



Mary Frances Toler

May 30, 1932 - November 29, 2024

“What we cannot see in our Creator, we can see in His creation. It is with the gift of the flower—a powerful representation of the love of God—that we can bridge not only home and garden but also the eternal and the everyday.”

Mary Toler, of Denham Springs, LA, passed away at her home on November 29, 2024. After 92 years, she went home to be with Our Lord.

Mary was born May 30, 1932, to Numa Verret, Jr. and Rena Broussard, in Westlake, LA. She grew up on Center Street in Lake Charles with eight brothers and sisters.

She attended LaGrange School, graduating in 1950. She worked at various banks in different positions, from Lake Charles, LA to Santa Fe, NM. The family settled in Denham Springs in 1962. She worked as a seamstress for an interior decorator for many years.

She served her parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denham Springs as a dedicated Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, and Eucharistic Adorer. Seamstress and Decorator for the church for all events and liturgical seasons - especially the St. Joseph's Altar and Christmas.

Mary is survived by her sons Gregory Shelden and Michael Shelden. Daughters, Karen Furnish (Alan), Linda Kilchrist, and Julie Kennison (Dewayne). Daughter in law, Krissi Shelden. Sister, Mildred "Midge" DeBarge, and brother, Larry Verret (Jean).

Grandchildren: Casey Provenzo (Tony), Scott Furnish (Dayna), Maggie

Broussard (Colby), Nick Shelden (Becca), Matthew Shelden, Amanda Redfield (Devon), and Londyn Kennison.

Great grandchildren: Allie Aldrich; Stephen, Agnes Marie, Thomas, Michael and Margaret Rose Furnish; Mila Martin and Camille Broussard; Colette, Peter, and Joseph Shelden; Makenna and Bailey Shelden; Oren Redfield.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands - Charles Shelden and William Toler, three brothers - Leroy, Allen, and Carroll Verret, three sisters - Rose Touvell, Geneva Jennings, and Shirley Burwell, and two sons - Kenny and Carl Shelden.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at Thompson Funeral Home, beginning at 4:00 pm for the family and 5:00 pm for the public. A rosary will be said after 6:00 pm. Visitation will continue at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Thursday, December 5, beginning at 9:15 am for the family and 10:00 am for the public. A funeral mass will begin at 12:00 pm with the Rite of Christian Burial to follow at Denham Springs Memorial Cemetery.

The family of Mary would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all the staff of St. Joseph's Hospice and the Carpenter House for their wonderful care and support. The family also thanks the staff and entire faith community of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, who loved and worked with Mary for many years; Fr. Matthew Graham, Fr. Joseph Bresowar and the many priests before them.

Cemetery Details

Denham Springs Memorial Cemetery

Denham Springs, LA 70726

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 5:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Denham Springs
7738 Florida Blvd.
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Rosary

DEC 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Denham Springs, LA
7738 Florida Blvd.
Denham Springs, LA 70726
(225) 380-3500

Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
865 Hatchell Ln
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
865 Hatchell Ln
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Frances Toler*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - December 03, 2024 at 12:44 PM

RS

I loved her so much. I just found out. My prayers love and hugs to all the family she was an incredible woman and an inspiration to all of us. Rest in peace my precious friend.

Rosemary Sharpe - December 05, 2024 at 05:21 PM

DC

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Danielle Cochran - December 04, 2024 at 03:49 PM

KG

“ Mary was a dear lady, who I loved and admired for many years, and who remained a dear friend, until Life led me away from Denham Springs. I was honored when she asked me to bring the Eucharist to her son Carl, when he was homebound. And, when I lost my daughter, Holly, Mary would reach out to me every year, until I moved away, and would acquire an extra bouquet of flowers for Holy’s birthday on Christmas Eve, as part of the Christmas decorations she so expertly arranged. I have every confidence that Jesus was waiting with open arms, with those ever longed for words, “Well done, My good and faithful servant! Come and share your Master’s Joy!”

