



Mary Alice Alexander Irvin

March 9, 2024

Mary Alice Alexander Irvin was born on May 10, 1945, in Cecilia, Louisiana to Mrs. Viola C. Demouchet and Mr. Ernest Alexander. Her mother and Mr. Wade Demouchet raised her in New Orleans. She was a stellar student who graduated from George Washington Carver High School.

On December 5, 1964, Mrs. Mary joined in holy matrimony to her high school sweetheart, Algy “Bob” Irvin Sr. Mrs. Mary converted from Catholicism to Baptist to unite her family’s faith. The two built their lives together. She was a housewife and homemaker. She was also a deaconess at Branch Bell Baptist Church in New Orleans. She was an active member of the PTA and the band program. Mrs. Mary was a hard worker and a giving person. She never had a bad word to say about anyone. Mrs. Mary was an inspiration and role model to many because of her courage, commitment to family and faithfulness to God. She also had a memorable smile that could light a room and warm hearts.

After dedicating her life to raising and educating their five children, Mrs. Mary moved with her husband to Thibodaux, LA to take on her new role as a Louisiana Master Cattle Producer and Certified Master Farmer. She enjoyed working in her citrus orchard, assisting her husband with the cattle, and meeting people from near and far. She was a committed member of Bell Baptist Church in Raceland. Mrs. Mary was an amazing cook. Her passion

was cooking for her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary leaves to cherish her memories, a devoted husband and best friend of over 59 years, Algy Irvin Sr; beloved children: Angela Irvin Dupard, Algy Irvin Jr. (Kermie), Dr. Anissa Irvin Vines (Dain), and Antoine Irvin Sr. (Tresa); grandchildren: Kristen Dupard, Jaden Vines, Kacia Vines, Amyri Irvin, Antoine Irvin Jr, Algy "Trey" Irvin III, and Tristan Irvin. She also leaves behind two sisters: Linda Shanklin and Joyce Craft; a son-in-law Kenneth Leviege; godchildren: Algy "Rene" Howard and Lloyd Shanklin Jr; and a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Mrs. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Anita Irvin-Leviege, a son-in-law Donald Rucker, godchildren Larrice Irving Alexander and Montrell Leon Hymes, and sister Roberta Lewis.

The celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 am at Bell Baptist Church, 2614 LA-1, Raceland, LA 70394, following a visitation from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. The interment: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 1985 Highway 308, Thibodaux, LA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Algy Irvin for the Mary A. Irvin Educational Fund. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories, and condolences to the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

Thibodeaux, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bell Baptist Church
2614 LA-1
Raceland, LA 70394

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *To my sister Angela
Congratulations to you and the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏.*

Pamela - March 19, 2024 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Our prayers and condolences to the Irvin families and friends. We will always have fond memories of welcoming and warm spirit when visiting with her parents and her family. Rest in peace, dear lady.*

Gerald & Audrey Thomas - March 15, 2024 at 07:26 PM

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“ *A Note To Mrs. Mary Irvin,*

As a teenager, I remember a visit to your home to see Angela. You were cooking and called for Angela and I to help you. You asked me to cut the chicken which I did not know how to do, but I was ready to do my best. You quickly stepped in to show me how to properly cut a chicken. This was a minor event, in the moment, but eventually became a skill that I have taken with me for over 40 years. I am thankful for all the wonderful visits and time shared together. May you enjoy the peace of God's promise, and may God continue to watch over your family always. Thank you Mrs. Irvin.

*With much Love and Respect,
Donna Lemelle*

Donna Lemelle - March 15, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ *Praying for the family* ”



Linda Celestin Moses - March 13, 2024 at 12:56 PM