



## Audrey Simmons

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Mrs. Audrey Louise Machado Grest Simmons, of Hammond, LA, died peacefully on October 14, 2016 at the age of 88. Audrey was born July 4, 1928 in New Orleans and lived there until husband, Gottfried (Godfrey) Grest Jr., and the family moved to Ponchatoula in 1972. Audrey lovingly raised her 5 children, instilling in them values of diligence, humility, and discipline. She was left a widower when Godfrey passed away. She later married Curtis J. Simmons with whom she resided in Baton Rouge for many years. They had many travel adventures throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Holy Land. Audrey was a dedicated Christian all of her life. Her life work included working at The Enterprise Newspaper in Ponchatoula and the Pregnancy Problem Center in Baton Rouge. Audrey took great pride in her role as mother and grandmother to 17 grandchildren, and at the time of her passing, 13 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed playing games, cooking, crocheting and teaching others. Her love and warmth has been shared with all who she knew.

She is preceded in death by her husband Gottfried Grest, Jr., husband Curtis J. Simmons, and son David Grest. She is survived by her children, Gary Grest, Dana Grest Sartin, Kevin Grest, and Eric Grest and wife Ronda; Michael Simmons and wife Donis, and Nanette Simmons Debuhr; Sisters,

Beverly Havard, Diane Wilks, and Georgette Campeaux: Grandchildren, Stephen, Christopher, Jonathan and Nicholas Grest, Haylee Fannaly, Joshua Sartin, Summer Grest, Bria Richardson, Ryan, and Dylan Grest, Laura, Kyle, and Amy Grest; Aaron Simmons, Sarah McRae, Zachary and Olivia Debuhr; Great-Grandchildren, Allee and Anna Richardson, Victoria, Ava, and Owen Sartin, Maddox, Grahym, Hayden, and Liam Fannaly, Collan Grest, and Bowen Floyd, Peggy and Hazel Simmons.

Donations in her name can be made to a crisis pregnancy center of your choosing.

A celebration of life will be held at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Highway 190 W, Hammond LA on Monday, October 17, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 12:00 p.m. An interment service at Resthaven Garden of Memory, 11817 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge LA will follow.

Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

**Resthaven Mausoleum**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

### Celebration of Life Service

OCT 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Audrey because of her marriage to Curtis Simmons. He was my boss at LSU for many years and also my neighbor. Audrey was such a fun loving lady. I saw she and Mr. Simmons about 4 months before his death. When I sent out my Christmas cards last year and Audrey saw I had remarried, she called me to wish me well. She and Mr Simmons had a wonderful marriage and enjoyed their life together for many years. She will be missed.

Susan Hodges - October 17, 2016 at 11:16 AM

AP

To the Grest family  
I knew Mrs. Audrey through our time together at The Enterprise newspaper, where we both worked in Ponchatoula. Mrs. Audrey was like a second mother to me during that time, when my mother passed away and my son was born. I have nothing but fond memories and only wish that I had been able to see her one more time and let her know how much she meant to me. She was a wonderful, caring and sensitive person and I will always value the time we spent together. She was truly an inspiration to me. Alice R. Peltier

Alice R. Peltier - October 19, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Audrey Simmons.



October 16, 2016 at 04:48 PM

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“ Your loving granddaughter, Summer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Audrey Simmons.



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Your loving granddaughter, Summer - October 16, 2016 at 09:55 AM

PZ

“ Aunt Audrey was THE best cook. When they came to OK she always had Cajun supplies for delicious meals. She was a go getter. Patsy

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Patsy Zachary - October 16, 2016 at 08:26 AM

DA

“ Ms. Audrey lived her life to the fullest. She taught me so much. She taught me that there is no such thing as "can't"... One day we were reminiscing about that and she amended that to, "No such thing as can't EXCEPT when in reference to beating her in Words With Friends"

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dawn - October 15, 2016 at 09:14 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Audrey Simmons.



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October 15, 2016 at 07:49 PM