



## Rita Weaver

September 14, 2022

Rita Rose Francis Weaver was born on April 5, 1920 in Donaldsonville, La to the union of Telesphore Francis and Loretta Lacroix Francis. She was the second child of eight children born of this union.

After a life well lived for 102 years, on September 14, 2022, Rita peacefully entered eternal rest surrounded by family.

She was joined in wedlock to Clifton P. Weaver, Sr. On November 10, 1940 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The union produced 3 children; Patricia Weaver Thomas (deceased), Clifton P. Weaver, Jr. (Shirley) and Eldred Weaver (deceased).

Rita, known as Granny to her grandchildren, was grandmother to 12, great grandmother to 24, and great-great grandmother to 5.

Rita was a wife, homemaker, a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was a faithful Catholic who, when she was able, attended daily mass. When not physically able to attend, she participated with the televised mass. She had a special devotion to our Lady of Fatima and prayed the rosary several times daily.

She was courageous, tough, advisor and inspiration to all. Family was always

important to her. Rita lived a life in service to God's people, taking care of the sick in her home. She helped anyone in need, never forgot a name or a birthday; loved family gatherings and blessed us with those great birthday cakes. If she knew your birthday, you got a cake.

She is preceded in death by her spouse, Clifton P. Weaver, Sr., siblings Marion Thomas, Gerard (Jet) Francis, Arnold (Nolee) Francis, Veronica (Bonnie) Washington, Harold Francis, Samuel Francis and Violet (Vie) Meade; her children Patricia Thomas and Eldred Weaver.

Relatives, family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 8321 Burthe Street New Orleans, LA 70118 on October 1, 2022 at 10:00 am. Visitation begins at 8:30 am. Internment: Providence Memorial Park Cemetery, 8200 Airline Drive Metairie, LA 70003.

Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
8321 Burthe St.  
New Orleans, LA, LA 70118

## Funeral

OCT 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Although Aunt Rita wasn't Agnes Thomas sister she treated her like one. Agnes died in 2002 so I am writing this note for. Jackie Gaines is Agnes' daughter. I remember how happy my mom was whenever She visited us. Especially when she baked a yellow cake with chocolate icing or her famous lemon meringue pie. I will miss her.

jackie Gaines - October 01, 2022 at 09:47 PM

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“ Sending condolences to Cliff, Shirley and all of Aunt Rita's grandkids and great grandkids. As a niece of this wonderful woman, she passed on some wise words to me when I was only a child of 10 or 12 years old that I remember to this day. She said "Young people act like love falls from the sky and hits them in the head. No, love is when two people DECIDE to care for each other and to be there for each other. Then that love grows." Then she fed me and my mom (Violet) a homemade dinner and a piece of her famous cake like she did everytime we came to town. 😊

She and my mother were the best of friends and they talked several times a week FOR HOURS about everything and nothing. 😊 Now they are both together again gabbing about everything and nothing once again in Heaven. Love you Aunt Rita. ❤️

Michelle Meade - October 01, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Weaver.



September 30, 2022 at 05:33 PM

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“ *Freddie, Lilion and Sons purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rita Weaver.*



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**Freddie, Lilion and Sons** - September 28, 2022 at 02:08 PM