



## Evata Gail Buford Warner

March 20, 1954 - July 7, 2020

Evata Gail Buford Warner, age 66, returned to her heavenly home on Tuesday July 7, 2020. She was a native of Munford, Tennessee and a longtime resident of Hammond, Louisiana where she and her husband William made their home and raised their children William Jr. and Ashley. She had a strong and steadfast faith and always believed in the Lord and trusted His plan. Evata was the center of her family and always reached out to friends and family to provide daily inspiration and check on everyone when they needed it the most. She believed in lifetime friendships. She enjoyed gathering with family for the holidays, loved taking pictures and going shopping, participating in Relay for Life, Family Reunions, and was often found following and tailgating with her two favorite teams: the Tennessee State University Football Team, and Southeastern Louisiana University Lady Lions (Pride) Basketball Team.

She was a graduate of Tennessee State University where she met her husband William. Evata retired after 30 years of service with the Louisiana Department of Education at the Hammond Developmental Center. She served as a member of the Greater Saint James A.M.E. Church Women's Missionary Society, Usher Board, and Trustees. She never met a stranger and made new friends wherever she went and touched the lives of many. Evata was a loving wife, mother, aunt, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Evata is survived by the love of her life and husband of 39 years, William O'Neal Warner, Sr.; son, William O'Neal Warner, Jr. (Denelle); daughter, Ashley Nicole Warner; sister, Faye Barnes (Charles); and brother, Levy Buford (Catina).

Evata was preceded in death by her parents, Enoch and Rosemary Buford; brothers, Larry Buford and Wesley Buford; grandparents, James and Henrietta Weaver, and Van and Maggie Buford.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation in the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Sunday, July 12, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Sherman Berry will officiate with interment to follow in Holly Gardens Cemetery, Hammond.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Gardens Cemetery

South Holly Street  
Hammond, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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JUL 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
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Hammond, LA 70401  
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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Memories of my friend Evata*



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**Brenda Brown** - July 13, 2020 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ *Remembering my dear friend Evata.. .....*

*Those we love are always with us in the gifts that they shared.....  
their laughter, email, texts, warmth and wisdom and the special way  
they cared.*

*Evata touched the lives of so many people and truly had a  
gentle, loving soul.*

*I know Heaven doors opened and she was received by a heavenly  
host of Angels*

*saying welcome !*

*To the family may you find comfort in knowing that God is near and  
so are friends who love you dearly.*

*God bless you !*

*Mrs. Brenda Brown- Bogalusa, La.*

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**Mrs Rodney (Brenda) Brown** - July 13, 2020 at 04:33 PM

CD

“ Carol Cornist Durgan and Rev. Lynell Durgan Our prayers are with you during this time. We pray God continues to give you strength. We thank God the life she lived and the many people she touched. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. (I am Dorothy Barnes Cornist, daughter) 🙏🙏❤️

Carol Cornist Durgan - July 13, 2020 at 02:13 PM

JJ

“ A Link In The Family Chain Has Been Broken Not One Time But Two, My Condolences To The Family For Both Evata and Rob For I know They Will Truly Be Missed, We Love Them But God, But God Loves Them To. Rest Easy Evata and Rob Your Memories Will Last Forever In Our Hearts



Joyce Jackson - July 13, 2020 at 01:56 PM

MH

“ William, my classmate and my friend. I know it feels like the flood gates opened. Remember you are not alone. You are loved by so many. God will be with you now more than He has ever been. Lean on Him and call on Him. Praying for you and your Family 🙏🙏❤️

Marilyn M. Holmes - July 13, 2020 at 09:18 AM

GM

“ Heaven has gained an Angel, and this I know! Please accept my sincere condolences during this very trying time. Know that I am keeping you lifted in prayer.

Griselda H. Martin - July 12, 2020 at 08:40 PM

AM

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family. I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven has truly gained an angel 🙏

Love,  
Ailah Y. Martin

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**Ailah Martin** - July 12, 2020 at 08:31 PM

RB

“ May the Lord continue to be ever present with you during this difficult time.



