



## May Ida Veals Dickens

February 21, 2023

May Ida Veals Dickens, transitioned from this life to the arms of her heavenly father on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Born to the late Bennie and Mary B. Veals on January 7, 1939 in Woodville, Mississippi, May Ida was the sixth of ten children. She received her education from the Wilkinson County School System.

At the age of 16, May Ida was baptized by the late Reverend Eli Wilson and became a member of the St. John Baptist Church No. 1 in Woodville, Mississippi.

Upon completion of her education, May Ida moved to New Orleans, Louisiana where she met and married her husband, Houston Dickens, of 63 years. They both became members of Historic Second Baptist Church where she served as a member of the Pastor's Aide Committee. She was employed by LaQuinta Inn & Suites for 30 years. During her tenure, she received two certificates for her dedicated services.

She is survived by her husband, Houston Dickens; her son, Donald Veals, Sr. (Jerry Ann) of Kenner, LA ; her Step-Son, Lee Otis Dickens of Monroe, LA; her granddaughter, Felisha Tyler (Charles) of Houston, TX; her grandson, Donald Veals, Jr. (LaRasha) of Sorrento, LA; one great-granddaughter, Caisyn Noel Veals; Four sisters, Lilian Stanwood, Elnora and Audrey Veals of Woodville, MS, Mildred McKenzie of Kenner, LA; Two brothers, Robert Veals of Woodville, MS and Roosevelt (Ollie) Veals of Metairie, LA; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

May Ida was preceded in death by her parents Bennie and Mary B. Veals; her son, Derrick Dickens; two sisters, Alice Stewart and Dorothy McKenzie; and one brother, Nolan Veals.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at Historic Second Baptist Church, 2505 Marengo Street, New Orleans, LA on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 10:00 am. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. Interment: Veals Family Cemetery, Woodville, MS. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Historic Second Baptist Church  
2505 Marengo St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115

## Funeral Service

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Historic Second Baptist Church  
2505 Marengo St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Donald and Jerry-Ann Veals*

*I'm so sorry... your in my constant thoughts and prayers.*

*From Ruby and Marissa Stirgus*

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**Ruby Stirgus** - March 03, 2023 at 07:25 PM

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“ *Heartfelt sympathies and prayers are extended to the Dickens and Veals family.*

*Our prayers are with you .*

*Sandra Scott and Shirley Gaskins.*

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**Sandra Scott** - March 02, 2023 at 10:58 PM

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“ *I Met Mrs. May Ida Dickens and Her 60th Wedding Anniversary & Also Her Birthday Was A Few Days Later, My Heart Goes Out To Mr. Houston Dickens & Family, I Will Keep Y'all In My Prayer's! Joetta Adams & Family!*

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**Joetta Adams** - March 02, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ms.May Ida's passing. She was one of the sweetest, kindest, persons I know. My thoughts and prayers are goes out to Mr. Houston and the rest of the family. May God strengthen, comfort and give you peace during this time and always. Love, Lisa Weatherspon*



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**Lisa Weatherspon** - March 02, 2023 at 12:07 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of May Ida Veals Dickens.*



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March 01, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of May Ida Veals Dickens.*



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March 01, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Chandra Morgan and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of May Ida Veals Dickens.*



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**Chandra Morgan and Family** - March 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of May Ida Veals Dickens.*



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February 28, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of May Ida Veals Dickens.*



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February 28, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of May Ida Veals Dickens.*



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February 28, 2023 at 11:25 AM