Kenny Garon - December 04, 2024 at 12:46 PM

JK

Thank you Kenny for the kind words

Julie Kennison - December 09, 2024 at 07:19 PM

SR

“ Ms Mary has been a blessing to my family for many years! She always had a smile and a hug when we would see her at Julie’s house for various gatherings! She had such a great sense of humor.. it was also my honor and privilege to have been her therapist this past year and to be a part of her healing process after her hospital stays.. I will always remember her for her dedication to her family, her faith and her church.. She was truly a gift to all who met her.. sending prayers to her entire family. Stacey and Sean Reed and family

stacey reed - December 04, 2024 at 09:07 AM

TF

“ *The Killebrew Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Frances Toler.*



The Killebrew Family - December 04, 2024 at 09:05 AM

SR

“ *Stacey R. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Toler.*

Stacey R. - December 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Toler.*



December 03, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Frances Toler.*

December 03, 2024 at 09:37 PM

JK

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Kennison - December 03, 2024 at 09:02 PM

JK

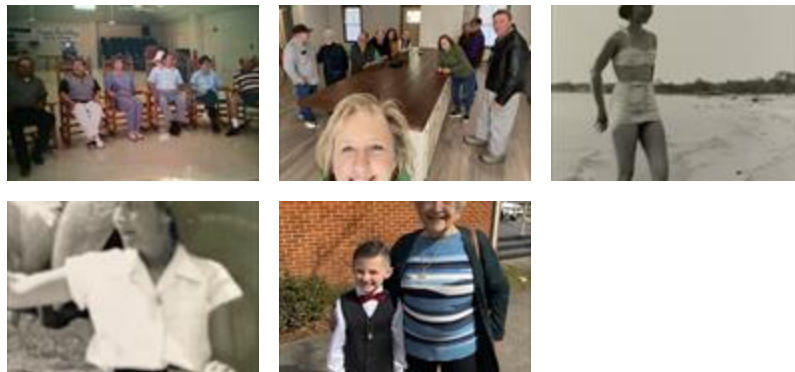
“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Kennison - December 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

AM

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Angie McBride - December 03, 2024 at 07:38 PM

RG

“ *Ray & Donna Gremillion purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Frances Toler.*



Ray & Donna Gremillion - December 03, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Toler.*



December 03, 2024 at 04:32 PM

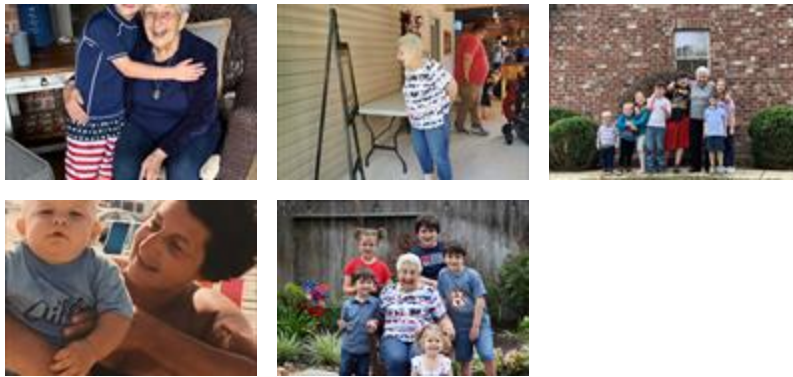
LL

“ Aunt Tiny could always lighten the room with her smile and love for everyone. Everytime I would see her she always said I love you, and don't be a stranger. She loved the babies just like my mom did. I love you Aunt Tiny.

Leah Burwell Landry - December 03, 2024 at 02:47 PM

DF

“ 10 files added to the album Maw Maw



Dayna Furnish - December 03, 2024 at 02:45 PM

LL

“ Leah L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Toler.

Leah L. - December 03, 2024 at 02:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Toler.



December 03, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Frances Toler.

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“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Frances Toler.



December 03, 2024 at 12:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Frances Toler.

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“ Bill, Melanie, and Missy Toler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Frances Toler.



Bill, Melanie, and Missy Toler - December 03, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Bill, Melanie, and Missy Toler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Frances Toler.

Bill, Melanie, and Missy Toler - December 03, 2024 at 11:57 AM