



## Margaret Smith Neal

April 7, 1918 - May 12, 2011

Margaret Smith Neal, age 93, passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2011. She was a native of New Orleans, a 54 year resident of Arabi, and a post Katrina resident of Loranger. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church in Arabi and more recently of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Husser. Margaret was a devoted homemaker who enjoyed educating her children and reading.

She leaves behind five sons, Terry G., David J., Gary P., Ronnie P., and Donnie P. Neal; 10 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. She is also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel C. Neal; parents, James P. Smith and Barbara R. Smith; great-granddaughter, Christine Neal; brothers, Sammy, Jimmy and Pat Smith; sister, Barbara S. LaBruyere; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in law, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, located at 12012 Hwy 190 West Hammond LA 70401, on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. The visitation will resume on Monday, May 16, 2011 at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Husser at 9:00 am until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am. The mass will be celebrated by Fr. Howard Adkins and burial will

follow in Briar Patch Cemetery in Loranger.

Condolences, directions and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com) or by calling 225-567-1884.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Heartfelt thanks to all who participated in Tim's prayer request prior to Margaret's passing and for your thoughtful words of comfort during this time of loss.

*(A shared and passed on prayer for those who have lost a loved one who is sadly missed)*

*"I am Home now,  
All the pain and grief is over, all the restless tossing passed.  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still:  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.  
There is work still waiting for you.  
So you must not idly stand:  
Do it now, while life remaineth-  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home'  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you Home."###imported-begin###Jeanette  
Neal###imported-end###*

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May 31, 2011 at 08:20 PM



“ Well Grammie its been right at a week now that you are gone and I do have to say that I miss you very much. Today May 23 -- a little over a week you past away and Today 1 year and 5 months ago Christine Passed away. Ive been thinking about both of you very much these last few days. I hope you have found Chrissy in Heaven and gave her lots and lots of kisses from her aunt Shanel.

Your wake and funeral was first class., I know you must be proud. Your son's made some good speeches . Even though Uncle Gary did not talk out loud. I know he has talking to you inside. I have to say that the things that I like about each speach was .. for uncle terry it was him asking you if you got your ticket to heaven .. for my dad it was all about family .. Ronnie it was how you was his best friend and he wants his coffee cup back -- ha ! and Donnie it was everytning that else .., but the one thing that WAS NOT spoke about was the memories you shared with your GRANDKIDS. I know everyone as their own happy memories.

My best memories was the weeks we spent together . How we would wake up and go shopping at k-mart and walk to Mc Donalds for lunch and most of the time we would make it back to watch .. Days of Our Lifes. I still watch it today. I would sit in the front seat and we would laugh how terrible of a driver you was at times. I even remember you letting me drive in the neighborhood. We would have ice cream or orange sherbert everynight. We even did your Christmas Shopping and I would wrap them for you. I remember going in the front room ., It was always cold in that room and we would just talk or read a book. oh and I can't forget bed time. When I would throw my underwear in the corner to let things air out ..( I can't believe I said that .,be it was true .., and funny) Our weeks together was a blast Grammie ., Thank you !!

I remember how we would ALL go to the trailer in the country for Easter ., How we all fits in that 2 bedroom trailer ..I would never know !! Ha. I remeber waking up and getting our Easter baskets and then going to church for the Easter Egg Hunt. We had lots of fun in

*the country with Pat and Kathy and all of my Cousins . Loved going horse back riding.*

*Grammie ., I know that a big part of you past away with the hurricanne Katrina. I know you missed you life in Arabi and you missed your home and the memories that was in it. I am sorry you had to go through that major change in your life. I will always remember the Christmas's that was held at your house. So So many good times. YES ., last Christmas was sad and horrible without Christine and it was the anniversary of her passing away. It was and will always been hard and sad for Christmas with her and now without you. You must of been sad too for not seeing everyone for Christmas.*

*I know in my Heart you are happy ..,But you I want you to know that I do Miss you and Love you !!! And one more thing ...GRAMMIE -- I'm going to shoot you to the MOON !!  
Your favorite saying .....*

*Love Shaney##imported-begin##Shaney Neal##imported-end##*

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May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



*“ So sorry to hear about your mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##The Williams Family##imported-end##*

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May 16, 2011 at 06:51 PM



*“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family during this sad and difficult time. Your wonderful memories will bring comfort to your heart.##imported-begin##Sherrie & Donna Buras##imported-end##*

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May 16, 2011 at 01:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Wish we could be with you today but please know that we are with you in spirit. God bless you and keep you strong. A mother's love endures forever in your hearts and in all that she has given to you over the years. Cherish her love, her lessons and the memories you shared together. She will always be your angel now watching over you as a Mother does.

