



Manuelita H Mitchell

July 10, 2024

Manuelita H. Mitchell Obituary

Alpha - September 10, 1931 - Omega – July 10, 2024

Manuelita H. Mitchell was born in New Orleans on September 10th, 1931, to Francisco X. Herrera from Honduras and Hattie Hall Herrera from Wakefield, Louisiana. She was the youngest child and only girl of their six children and a twin to her brother Manuel.

Manuelita attended elementary school in New Orleans and graduated from McDonogh 35 High School. In 1950 she went on to further her education at Xavier University and Southern University in Baton Rouge where she graduated earning a Bachelor of Education.

She taught for over 40 years in the New Orleans public school system at Motin Elementary and Edwards Elementary schools, expanding the minds of young children. Manuelita had a thirst for knowledge and was a true historian. She had an amazing recollection of American History and world facts, musical genres, geography, and movies. She was also the keeper of the family history.

Manuelita was married to Leonard Mitchell from that union she had one son, Yves Durand Mitchell, and one grandson, Durand Carey Williams.

Manuelita loved to cook for and hosted her family on many occasions. The

family favorite was her seafood gumbo, with her pot roast and Cornish hens coming in second.

In the 1940's Manuelita joined the congregation of St. Lukes Episcopal Church, where she remained an active member until her transition home, making her their longest living member.

On July 10th, 2024, in New Orleans LA at Touro Hospital, Manuelita went from earth to glory. She is the last of six siblings that preceded her in death. They include Harold, Thomas, Bennette, Melvin and Manuel Herrera her twin.

She leaves to mourn her memory her son, Yves Durand Mitchell; grandson, Durand Carey Williams, nieces and nephews, Maria Payton, Marsha Herrera, Manuel "Boo" Herrera Jr. (Ruth), Henry Herrera, godson, Randy F. Herrera (Sylvia), Carlos X. Herrera, Julio Herrera (deceased), Francesca Herrera, Harold "Frannie" Herrera Jr. (Deceased), her beloved caretakers Tina Green and Tonshai Stalberte along with a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. To God Be the Glory.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Memorial Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1222 N. Dorgenois Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 10:00 am; Visitation at 9:00 am. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guest book.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
1222 N. Dorgenois Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Sylvia F. Herrera - July 26, 2024 at 03:19 PM

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Mrs. Mitchell was my 3rd grade teacher at Helen S Edwards elementary. she was real to the max. i remember her selling candy and cookies to us her students. love always

Audie chatman - December 29, 2025 at 10:28 PM

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“ I will forever love you Tia. You made me laugh and smile especially when you gave me the nickname "Monkie"
Monique Herrera Ridley

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