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**Reneice Buford** - July 12, 2020 at 06:30 PM

MJ

“ *servant of Christ, well done! Praise be thy new employ; and while eternal age run, Rest in thy Master's joy*”

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**Mattie Johnson** - July 12, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MF

“ My last time to see Evata was last year at TSU Fish Fry , during an activity for The Big Blue Homecoming , 2019. I Introduced her to my friends in Nashville , Tennessee. We laughed talked, and took pictures. We said our good byes and promised to see each other next during TSU's Homecoming . Never thought it would be my / our last time seeing her. I believe she is with the Lord. I am two years older than Evata and I always felt she was a younger sibling. Always sweet, very kind and extremely nice. I pray God will continue to cover this family with his Grace , Mercy and Salvation. I must add in Jesus name Amen 🙏.

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**Martha Fleming** - July 12, 2020 at 02:33 PM

ML

“ A Message of Sympathy to Big Will, Lil Will, Ashley, friends and family. May God Be With you today and forever. We miss her but, God said come on home and join my team now!

*On Angels Wings you were taken away  
from the land of dying to the Land of The Living  
But in my heart you will always stay*

*EVATA*

*E an EVERLASTING friend*

*V VICTORIOUS in every task she faced*

*A we serve an AWESOME God*

*T you were TERRIFIC, TIMELY and TALENTED*

*A my guardian ANGEL*

*Rest In Peace*

*Beloved friend, sister, teammate, and homegirl*

*Mamie*

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**mamie lewis** - July 12, 2020 at 01:38 PM

LF

“ Linda Fox of the Greater New Orleans Greensburg District my Condolences to the family Mrs. Evata was always there for the YPD and Ashley service s my President for many years. Ashley you are in my prayers 🙏❤️ Love you

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**Linda Fox** - July 12, 2020 at 11:59 AM

DW

“ Condolences from Eddie and Deloris Walker Class of 72. William we are Praying for you and your Family  
❤️❤� Bogalusa La

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**Deloris Walker** - July 12, 2020 at 11:28 AM

ET

“ *May God give the family peace in knowing that her Spirit is with the Lord! Precious in the site of God is the death of a Saint! She is precious!*

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**Ethel Terrell** - July 12, 2020 at 10:18 AM

MR

“ *Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. We are so heart broken to hear of the homegoing of our sweet sister Evata. May you be strengthen and comforted by the peace of God during this time and the days ahead.*

*With deepest sympathy & love  
Brenda, Marie, Damien, and Carla*

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**Marie Rudison** - July 12, 2020 at 10:09 AM

JM

“ *I can hear Evata talking and see her smiling right now. She was always wearing a smile from the first day I met her. Evata was a really sweet person to be around any time because she was just that sweet of a person. She will be missed by all she has come in connection with. My condolences to her family.*

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**Joyce Moore** - July 12, 2020 at 05:25 AM

GE

“ I cannot find the words to express the depth of my sorrow. Even though we had infrequent contact down through the years, the funny, warm memories from childhood and college bring nothing but joy to help chase the sorrow. I wish the family comfort and peace in this time of grief.



Gloria Fay Ealy - July 11, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.



July 11, 2020 at 08:35 PM

CH

“ PRAY FOR THE WARNER FAMILY . CATHY HORNSBY

Cathy Hornsby - July 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM

RD

Praying for the family

Regenia Dowell - July 11, 2020 at 08:25 PM

BH

“ I am deeply saddened for such a loss of my dear friend from elementary school thru college. Most of all I am losing a dear cousin.

Bill H - July 11, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.



