



Verna Rahman

December 27, 2020

Verna Jean Coverson Rahman was born on May 23, 1948, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to the union of Amos Coverson Jr and Thelma Campbell Coverson. She was the third of six children, and was reared in the Christian faith. She accepted Christ as her Lord and developed into a devout Christian.

At an early age, Verna began to service the Lord by playing piano at Old Emanuel Baptist Church. From 1961-1966, she played for all services at her family's church, Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church, where her passion and talent for playing piano flourished. Throughout this time, she competed at the district and state level in piano. Her love for music stayed with her and played an instrumental role in every aspect of her life.

Verna received her high school diploma from W.O. Boston High School in 1966. After graduating, she relocated to New Orleans, LA to attend Xavier University of Louisiana. Verna later graduated from Southern University of New Orleans (SUNO) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. While obtaining her degree, Verna worked as an accountant for the National Finance Center (NFC) under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In 2006, she retired from NFC after working as an accountant for thirty years. As a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and The Ebony Belles Social & Pleasure Club, Verna relished genuine friendships and attained a true sisterhood. With these ladies, she traveled the country while experiencing the finer things in life, upheld a supportive, loving social group, turned friends into family, and created phenomenally unforgettable memories. For decades,

she honored her friendships with the highest regard, which resonated through her love and admiration for them.

While attending SUNO, Verna met Sheikh Fazlur Rahman, who she later married in 1984. With this marriage, Verna became an instant mother of three wonderful boys: Sheikh Farukur Rahman, Sheikh Faridur Rahman, and Sheikh Sirajur Rahman. They lovingly referred to her as “Dear”. In 1988, she gave birth to Sharifa Jahan Rahman. Verna loved her family deeply. She went above and beyond to ensure their safety, build a grounded foundation, and inspire them to limitless boundaries, progression and success in their life endeavors.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Amos Coverson Jr and Thelma Campbell Coverson. She leaves behind cherished memories with her children, Sharifa Jahan Rahman, Sheikh Farukur Rahman, Sheikh Faridur Rahman (Annika), and Sheikh Sirajur Rahman; siblings, Jiles Madden (Rosalyn), Kenneth Coverson, Lana Diane Stevens, Marilyn LeBlanc (John), and Terry Glenn Coverson (Terri); along with her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends, spiritual sisters and brothers, sorors, and colleagues.

As mandated by the state of Louisiana, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance is limited. Relatives and close friends are invited to attend the private funeral service at D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home located at 3933 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA, on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Public visitation will be held from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Everyone is required to adhere to all restrictions; you must wear a face mask at all times and practice social distancing. Interment will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery locate at 4000 Norman Mayer Avenue, New Orleans, LA.

Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue
3933 Washington Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125
(504) 822-7162
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Brenda F Allen lit a candle in memory of Verna Rahman*



Brenda F Allen - January 17, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Verna Rahman.*



January 16, 2021 at 02:53 PM

VC

“ *Verna was a loving, intelligent lady with such class. We used to attend the performances at the Saenger Theatre and Sharifa would attend some with us also. I enjoyed working in the same area with her and this is where we became friends. I was sorry that I couldn't see her when we did Zoom for my birthday but it was good to hear her voice. I know she is in a better place and will pray for strength for Sharifa.*

velma Charlot

Velma Charlot - January 16, 2021 at 01:21 PM

WM

“ *May Verna Rest in Heaven*



Wanda Martin - January 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM

WM

“ *Wanda Martin lit a candle in memory of Verna Rahman*



Wanda Martin - January 16, 2021 at 01:14 PM

AS

“ *ANN & APRIL SALLIER sent a virtual gift in memory of Verna Rahman*



ANN & APRIL SALLIER - January 16, 2021 at 12:20 PM

AS

“ *I was sooo happy to meet this soft spoken, smiling, gifted musician 54 years ago, who later became family to me and my daughter April Michelle. Verna you left beautiful memories in our hearts. We will miss you dearly. ANN & APRIL SALLIER.*

ANN & APRIL SALLIER - January 16, 2021 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ *The Jiles and Rosalyn Madden Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Verna Rahman.*



The Jiles and Rosalyn Madden Families - January 15, 2021 at 02:24 PM

ML

“ *Verna was my oldest sister. As a child, Verna was a beacon of light for me. She taught me so many things that prevented me from walking through life blindly. Growing up with Verna was a lot of fun. We had many music music sessions in the living room. Those sessions ranged from us playing duets to singing How Great Thou Art to, R-E-S-P-E-C-T. I watched as she accepted the responsibility of raising 4 children the best she could and did a beautiful job. I saw her real strength when she rebounded from Hurricane Katrina. Recently I had some rough times and although these were also her darkest days, she reached out to me to give me a pep talk stating that we are Coverson's and we never give up. We hold on and push through. I'll always love and miss Verna. Rest in heavenly peace my dear sister. I offer my deepest sympathies to the family. I'm always here for you. Remember that we always hold on and push through. I love you all. Marilyn*

Marilyn LeBlanc - January 15, 2021 at 02:13 PM

ML

“ *Marilyn and John LeBlanc purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Verna Rahman.*



Marilyn and John LeBlanc - January 14, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Verna Rahman.*



January 14, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Verna Rahman.*



January 13, 2021 at 10:09 PM