



## Yvette Robertson Marsalis

May 26, 2026

Yvette Robertson Marsalis peacefully departed life on May 26, 2026. Yvette was born on July 19, 1936 to Ellis Louis Marsalis Sr. of Summit, Mississippi and Florence Robertson Marsalis of New Roads, Louisiana.

She was pre-deceased by her parents Ellis Sr. and Florence Marsalis and her brother Ellis Marsalis Jr.

Yvette leaves to cherish her memory one son, Charles Marsalis Harris, 3 grandchildren; Matthew, Cynthia and Melissa Harris, and 6 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by 6 nephews, Brandford, Wynton, Ellis III, Delfeayo, Mboya, and Jason Marsalis, and a host of other family and friends. Yvette was a 1953 graduate of Gaudet Episcopal High School and graduated from Dillard University as a music major. Yvette was an initiate of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Yvette enjoyed spending time wither grand and great-grandchildren and her family and friends. She also enjoyed teaching piano lessons.

She will be remembered by many for her service to others. One of her many pleasures was the volunteer services for Meals on Wheels and her services with the Jefferson Parish Council on Aging Agency. She spent many years helping her father operate his motel in Shrewsbury, working as an assistant first and then the manager.

Later in her life she decided to move to New Roads where she remembered so many happy times with family. The memory of Yvette Robertson Marsalis will never be lost by all she has touched. A private service was held for Yvette.

Cremation Arrangements entrusted to D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign online guest book.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up with Yvette in the Historic St James A. M. E. Church in New Orleans. Following Hurricane Katrina, she returned to the church and resided in one of the church properties. She was helpful and faithful. I communicated with her during her illness by texting periodic meditations. Peace and blessings to her family.... Otto Duncan

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**Otto Duncan** - June 14 at 08:36 PM

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“ I have lost a dear and loving friend. We became good friends while singing in the Jr choir at St James AME Church in New Orleans. I thank God for her enduring love and friendship. Yvette you are now resting in the bosom of Jesus, take your rest,you deserve it.

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**Florence Reed Smythe-Macaulay** - June 10 at 12:10 AM

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“ From: Roderick , Roselyn( Palmer) and Ava Martin New Roads , La



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**Roderick,Roselyn(Palmer) and Ava Martin** - June 09 at 05:11 PM

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“ Our condolences and prayers to the family.  
Roderick , Roselyn ( Palmer) and Ava Martin  
New Roads, Louisiana.

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**Roderick,Roselyn(Palmer) and Ava Martin** - June 09 at 05:07 PM