



## Mercedes Ann Alexander Johnson

December 13, 2020

Mercedes Ann Alexander Johnson was born on January 18, 1941, in New Orleans, LA to the union of Edna Roth Alexander and Joseph Emile Alexander. On Sunday, December 13th, at the age of 79 years old, she transitioned peacefully in her sleep at the Sanctuary Hospice due to complications from cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry B. Johnson, II and her longtime companion James T. Willie, Jr. She is survived by her best friend, Charles Harris. Mercedes was also preceded in death by two of her children, son Anthony Johnson and beloved daughter Shelia Ann Johnson-Freeman. She leaves behind beautiful memories to her children, Henry B. Johnson III (Trina), Kathy L. Johnson-Mercadel, Jewel T. Alexander-Stafford (Christopher) and James Alexander (Kim); 10 grandchildren; Ingrid T. Stephen, Lauren S. Bachtel, Anthony E. Freeman, Shannon Johnson, Alexis Freeman, Amanda T. Johnson, Marissa Mercadel, Jordan C. Stafford, Kelsey Mercadel and Kamden Alexander Goodrich; six great grandchildren, Leeric, Elijah, Melody, Nyla, Brayden and Raymond.

She is preceded in death by her siblings, Margaret B. Webster (Andrew), Veronica B. St. Thomas (Warren), Clara B. Eddington (Melvin), Joseph "Junior" Brown, Anthony "AJ" Brown, Edward "Poppy" Brown, Marion B. Mercadel (Joseph), Rosemary A. Doty (Harvey) and leaves behind one remaining loving sister Yvonne A. Lear (Don). She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mercedes was a loving devoted mom, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She devoted her professional career to working as the Assistant Director of Audubon Primary Academy (1996-2017) and office manager of J.T. Willie Funeral Home (1965-1985), both family businesses for more than 40 years combined.

A social distanced celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Rev. Mr. Rudy Rayfield, officiating. Visitation from 9:00 a.m. until time of service. Interment will take place at Mount Olivet Cemetery located at 4000 Norman Mayer Ave. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, all visitors are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Arrangements by Duplain W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign online guestbook, leave well wishes, share memories and condolences for family. Like us on Facebook to watch Live Stream of funeral service celebrating Mercedes Johnson.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

## Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Mom I Love You so much,I promise to take care of myself,and be an image of your foot prints in the sand.I Love You and will see you someday in all your Glory and Grace



Kathy Mercadel - December 21, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ Only a very few select people are created lovely, respectful, elegant and truly genuine...Mrs. Mercedes was just that. I am honored to have known her.

Daniel Henriquez - December 20, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Condolence Snacks was purchased for the family of Mercedes Ann Alexander Johnson.



December 19, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ While I was growing up you always shared your kind words and wisdom a memory I will always cherish, thank you Ma you will be missed!!! Your other Daughter Denise ☐

Denise Thomas - December 19, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ *My heart is heavy with the loss of you but it will never empty. It is full with the love, strength and wisdom that you've bestowed on me throughout my life and for that and more, I thank you. I will carry all as a proof that you've left your mark on my life and loved me well. Your "little girl" will represent you well. I will always carry you with me mommy.  
Your loving, devoted and loyal daughter.  
Jewel~*

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**Jewel Stafford** - December 17, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mercedes Ann Alexander Johnson.*



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December 17, 2020 at 11:04 AM