



Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold

October 2, 1937 - September 9, 2019

Bethel entered into rest on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the age of 81. She was born and raised in Ponchatoula, LA. Bethel was raised on a farm helping her dad grow strawberries, peppers, cucumbers, and dairy. She graduated from Ponchatoula High school in 1956 and retired from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1999 after 20 years of dedicated service. Bethel loved playing the piano and singing her many favorite hymns. She was a true artist and created beautiful works of art whether it was oil paintings, scrapbooks of memories, or sewing. Bethel also enjoyed traveling and seeing the many beautiful destinations across the country. She was a wonderful and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Bethel will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Bethel is survived by her loving husband, Charles Martin Arnold; sons, Martin Daniel Arnold & wife Heather Danell Arnold, and Jeffrey Charles Arnold & wife Martha Arnold; grandchildren, Mallory Linette Arnold, Lane Martin Arnold, Joshua Charles Arnold, Matthew William Arnold, Riley Steven Roberson, Reed David Roberson; brother, Clarence Adam Raiford, Jr "Buster".

Bethel is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Adam Raiford Sr and Pearl Fletcher Raiford; sister-in-law, Marie Breckwaltd Raiford.

PONCHATOULA, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Arnold Cemetery

Hammond, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Visitation

SEP 15. 12:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
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Funeral Service

SEP 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Shortly after the end of WW2 I secured Eryline as my pen friend and we corresponded for several years. In those days I was resident in London where I was born.

some years later I tried to re-establish contact only to find to my sorrow she had passed on. I contacted her family and was introduced to Bethel.

We immediately struck up a friendship and we regularly emailed each other. I was greatly upset when I discovered that she had passed on.

God rest her soul. My deepest respect for her humanity and friendship will remain.

John Chant.

Auckland, New Zealand.

John Chant - November 09, 2019 at 08:39 PM

VH

“ Very grateful for Bethel & Charles faithful lives lived out before us, serving as a comfort and a guide to us all. The VanHouten meeting in Groves, Tx. sends special condolences to the family. — Verby & Jody VanHouten

Verby & Jody Van Houten - September 14, 2019 at 10:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.



September 14, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.*



September 14, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Prayers are with you. RIP.*

Dr. Randolph Howes - September 14, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ *Bethel was such a special lady, sister, and friend. Although I had not seen her in many years, I knew she was one of my true friends. My love and care to Charles, Martin and Jeffrey. I have such fond memories of your home in Denham Springs!*

Dee Moreau Hart - September 14, 2019 at 12:07 AM



“ *Thoughts have been with the family and the many friends in that area. I have many fond memories of time with them in their home. The times of Convention's at their place too. Then to see them again at Hotchkiss Convention just a couple of years ago. Special, special times. She will be missed a lot.*

Connie Surratt - September 13, 2019 at 11:52 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with you, Lane and Mallory! Love from the Mandrell family!*

Beth Mandrell - September 13, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.*



September 13, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.*



September 13, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.*



September 13, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ *I love this picture of Bethel because that's how I'll always remember her. She was such a special lady a friend that you could talk to, so glad I knew her these last 34 years! She sure will be missed but how wonderful that she's in Heaven with the faithful. Loved her and miss her, and my sympathy to all the family. Kathy Wayne*

Kathy Wayne - September 13, 2019 at 09:53 AM

LF

“ *Love from the Wayne family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.*



Love from the Wayne family - September 12, 2019 at 06:26 PM

WR

“ *Wes, Peyton, & Ava Raiford purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bethel Ann Raiford Arnold.*



Wes, Peyton, & Ava Raiford - September 12, 2019 at 12:38 PM