



Phyllis "Dianne" Childers

September 16, 1943 - June 17, 2018

Phyllis "Dianne" Ratcliff Childers, age 74, died on Sunday, June 17, 2018, in the comfort of her home. She was born September 16, 1943, in Killian, LA. Dianne is the daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. Odis Ratcliff, Sr. She was a devoted wife, dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are her loving husband of 40 years, Dr. Gary Childers, PhD., of Springfield, LA; adored children, Charles Abels III, DeEtte Abels, and Garrett Childers; treasured sister, Judith White; aunt and honorary sister, Carolyn Traylor; cherished grandchildren; Christen, Caraline and Cameron Abels, Harley and Colston Childers; her precious great-grandson, Brody Young; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Lois Redmond Ratcliff and Odis Milton Ratcliff, Sr.; adored little brother, Odis "Buddy" Ratcliff Jr.; and son, Will Childers.

Dianne dedicated her life to the service and support of others. She worked with tenacity and devotion to put her Master's Degree from Southeastern Louisiana University to commendable use, with The Louisiana State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Dianne began her career as an Instructor for Louisiana's Vocational Rehabilitation Program at Hammond State School. She continued her dedicated service to persons with disabilities as a District Supervisor for the Hammond Regional Office of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services. Dianne's tenure as a Program Manager in the State Offices of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services included many outstanding

accomplishments. She served as a representative on the Board of the Traumatic Head & Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program; as a member of the State Quality Assurance Team; and she implemented a statewide Marketing Program to include the establishment of job placement specialists with the primary duty of placing people with disabilities into gainful employment. In addition, Dianne was called upon by the University of Arkansas Research and Training Center in Vocational Rehabilitation to participate as a member of the Institute on Rehabilitation Issues (IRI) Prime Study Group which was tasked with writing scholarly publications to assist vocational rehabilitation personnel in their practice. She chaired the IRI Prime Study Group, Nineteenth Institute on Rehabilitation Issues which resulted in the publication of a study titled "Consumer Involvement in Rehabilitation Research & Practice."

Through her years of hard work and passion for helping others, Dianne was able to create programs and services that helped to improve the lives of many people with disabilities in Louisiana. Her enthusiasm for her work brought much joy to her coworkers and she was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a woman of noble character, who loved and cherished her family above all, and her legacy will never be forgotten.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home in Hammond, LA, on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m., officiated by Brother Paul Taylor. Interment will follow in Killian First Baptist Church Cemetery, in Killian, LA.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Killian Baptist Church Cemetery

Highway 22
Killian, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Dianne" Childers.



June 19, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ I worked with Dianne for several years at LRS State Office. Dianne was a very special friend to me as well as many others. She was an inspiration to LRS employees and community program staff throughout the state. She was well prepared in all of her endeavors with LRS. In simple terms, “she knew her stuff.” Her smile and positive attitude was contagious to all that worked with her. She had such a passion and belief in what she did and that was to” assist people with disabilities into gainful employment.” Those individuals respected and honored her as much as LRS staff did. In closing, she taught me about fashion and how to dress for success in the business world. Her dress and overall appearance everyday was that of perfection. Dianne, you made a difference in my life as well and I will miss you forever. You were the best friend anyone could ask for!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 my prayers are with you and your family💕🙏

Marsha Blackmon - June 19, 2018 at 04:56 PM



That is a beautiful tribute to Dianne Marsha and it is echoed by myself and many, many others who had the pleasure to know and work with Dianne. She was the "big sister" I never had💕

Claire - June 21, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis "Dianne" Childers.*



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“ *Ed and Dorothy Nelson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis "Dianne" Childers.*



Ed and Dorothy Nelson - June 19, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ *Tax Commission Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Phyllis "Dianne" Childers.*



Tax Commission Family - June 19, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ *Oh so sorry for your loss and the loss of a dear long time friend. Are used to work with Diane and the rehabilitation program years ago. She was certainly a special lady. Our prayers are with you*

Gordon Anderson - June 18, 2018 at 04:10 PM