



Rossia Lumpkins

May 9, 2025

Obituary

Rossia Lumpkins was born on October 22, 1928, in Pickens, Mississippi, to the union of the late Field and Maddie (Williams) Greer. She transitioned peacefully at home on Friday, May 9th, 2025, at the age of 96. Rossia was the baby of the family.

Rossia accepted Christ at an early age and loved the Lord wholeheartedly. She was an avid churchgoer up until age-related limitations no longer permitted. She served faithfully as a choir member at Mercy Seat Baptist Church under Rev. Johnson, in the Pastor's Aide Club at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church under Rev. Jackson, on the Deaconess Board at Beacon Light Baptist Church under Bishop Daryl Brister, and as a member of the Usher Board at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church under Pastor J. Jackson.

Rossia attended Jackson State University, after which she taught school for a year in Mississippi. She later moved to New Orleans, where she met and married her partner in life, Emanuel Lumpkins Sr. To that union, God blessed them with four children: Paulette Lumpkins, Madia Lewis, Emanuel Lumpkins Jr., and Eric Lumpkins.

She went on to obtain her license in cosmetology from Louisiana State Barber Beauty and Vocational College. After receiving her license, she fulfilled one of her lifelong pursuits by opening her own beauty salon. Her final pursuit was running Lumpkins' Restaurant alongside her beloved husband, where she cooked and fed many for years. After accomplishing her dreams, she

embraced her hobbies. She loved cooking, gardening, watching soap operas and game shows, and hosting holiday dinners.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Emanuel Lumpkins Sr.; their son, Emanuel Lumpkins Jr.; her parents, Field and Maddie Greer; her sisters, Arelia Brown, Fannie Lee Ingram, Rosie Lee Feazell, Aileen Waters; and her brothers, Henry Greer and Booker Greer Sr.

Those Left to Cherish Her Memory

Her three children: Paulette Lumpkins, Madia Lumpkins Lewis (James), Eric Lumpkins (Deidra)

Daughter-in-law: Cassandra

Grandchildren: Justin Lewis, Taylor Lumpkins, Jemani Jones, Jeremiah Jones

Great-grandchildren: Christopher Gibson, Jayce Lewis, Jaylee Lewis

Stepbrother: David Sutherland

Her other daughter: Yvonne Dowden

Niece: Lillie Shareef

And a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews

Acknowledgements

The family of Rossia Greer Lumpkins wishes to express their deep-felt appreciation for the many prayers, comforting messages, cards, and expressions of love and sympathy that were shown to us during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to Pastor John Jackson and Mt. Hermon Baptist Church Family, Sis. Dollie Davis, Deloris Smith, family, friends, and the personnel of Eagans Home Health for their caring and supportive presence extended to her and to us.

May God continue to bless each of you.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Service at Mt. Hermon B. C., 2153 N. Broad St., New Orleans, LA 70119 on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 10:00am. Visitation will begin at 9:00am. Interment: Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans, LA. Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign

the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Mount Hermon Baptist Church
2153 N. Broad St.
New Orleans, LA 70119

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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2153 N. Broad St.
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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jennifer Howard and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rossia Lumpkins.



Jennifer Howard and Family - May 23, 2025 at 10:16 AM

CE

“ Caleb Eiland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rossia Lumpkins.

Caleb Eiland - May 22, 2025 at 02:26 PM

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“ Caleb Eiland purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rossia Lumpkins.



Caleb Eiland - May 22, 2025 at 02:26 PM

DG

“ I love you Mrs Lumpkins I appreciate you, for caring for me as a child. Blessed to be around respectful daughters you & Mr. Lumpkins raised. My parents hit the jackpot when they moved on felicity Street. My family & yours are forever connected. You were one of a kind ! My family was full from not just your amazing cuisine.. but love, care, compassion, laughs and good times! A black entrepreneur, a strong woman you were & beautiful as well. Our elders , you, My mother Gloria Gordon, my father Morris Gordon have left us and New Orleans will never be the same. This world is suffering without your golden elder values. You will forever ❤️ be in my heart! My parents have reunited with friend! Enjoy you heavenly rest Mrs. Lumpkins until we meet again.

Dione Gordon - May 22, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rossia Lumpkins.



May 21, 2025 at 11:16 AM

CC

“ Dear Aunt Rossia, you will forever remain in my heart. Thank you for all the love and support over the years. Rest now with our Lord and Savior, until we meet again. To my cousins, I am with you as you navigate through this trying season. May you find comfort in God's abiding love, each other, our family and your friends!!!
Clent

Clent Ingram (Cousin) - May 20, 2025 at 06:44 PM

TL

“ There are not enough words to capture the depth of what my grandma meant to me, but I'll try. She was a woman of quiet strength; gracious, deeply rooted in her faith, and filled with a kind of love that never wavered. She held my hand through more than just childhood; she guided me, shaped me, and taught me lessons I'll be carrying for the rest of my life.

Her pancakes were legendary, and somehow always tasted better when she made them. Maybe it was the love she poured into everything she did. Maybe it was the joy of sitting across from someone who saw you completely and loved you anyway.

She showed me what unconditional love looks like...not just in words, but in how she lived. I'll miss her sorely. I already do. But I also know she's still with me, in every act of kindness, in every moment of quiet faith, in every memory I hold close.

Thank you, MawMaw. For everything.



Taylor Lumpkins - May 20, 2025 at 05:37 PM

EL

“ Eric Lumpkins sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rossia Lumpkins



Eric Lumpkins - May 20, 2025 at 03:39 PM

EL

“ *Eric Lumpkins lit a candle in memory of
Rossia Lumpkins*



Eric Lumpkins - May 20, 2025 at 03:38 PM

EL

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Eric Lumpkins - May 20, 2025 at 03:38 PM

EL

“ *3 files added to the album Mom Looking Sharp!*



Eric Lumpkins - May 20, 2025 at 03:36 PM

DS

To the Lumpkin Family you have my deepest condolences I'm going to miss Rossia we use to call each other concerning the Soap Operas and ever holiday Rossia made sure I did get whatever she Paulette and Madia made a loving and just caring person Rossia was like a mother to me I just want the family to know my love for Rossia I became a family member to God be the glory may Rossia rest in peace 🙏 eternal God rest in peace grant unto Rossia O'Lord let your perpetual light shine upon Rossia may Rossia soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God RIP 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Dolores Toomer Smith - May 23, 2025 at 10:12 AM