



## Olive "Honey" Whipple Le Rouge

April 21, 2013

Olive Le Rouge, departed this life on Sunday, April 21, 2013. A life-long New Orleans resident who did much to help others in need, died of natural causes on Sunday at her home on General Pershing St. She was 89 years old. Affectionately known as "Honey," she was, according to her daughter Pat Jolly, "a beautiful human being." A former Navy nurse during World War II, Honey dedicated her life to being of service.

Her church volunteer work included Home Bound, a program she created and ran for three decades. She recruited 30 people to bring literature to elderly shut ins, provide assistance with simple errands and spend time visiting with those in need of friendship. She also devoted her time to providing recreational opportunities to mentally challenged children by utilizing her church's gym and she helped serve an orphanage the church sponsored. When Honey learned that seasonal employees of the Fair Grounds were given inadequate living conditions, she organized a church effort to provide home-cooked meals and sponsor outreach gatherings.

Despite being bound to a wheel chair in her later years, Honey remained a dedicated Mardi Gras parade-goer. As an "all day every dayer" at Jazz Fest for more than three decades, she reigned from the same spot at the Economy Hall tent as a sort of "queen of the scene," according to her daughter: "Many

of our friends and most of the musicians would stop by for a hug or kiss and a little visit, when time allowed.”

Beloved mother of Patricia “Pat” Booth Jolly; Grandmother of Patrick Scott Jolly, Jennifer Jolly Tallo and Judd Caldwell Jolly; Also survived by five great grandchildren and her two dogs; Daughter of the late Irene Wilder Wilkins and Jerome Whipple.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Homegoing Celebration at DW Rhodes Chapel, 3933 Washington Ave. on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 12:00 pm; Visitation will begin at 10:00 am; Interment: Metairie Cemetery; Repast at Café Istanbul. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sweet Pat , please know that we will deeply miss Honey! She was such a cherished part of our lives on General Pershing St and her gentle nature and precious smile and warmth always lit up our Mardi Gras celebrations! We and all of our family and friends will cherish her memory.  
Cynthia and George Sciortino

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**cynthia** - May 02, 2013 at 08:15 AM

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“ How strange and wonderful it is when though you've not met someone the waves of their goodness lap on your shores. Such is the case with Honey - and both Giorgio and I thank Pat and our NOLA friends for sharing even indirectly the reflections of the light she most evidently brought into the world.... As we so often say, "only in New Orleans..."  
- P&G, Per & Gio -

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**Per** - May 01, 2013 at 06:56 AM

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“ I never, ever saw Honey in a bad mood even though she went through so much. Honey, you will always be an inspiration to me. Even though I did not see you often, you always gave me such a smile and told me how much you loved me. I bet you did that for everyone, you made everyone feel special. Pat, my mother Joan and I pray for your comfort and peace in the knowledge that you were such a good daughter. Mother loved sitting next to Honey at your Birthday party a few years ago. All the best through this very difficult time. Love always Joann Jones and Joan Villegas.

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**Joann Jones** - April 30, 2013 at 09:12 PM

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“ *My thoughts go out to you Pat Jolly. You did right for your mother. I remember having a little get together with Honey when you were away. There were about 10 of us there. It really brightened her evening...and the staff too. .*

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**Clay Thomas** - April 29, 2013 at 04:20 PM

“ My Precious Pat,

*I haven't been able to stop thinking about our "Honey-Bunny". Her gentle, giving presence will be so sadly and viscerally missed by everyone she touched, and that is a mighty lot of people! What shall we do without her?? It is a comfort to know now, however, that she no longer suffers the many physical pains of her body, but is held close in the arms of God.*

*I am truly thankful for the intimate visits she and I had at the Hainkel Center where she stayed every August while you were away on vacations; thankful for your being there on occasions I needed a translator when she told a funny story or joke (especially the dirty ones!); thankful for being included in her Birthday celebrations to witness her Joy of having so many friends share it with her; and SO thankful that Honey was 'out and about' with you so much of the time, giving your friends the opportunity to experience someone of Honey's age so filled with Life, despite the myriad of crippling and debilitating conditions, which would certainly have kept anyone else home bound. Never once did I ever hear Honey complain about any one of them - NEVER EVER!*

*There will always be a huge, hollow spot in our hearts now that can never be filled. And as much as all who knew, respected and loved Honey as their own will grieve her passing, none will mourn her absence more than you, dear Pat. You were a super-human daughter. No one could ever really appreciate the amount of care and loving attention you dedicated to her each and every day. Honey was one of the luckiest Mothers ever to be on the receiving end of so much Love. She accompanied you everywhere possible because you knew how much being with your friends, enjoying great music, going to the movies, attending various classes, partying with the Radical Fairies, eating good ole New Orleans favorites, and on, and on, and on, meant to her. You are my Hero, Pittie-Pat!*

*A heart full of Love to you, my friend, and do not fear.  
Honey will continue to visit and play with you in your Dreams,*

*Polly*

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**Polly Waring** - April 29, 2013 at 03:13 PM

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*Knew Honey for many years, one cool woman, to say the least. Had a really big life, kind of like her uber cool daughter, Pat Jolly does. I saw her at her house, at the Jazz Fest, and Pat's Silly Hat Birthday parties. I will miss Honey, but look forward to hanging with her again in Heaven, which I assume is the coolest place of all. Rest in Peace, Honey, I love you!!*

*David Lawrence Eidler*

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**David Eidler** - July 22, 2013 at 07:46 PM