July 11, 2020 at 02:33 PM

SR

“ We are deeply saddened for such a loss. I have so many memories of Aunt Evata and can say that from the time I was a little girl up until now, she was the sweetest person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Mimi

Shirley Robertson - July 11, 2020 at 11:46 AM

MS

My deepest condolences and prayers in the loss of my childhood friend and cousin, Fred and i considered Evata as our little sister, after coming to Tennessee State University as a freshmen, she held on to our coat tails and wouldn't let go, so made sure we took good care of her, including telling her that Will would make her a good husband and she listen and Will certainly made her a good husband and Evata made Will a great wife. Love you Evata Gail Buford Warner. Sleep in perfect peace. Your big Cousin Mary Lane and your Uncle Fred Lane as you called him. ❤️❤️  
red and Mary Lane

Mr and Mrs Fred Lane Sr. - July 11, 2020 at 06:49 PM

KE

*To Uncle William and the children I send sincere sympathy on the Loss of Aunt Evata. May the grace of God comfort you at such a time as this. Warner family you are in my prayers. Aunt Evata's smile will be missed.*

*Sincerely  
Kema Evans*

Kema Evans - July 12, 2020 at 06:55 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 11, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM

AL

“ *Praying for the family. God is able to get you through.  
Love Angela Lewis.*

Angela Lewis - July 11, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 11, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Sending our sincere condolences and love to the family. Our hearts will forever cherish the memories shared with Evata during visits to Houston, Warner family reunions and Tennessee State Homecoming Fish Fry and Parades. Rest in peace my friend.*  
*Izella Dornell and Family*

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**Izella Dornell** - July 11, 2020 at 10:18 AM



*PRAYING for the family*

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**Earnestine Jones** - July 11, 2020 at 10:36 AM



*Praying for the Family*  
*Reverend Mary Lucas*

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**Mary Lucas** - July 11, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 11, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.



July 11, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.



July 11, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.



July 11, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.



July 11, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 11, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 10, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 10, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *From Mitch, Lily, Lisa & Ian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



**From Mitch, Lily, Lisa & Ian - July 10, 2020 at 06:17 PM**



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 10, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



**Felecia B Berry** - July 10, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 10, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *To Will, Sorry to hear of your families loss. Praying peace, comfort and sustaining grace for you and your family.*

**K. Parker (Boeing)** - July 10, 2020 at 12:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 09, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ *To William and the I am so sorry to here about your loss. My prayers are with you and the kids. Love you all and be BLESSED.*



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**Linda Oatis Williams** - July 09, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ *Heather & Allan Cox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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**Heather & Allan Cox** - July 09, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 09, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 09, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Evata's passing. I worked with her at Special School District in Hammond. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Her family meant everything to her and she was so proud of her children. I can still hear her voice telling stories about Ashley and Lil Will. My prayers are with all of you.*

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**Jennifer Dennies** - July 09, 2020 at 11:28 AM



*I will certainly miss Evata coming to Houston with her husband to visit family and the sound of her voice when WILLIAM her husband would be out of her sight, and she'd ask in a serious tone where is William as if he has disappeared by the rapture! We will miss you! William and family, you have my condolences and heartfelt sympathy! Just remember Jeremiah33:3 Call on God and He will answer! Love you, Pauletta!*

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**Pauletta M Williams** - July 09, 2020 at 09:52 PM



*My sincere condolences and prayers are with Will and family in the loss of my childhood friend and cousin. Evata i will truly miss your text every morning of well wishes. Evata was like a little sister to Fred and i, when Evata came to Tennessee State University as a freshmen, Evata grab hold of our coat tails and wouldn't let go, so we took care of her, including telling her William would make her a good husband and she listen, William certainly did make Evata a great husband and Evata made William a GREAT wife. Your big cousin Mary Lane and your Uncle Fred as you called him, we will certainly miss your presence. ❤️*

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**Mr and Mrs Fred Lane Sr.** - July 11, 2020 at 07:02 PM

TT

“ *The SLS MAF RST Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



The SLS MAF RST Team - July 09, 2020 at 10:40 AM

KR

“ *So sorry to hear of Mrs. Evata's passing. I work for Dr. Robert Elliott, who treated her for years. Mrs. Evata was the sweetest lady and always had a smile on her face. We will miss her and will keep Mr. William and her family in our prayers. God Bless*

Kim Ryan - July 09, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 09, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



July 09, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 08, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Evata Gail Buford Warner.*



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July 08, 2020 at 04:44 PM