



Mercedes Rideau Smith

January 24, 2022

Mercedes Rideau Smith, 91, of Gretna, LA, passed away Monday, January 24, 2022. Mercedes was born in Palmetto (Rideau Settlement), LA, August 23, 1930. She was an active member of St. Anthony Church. She is survived by her children; Wanda Smith, Marva S. Bush (Joseph), Kevin Smith (Darlene), Duane Smith (Evelyn), Elfrida S. Flint (Alvin), Jacynthia S. Macdonald (Kevin), Juan Smith, Christy S. Sloman (Larry), 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, J.W. Smith; her parents, Frank B. and Mamie J. Rideau; siblings: Frank A. Rideau, Paul Rideau, John Rideau, Reginald Rideau, Peter Rideau, Veronica R. Thompson, Jean R. Guient, William Rideau, Errol Rideau Sr. and Ann R. Jackson. Mercedes was a matriarch beyond measure. She was loved by many, respected by all and will be eternally missed. The family extends a sincere thank you to all who have shown their love and support. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 924 Monroe St., Gretna, LA 70053 (corner of Franklin and Burmaster Streets) on Monday, January 31 at 12:00 pm; The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 11:30 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery – Gretna. Arrangements are being handled by Rhodes Funeral Home, 1020 Virgil Street, Gretna, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

1225 Whitney Ave.
Gretna, LA 70056

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
924 Monroe St.
Gretna, LA 70053

Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
924 Monroe St.
Gretna, LA 70053

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *Tanya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mercedes Rideau Smith*



Tanya Johnson - January 30, 2022 at 06:44 PM

ER

“ *Auntie, I loved you dearly with all my heart. Rest in Heavenly Peace Auntie. I will always remember the love and kindness you've shown me throughout my life. ❤️❤️. Your niece Elise Rideau Ruben*

Elise Ruben - January 28, 2022 at 09:54 PM

ER

“ *Elise Ruben lit a candle in memory of Mercedes Rideau Smith*



Elise Ruben - January 28, 2022 at 09:50 PM