



Velaria Smith Burd

March 31, 2026

Velaria Smith Burd graced this world on Tuesday, February 7, 1939, in the city of New Orleans and in the state of Louisiana. On March 31, 2026, she traded in her earthly home to be at rest with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was the oldest and only daughter born to the late Mr. Stanley Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Ethel Ausbon Smith. She was married to the late Clarence Burd and this union was blessed with four boys, Reginald, Kevin, Terrance and the late Jeffrey Burd. She was the grandmother of ten and the great-great grandmother of four. She was the sister to the late Stanley Smith, Jr., Diann Lewis, Joann Maulet, Bobbie Harris, and Tremeica Harris. Family and friends of Little Zion Baptist Church, PACE New Orleans of Catholic Charities, the Dalton Company are invited to visitation on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Rhodes Funeral Home 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125 at 8:00am - 9:00am. Funeral services will be held at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, 5651 Martin Luther King, Jr. Pkwy, Carville, Louisiana 70721 at 12:30 pm, Pastor David Lodge, Officiant. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Bethel Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
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Funeral Service

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