



Wanda Santa Marina

July 6, 2022

Wanda Santa Marina was born on April 11, 1953 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Louis Lester and Rose Cousin Santa Marina. She departed this life and entered into eternal rest on July 6, 2022 at the age of 69. Growing up, Wanda attended Valena C. Jones Elementary School, Rivers Frederick Junior High School. Wanda attended John McDonogh Senior High School and she graduated in 1971.

After graduation Wanda worked for several different companies including: LSU Medical Center, LeChateau Apartment Complex, Ferncrest Manor Nursing Home, and a host of various part-time jobs. She owned and operated a daycare center in her home. She had a great love for children and her elders. Most recently she worked as a Substitute Teacher at Resurrection of Our Lord School.

Wanda was a very kind-hearted person, who always extended everything she had to others. Whether it was offering someone a place to live, food when needed, care-giver services, or a ride, she was always willing to help and never looked for anything in return. She was everyone's Mom, Sister, Auntie, Ma-mee, Cousin and Friend. Wanda was family-oriented and a true woman of faith. She was a parishioner of St. Maria Goretti Church and served on the Alter Society. She enjoyed playing Bingo in her spare time, and spending time with family and friends. She loved hosting parties and family gatherings.

Her memory will be cherished forever by her only son, Troy Santa Marina Sr. (LaKeisha), Grandson; Troy Santa Marina Jr., Granddaughter: Tyrielle Ward,

Sisters: Renette Raymond(Basil) and Patricia Hicks both of Los Angeles, CA. Step-sisters and brothers of the Mercadal family: Linda Simmons (David) of Picayune MS, Geraldine Seymour (Reginald) of Slidell, LA. Ferdinand (Janice), Michael (Judy) of Houma, LA, Tommy (Druscilla), Robert (Ruby), and Donald (Denise) of Douglasville, GA.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Lester, Alvin, Larry, and Errol Santa Marina and her sister: Cheryl Santa Marina. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins, extended family & friends.

Relatives, family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 7300 Crowder Blvd New Orleans, LA 70127 on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00am.

Interment: St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery.

Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

St. Vincent dePaul Cemetery

1322 Louisa Ave
New Orleans, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church
7300 Crowder Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70127

Funeral Mass

JUL 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family of Wanda we give prayers our condolences. If everyone in the world was like Wanda this world would be a better place. She is missed RIP THE Hill Family

sherry hill - July 31, 2022 at 09:33 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences to the Family My son Attended Resurrection and would always speak very kindly of Ms. Wanda one I would always hear someone blowing the horn at him on afternoons on our street only to find that she lived around the corner from our home Very sweet lady

T.Walker - July 31, 2022 at 02:33 PM

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“ On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in her memory.

Father of all, we pray to you for Wanda, all those we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Kenny Spellman '84
Brother Martin High School*

Kenny Spellman - July 25, 2022 at 01:32 PM

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“ I know you are watching over us now and I'm so happy that you are. I'm gonna miss them early morning calls just to see if I had my coffee or even have I eaten breakfast yet. My dear sweet T-Wanda we are gonna miss you so much. It still seems unreal to me but at least I know you are with our heavenly Father and your faith and trust in God made you complete I love my QUEEN
REST ON T-WANDA



Schvonia 'Shoin' 'Shugga' McCall - July 23, 2022 at 06:37 PM

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“ What can i say about my dear sweet tee wanda. Not being able to make it to your funeral hurts me even more knowing that i still wont be able to see you and say my final goodbyes to you even though i know it would hurt even more seeing you laying there and having to accept that you are now in a better place. i remember when i was little and you used to look after me you had this chunky doll in the living room under your fish tank i would not dot the door because of it lol and you had to put him up because i was scared of it. I also remember when i was old enough to not to have to come to you after school you would be missng me and you knew i loved to eat you would call me wen you cooked my favorite meal and tell me to come down and eat just so that you could see me. I am glad that my kids had the privilege to meet someone who was like a second grandmother to me. You would always tell people and me how much of your baby i was im going to miss your hugs and your kisses the phone calls text messages and seeing you at our family functions I love you tee wanda now and forever more and you will always be missed Love always dashawn!!!!

DeNissaun Marcell (Dashawn) - July 23, 2022 at 08:59 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Santa Marina/Mercadel family for your lost. Wanda and I have been friends for over 30 years and stood in contact one with the other. About a month before entering eternal life, we talked and she told me she was going to cook my favorite dish that she made, roast, baked macaronni, and green peas and would call me to pick up a plate. Well, I can still taste that meal as I write about it. She was kind, helpful in many ways, and would actually give her last, even to a stranger. Well Wanda, your work on Earth is done, your race for Heaven has been won, now you have heard your God say, "well done", and it now at the setting of the sun. Enter the place He said He would prepare, take your rest, and live forever in eternity.

Melvin Winins - July 22, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wanda Santa Marina.



July 22, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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“ Love, peace and blessings to the entire family. Wanda's quite spirit will surely be missed. She remained such a giving individual sharing her life and love with all.

Charmaine Talton Gray - July 21, 2022 at 05:34 PM



“ *What can I say about this angel our party place for Ferncrest Manor birthdays would lock the doors so we couldn't leave those were the days sleep on in Jesus name praying for all 🙏🙏*

Darlene Gleason - July 20, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *My Deepest Condolences to The Santa Marina/Mercadal Families For Your Loss Of Wanda. May Our Lord Bless and Strengthen All During Your Bereavement Period 🙏
Sylvia Ann Blue (Cousin) Baker La.*



Sylvia Blue - July 20, 2022 at 10:09 AM