*We love you!*

*Bee & Lin##imported-begin##Bee & Lin##imported-end##*

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May 16, 2011 at 10:15 AM



“ Donnie and Donna, You are in my thought and prays. You were a great son and daughter in law and she loved you very much.##imported-begin##Patricia and Donald##imported-end##

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May 16, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ To the Neal Family  
Our prayers go out to you and yours.  
We are here for you Gary and Terri.  
Always,  
Kim & Ted##imported-begin##Ted & Kim Reab##imported-end##

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May 16, 2011 at 05:36 AM



“ My love to Donnie and Donna##imported-begin##Denise Laussade##imported-end##

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May 15, 2011 at 11:47 PM



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May 15, 2011 at 07:15 PM



“ We send our love to Gary and the Neal family on hearing about the loss of your mom. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. We remember fondly the many fun times we shared with together with Margaret. Our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Chris and Jeannine Prattini##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 02:36 PM



“ Dear Ronnie & Donnie - I'm so sorry to read of your Mon's passing. It's been a long time since those Patricia Park and LSUNO days, but I remember your Mom and Dad both being loving and supportive parents who unselfishly gave their time to all of us kids in "the parish". I know that the memory of both of them will be with you forever!##imported-begin##George Cundiff##imported-end##

May 15, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers. She was blessed to have such a caring, loving family. God bless!##imported-begin##Carol Palmisano##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 09:58 PM



“ Dear Donnie & Donna & Neal family. We were sorry to hear of your mother's death. Sending prayers for you and your family.

Love, Andrea, Perry, Elise & Will###imported-begin###Andrea & Perry Ford###imported-end##

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May 14, 2011 at 08:56 PM



“ Dear Donnie and Donnie,  
Knowing that you took such loving care of her for a long time should ease your pain now that she is at her final resting place.  
We love and admire you.

Betty and Marie###imported-begin###Marie & Betty###imported-end##

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May 14, 2011 at 08:35 PM



“ Donnie, Donna & Ronnie:

We send our love and deepest condolences on your loss. Your mother was a wonderful woman devoted to her family, and we know you will miss her a lot. We will see you tomorrow evening.###imported-begin###Brien Gussoni & Brian Williams###imported-end##

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May 14, 2011 at 04:54 PM



“ Monica, Mr. Terry, Mrs. Patsy, and Chris - I'm so sorry for your loss. I have some very fond memories of Mrs. Margaret. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Love,  
Sandra###imported-begin###Sandra Duplantier Laborde###imported-end##

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May 14, 2011 at 01:56 PM



“ Sorry to hear the loss of your mother, she will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Barry Readeau##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ I know you are in a better place now watching over us!! you will be missed love you grammie. Aunt Donna and Uncle Donnie if yall need anything please let me know I Love yall lots.##imported-begin##Melissa S. Stevens##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 10:49 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Aunt Margaret was one of a kind. I have fond memories of her.##imported-begin##Beth Henry##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to you and Donna. You were a wonderful son and daughter-in-law. She was very blessed to have you and I know you will be missing her terribly. God bless her and may she rest in peace. We will see you Sunday. All my love always,  
Rhina##imported-begin##Rhina Kisse##imported-end##

May 14, 2011 at 01:28 AM



“ *Donnie & Donna - my deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Ms. Margaret..I know you will miss her, but you gave her a loving home since Katrina and made her very happy... You did everything you could for her, and loved her very much... Mama & I will be there Sunday. If I can do anything, let me know.##imported-begin##Leon Dauterive, Jr.##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2011 at 02:08 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Alice & Mike##imported-end##*

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May 13, 2011 at 10:55 AM



“ *Donnie & Donna,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the death of your Mother. She loved you very much, and I know you will miss her. I will see you on Sunday. If there is anything I can do, please let me know... Love, Tee Jeanne/Mama.##imported-begin##Jeanne L Davis##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2011 at 07:07 PM



“ *I know you will miss her. She is in a Better place now##imported-begin##Wesley and Roasemary Ridgedell##imported-end##*

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May 12, 2011 at 05:02 PM