



## Weda Lowe

June 17, 2016

Weda Mae Lowe better known as MaDear passed at the age of 101. Daughter of the late Floyd and Mary Burtin Lowe of Franklinton, LA. She married the late Richard Bell and later united with Mr. Rufus Warren. Seven children were born of this relationship, of which three are deceased. She was the middle child of 15 sisters and brothers, and yet was the sole survivor of all her siblings.

Weda Lowe was educated in the Washington Parish school system. She moved with her family to New Orleans, LA to pursue new opportunities, and her employment for 55 years was a cook at Richard's Restaurant on Gentilly Blvd. While still in Franklinton, LA she accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in a creek, as this the tradition. She began her Christian walk at Bethel Church of Christ Holiness in Franklinton, LA; but, upon moving to New Orleans, LA, she continued her allegiance to God at Pure Light Baptist Church for approximately 32 years until her health began to fail. During her tenure at Pure Light Baptist Church, she served on the Senior Usher Board, Willing Workers Auxiliary, the Beautifying Club, the Annie Hill Jones Senior Citizens Club, and was a maid with the Women's Day of 1983. She has been honored as the oldest member of Pure Light Baptist Church, and has also received many certificates, commendations, and trophies due to her diligent service and commitments in this church. In reaching her 100th birthday, she received proclamations from the New Orleans City Council and Mayor's Office. Among her pastimes were playing bingo at Resurrection of Our Lord Church and

playing slot machines at a host of different casinos. Outside of these activities, she always enjoyed being visited by and spending time with family members, and particularly enjoyed the big holidays gatherings, whereby we may conduct some interesting and fun talent shows. Over the course of 101 years, she has endured some turbulent times, touched many lives and serves as a lesson in perseverance to all who know her.

She leaves to cherish her memory 2 loving daughters Dorothy (Leonard) Martin of Riverdale, GA and Joyce Carriere (also devoted caretaker) of New Orleans, LA; 2 sons Rufus (Queen) Lowe, Jr. of New Orleans, LA and Felton Lowe of New Orleans, LA; 19 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 5 great great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Floyd and Mary Burton Lowe of Franklinton, LA, as well as by a daughter Gilda (Harrell) Lowe-Campbell of New Orleans, LA and a son, Lionel (Marilyn) Lowe of New Orleans, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family also Pastors and members of Pure Light B.C. are invited to attend the funeral service at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at Pure Light Baptist Church, 3944 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Visitation will be from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Interment: Providence Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guest book.

# Cemetery Details

## Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70003

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pure Light Baptist Church  
3944 Martin L. King Blvd  
New Orleans, LA 70125

# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 John 2:17- Furthermore, the world is passing away and so is its desire, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

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“ Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy; welcome them into the light of your face.

*Peter & Alethea Carriere*

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