



Valdiner (Val) Whitaker

May 19, 2023

Our Loved One, Valdiner (Val) Whitaker, age 70, went peacefully to her eternal Home in Heaven on Friday, May 19, 2023, surrounded by loving family. She was born on June 13, 1952, in New Orleans, La., to her beloved Mother, Inez Haynes Paul and Father, Allen Whitaker. She grew up in a close-knit and supportive family in the Calliope Housing Development/B.W. Cooper (now named Marrero Commons), with her Mother, four sisters, and two brothers.

She received her education at Sylvania F. Williams elementary; James Derham Jr. High; and Booker T. Washington Sr. High School, Class of 1971. She attained certification as a Nursing Assistant and worked at Taylor House Nursing Home. Val also studied Cosmetology at Stevenson's Academy of Hair Design and subsequently earned her license as a Cosmetologist. She retired in 1979.

Val was a doting and dedicated Mom to her twins, Larry H. Wright (Leslie) and Larrelle. H. Wright. She provided a lifetime of love, care, and devotion to her grandchildren, Troy, and his younger sister Gabrielle. Troy became one of her most devout caregivers, providing comfort and care to her during her illness.

Val was preceded in death by her Maternal Relatives: Mother; her oldest Sister, Lois Mae Payne; Aunt, Hilda H. Dobson; great Nephew, Ronald R. Whitaker Sr.—all of New Orleans, LA—and her great, great Nephew, Charles

Jakobi Payne, of Atlanta, GA. Her Siblings and their children who survive her, include- Daughters of the late oldest Sister, Lois Payne: Terri Payne-Hamilton and her late husband, Melvin Hamilton (Marc, Erica, Melvin, Jr., and Mya) and Gedra Payne-Robertson (Chantelle, Arianne, Wayneisha, Kelly, and Joshua); her older Sister, Linda Joy Whitaker (Brian, Kimberly, Marijke); her younger Sister, Kelly Ann Whitaker (Kelyn); her youngest Sister and Devoted Caretaker, Cathy Marie Whitaker Stewart (Catina and Warren, Jr.); her younger Brother, Harry James Whitaker, Sr. (Nikkita, Brittney, Harry, Jr.) and her youngest Brother, Todd Whitaker, Sr. (Terrill Banks, and Todd Jr. (Faran). She is also survived by her Great (great) nieces and nephews, Cousins, and Dedicated Life-long Family Friends, including Mr. Al Matthews (Caretaker), Mrs. Bobbie Smith, and Mr. Anthony Banks.

The Family of the Valdiner Whitaker hereby invites all relatives, friends, and former and current residents of the Marrero Commons, Faculty and Staff of St. Alphonsus Catholic School, Warren Easton High School, and Tulane University; Pastor, Officers, and Members of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Rock Missionary Baptist Church, to attend the Funeral at D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA . Please join us in Celebrating the Life of Valdiner Whitaker on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 10:00am. Rev. Isaac Stewart, Officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:00am with livestreaming set to begin @ 9:50am by visiting www.facebook.com/D.W.RhodesFuneralHome/live. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories and condolences to the family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 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>

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Kelly, It is with a sad heart I extend my condolences to you and your family on the passing of Val. My prays are that your happy memories of her life's journey will give you comfort during your time of grief. Sheila D.



Sheila - May 30, 2023 at 07:40 AM

KW

Hi Sheila. I continue to reach out to God during this time of Grief. He surely is the One who will help me. I appreciate your thinking about me and my family.

Kelly Whitaker - June 10, 2023 at 01:13 PM

RJ

“ To: Kelly and the Whitaker Family,

My sincerest condolences, prayers and love to each of you. Valdiner is now resting in the Arms of Jesus, The Christ, and Perfectly Healed. May God grant you peace, comfort and strength during this time.

Rhea Joseph-Dokes - May 29, 2023 at 10:46 AM

KW

Thank you, Rhea, for thinking about me during this season of sadness. I appreciate being thought about and I will share with my family members. ☐ ■

Kelly Whitaker - June 10, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Sending condolences to Kelly and family For the loss of your beloved sister Val saddened to hear of your loss and hope the beautiful memories you’ve shared will comfort you in this time of bereavement. Love you, sis.*
Wanda Torregano.

Wanda Torregano - May 29, 2023 at 09:40 AM

KW

Thanks, Wanda. Yes, we all will find comfort in the fun times shared. I know how much you understand the magnitude of our loss, given the joys you experience with your own supportive and loving @Sisterhood!

Kelly Whitaker - June 10, 2023 at 01:11 PM

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“ *Our most heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to Wright family. She will be greatly missed such a beautiful intelligent meek and mild women. Whom loves God her children and all man kind. I thank God for her love life impact and legacy she left with her children grandchildren and everyone she encountered. Rest on Queen. Love ya Moms*

Terrance McCaskill - May 28, 2023 at 11:46 PM

KW

Such a Sweet set of remembrances and condolences, Terrance. Greatly appreciated. Will let Larry and Larrelle know that you were thinking about them and other family members.

Kelly Whitaker - June 10, 2023 at 01:08 PM