



Mary Bumpus Nero

March 29, 2017

Mary Lou “Sister” Nero transitioned from this life on March 29, 2017 at the age of 92. She is the daughter of the late Solon and Manna Wilkerson Bumpus of Decatur, Alabama. She was predeceased by her brothers Theopolis (“Son”), Leroy, and Theodore. Mary Lou is survived by Charles B. Nero, her devoted husband of nearly 62 years; her son Dr. Charles I. Nero, son-in-law Dr. Baltasar Fra-Molinero; grandsons Carlos and Bernardo; goddaughter Cheniere Rene Douglas; and a host of cherished nieces and nephews, kinfolk, and friends.

Mary Nero’s life was a “testimony to perseverance and dedication,” wrote her friend and poet Pauline Morgan. Mary was a graduate of Decatur Negro High School, received a BS from Alabama State University, an M Ed. from Southern University of Baton Rouge, and did additional graduate work at Xavier University and Indiana State University. She began her professional career as a teacher at the historic Trinity High School in Athens, Alabama. After marriage in 1955 to the love of her life, she and her husband, Charles, relocated to Metairie in 1961 where she began her career on the charter faculty of Ralph Johnson Bunche Jr. High School. She concluded a distinguished career in public education as a counselor at Riverdale High School. Mary Nero was a lifelong member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning as a teen at Garner Memorial in Decatur and continuing at Calvary Tabernacle in New Orleans where she served in

numerous roles in Christian Education, the Stewardess Board, fundraising events, as a mentor to youth, and a sister-in-Christ to the church's members. A lover of traveling, she organized trips throughout the US for her fellow church members.

Mary Nero was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority and the National Association of University Women. She has served as secretary for the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (District 1) and was a member of the Bunche Village Subdivision Civic Association. She held memberships in A. V. Williams No. 178, OES; the Golden Circle, New Orleans Assembly No. 1; and the Ruby E. Williams Phyllis Auxiliary.

The family expresses deep gratitude to Rev. Duane Hill, Sr., the unwavering support of lifelong friends Lawson and Irma Harvey, Huey and Joy Hill, Barron and Kathy Franks, Mildred Brown, and sister-in-law Ruby B. Nero.

Relatives and friends, including officers and members of Corinthians Lodge No. 228, Mr. Olive Lodge No. 21, and Kappa Alpha Psi are invited to attend the Funeral Service at Calvary Tabernacle CME Church, 3629 Dryades St., in New Orleans on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:00 am with visitation before the service beginning at 8:30 am. Interment follows the service at Providence Memorial Park Cemetery, 8200 Airline Dr. in Metairie and a repast at Williams Play Lot Gym 7744 Mistletoe St. in Metairie. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Tabernacle C M E Church
3629 Dryades St.
New Orleans, LA 70115

Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Nero. Her son, Charles, and I have been friends since our first year at Xavier University, 1974. I ask God's blessings upoln the Nero family.

Sandra Hayward-Jones, Richmond, VA, formerly of New Orleans, LA

Sandra Hayward-Jones - April 11, 2017 at 11:01 AM

JM

“ In loving memory of Cousin Mary Lou and lasting love for Cousin "Brother," and Charles, Jr., and family. May the Lord be with you, always.

*Sincerely,
Charles and Joyce Nero Mayfield and Family*



Joyce Mayfield - April 07, 2017 at 08:39 PM

GJ

“ Our condolences to the Nero family, from Glasper Nero Jr. Augusta Ga.
May God bless you

Glasper Nero Jr. - April 07, 2017 at 08:06 AM

EL

“ *Mary, we all loved you, but God loved you best Rest in peace.*



Evelyn Nero Lee - April 06, 2017 at 09:42 PM

DD

“ *Mary Nero was an angel on this earth. She served so many people during her lifetime. She was a joy to know. Please accept my deepest sympathy on her passing. She has been crowned in a glorius heaven and has joined the other angels.*

Dianna Dyer

Dianna Dyer - April 06, 2017 at 04:25 PM

ES

I remember the first time I met Brother and sister Nero. They were two of the most inspirational role models I have ever met. Thank you Lord for allowing them to be in my life. Rest In Peace sister Nero. Your work is done on earth. Our prayers is always with the family.

Eric Greely Sr - April 08, 2017 at 10:07 AM

PP

“ *Prayers and love to the family. A beautiful flower picked from God's Garden of Life.*

Pat and Brandon Pettis

Pat Pettis - April 06, 2017 at 01:18 PM

GM

“ *My mind goes back to Mr. and Mrs. Nero's celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. It was beautiful and elegant as was expected. It was an honor to be a program participant.*

Geraldine Myers, A Past President, New Orleans Branch of the National Association of University Women

Geraldine Myers - April 06, 2017 at 11:09 AM

VS

“ *Charles, I am sure that your Mom knew that she raised an incredibly wonderful man - there is no more beautiful tribute to a Mom, than to be able to be proud of her children. You were be to share your relationship and your amazing sons with her .*

We wish you strength of spirit as you say your goodbyes- have a safe journey and know that we are sending you love and blessings.

With love, Ginny and Nancy

Virginia Starbird - April 06, 2017 at 09:50 AM

CY

“ *Rest in God's hand Ms. Nero.*



Cyrille - April 06, 2017 at 06:31 AM



“ *Condolences to the family, Rest peacefully Ms.Nero you will be missed.*

Cedra Lewis - April 05, 2017 at 08:38 PM

CD

“ Nannie, you have a special place in my heart that I will always cherish. Thank you for your guidance, wisdom and most of all long talks about life and education. RIH 🥰❤️🙏😭
Cheniere



cheniere douglas - April 05, 2017 at 08:06 PM