



## Mary Lee Thomas

May 5, 2024

On Sunday, May 5, 2024, Mary Lee Thomas Stockard passed away peacefully at John Carpenters House in Baton Rouge, at the age of 81. She was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, but was a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the last 17 years. Mary Lee was the loving wife of the late Russell L. Stockard Sr. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Harriet Thomas. Mary Lee was the sister of the late June Marie Allen. She graduated Joseph S. Clark High School and a proud graduate of Southern University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mary Lee was employed by the Louisiana Job Service-Job Corps for 38 years until her retirement. Mary Lee leaves to cherish fond memories, three loving stepchildren, Dr. Russell L. Stockard, Jr. (Dr. M. Belinda Tucker) of Oak Park, CA; Sharon Stockard Martin of Los Angeles, CA; and Dr. Janice Dargan of Durham, NC; two sisters-in-law, Dr. Bessie Ann Stockard of Washington, DC and Jean Lesley of Nashville, TN; two devoted “adoptees,” Althea Demas (Kenneth) of New Orleans and Troy Baham (Edura) of Gonzales, LA; cousins, Mary Galine Baker of Fort Worth, TX, and Juanita Thompson Mitchell of Bay St. Louis, MS, and many step-nieces, step-nephews, their children and friends. Members of Brooks Shaw Temple UMC and employees of Louisiana Job Service are invited to attend her funeral services on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 10:00am at Brooks Shaw Temple UMC, 8818 Pear Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Visitation from 9:00am until the hour of service. Interment: St. Louis #3, 3421 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Arrangement by D.W. Rhodes Funeral

Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70119

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Brooks Shaw Temple UM Church  
1818 Pear St.  
New Orleans, LA

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1818 Pear St.  
New Orleans, LA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to the family of my classmate ,  
Mary Lee  
.She and I attended and graduated from Southern University New  
Orleans and worked for the State of Louisiana Department of Labor  
. May she rest in peace .*

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**Mary Coleman-Shelly** - May 18, 2024 at 11:01 PM