed to have Nola in both our family and in our lives. We will always remember her Barbeque Shrimp. Love, Elaine and Gary*

Gary P. Jones MD - February 23, 2023 at 10:38 PM

EC

“ *Elaine, Gary and Christopher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Magnolia Ricardo Baker.*



Elaine, Gary and Christopher - February 23, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Magnolia Ricardo Baker.



February 23, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ Nola was always a very sweet and kind person. I know she will be truly missed. I will be praying for you, Kendall, and the family. 🙏
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With deepest sympathy,
Carol Fox Dorsey



Carol Fox Dorsey - February 21, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ The Crumpton, Potter & Dixon Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Magnolia Ricardo Baker.



The Crumpton, Potter & Dixon Families - February 21, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ Chuck & Lorraine Hill purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Magnolia Ricardo Baker.



Chuck & Lorraine Hill - February 20, 2023 at 12:18 PM