



## Sylvia Josephine Sterken

March 19, 1938 - July 5, 2013

Sylvia Josephine Sterken,

Age 75 and a longtime resident of Ponchatoula, Sylvia went to be with her Heavenly Father on July 5, 2013, at her residence. Sylvia will be remembered as being a loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved Jesus as she served Him throughout her life. Through Jesus Christ, she never met a stranger, and took every opportunity to witness for the Lord.

Sylvia leaves behind her loving husband, Tillman Sterken, Sr.; three sons, Tillman Sterken, Jr. and his wife Angie, Barry Sterken and his wife Gay, and David Sterken and his wife Michelle; grandchildren, Chad Sterken, Amanda Sterken Warren, Ben Ernst, Kayla Ernst, Erica Smith, Grant Sterken, and Olivia Sterken; great-grandchildren, Haze Shelby, Lathyn Wall, Bentley Smith, Hartley Smith, and London Smith. Sylvia also leaves behind her sisters, Marion Vicknair and husband Tommy, Clara Meissner, and Rosemary Cone and her husband Malcolm "Sonny"; and her brothers, Herbert "Bootsy" Cortez, George Cortez, and Gerald Cortez and his wife Fran.

Preceding Sylvia in death were her parents, Herbert and Leoncia Cortez and her sister, Velma Simon.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the

chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Monday, July 8, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral services at 12:00 p.m. Rev. Dave Smith & Rev. Gerald Cortez will conduct the service and interment will follow in the Sandhill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sandhill Cemetery

Sandhill Cemetery Road  
Ponchatoula, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

JUL 8. 1:30 PM (CT)

Sandhill Cemetery  
Sandhill Cemetery Road  
Ponchatoula, LA



# Tribute Wall



“ *Amanda SterkenWarren sent a virtual gift in memory of Sylvia Josephine Sterken*



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**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 01:05 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Ms Sylvia was a truly remarkable lady. She was so sweet and had such a beautiful smile. May God continue to comfort you. With much love, Paul, Nancy, Sarah, and Betsy*

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**Nancy Vega** - July 08, 2013 at 02:40 PM



*Thank you all so much!*

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**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 01:00 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Gordon Anderson** - July 08, 2013 at 10:46 AM



*Thank you*

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**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 01:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Josephine Sterken.



July 08, 2013 at 08:12 AM



“ WILBROS ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENTATION DEPT. purchased the Imagination Blooms for the family of Sylvia Josephine Sterken.



**WILBROS ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENTATION DEPT. -**

July 08, 2013 at 07:54 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. She was an amazing woman and I feel honored to have known her.



*Tammy & Billy Threeton*

**tammy threeton** - July 07, 2013 at 09:19 PM



Amanda Sterken

*Thank you so much, means a lot!*

**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 12:55 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Josephine Sterken.



July 07, 2013 at 05:23 PM



“ sending my prays your way sweetee, you have memories of a life time. pray for GOD TO HOLD AND PROTECT YOU DURING THIS TIME. LOVE MS KAREN

KAREN LOBELL - July 07, 2013 at 03:43 PM



“ Dear David and All The Family, Sylvia and I spent wonderful times together with our grandbabies. Her heart was full of kindness to everyone she met. We will miss her so very much. Our Love Ms. Fritz and Larry

Frances Gardner - July 07, 2013 at 03:09 PM



Thank you so much Ms. Fritz and Larry!

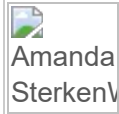
Amanda SterkenWarren - July 13, 2013 at 12:59 AM



“ Whitney Rhodus lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Josephine Sterken



Whitney Rhodus - July 07, 2013 at 01:34 PM



*Thank you*

**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 12:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Josephine Sterken.*



July 07, 2013 at 12:16 PM



“ *David,  
I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Ronny & Pam Dougherty*

**Pam Dougherty** - July 07, 2013 at 11:28 AM



*Thank you*

**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 12:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sylvia Josephine Sterken.*




July 07, 2013 at 11:21 AM

 Brandi Cormier

“ *Brandi Cormier lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Josephine Sterken*




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**Brandi Cormier** - July 07, 2013 at 10:39 AM

 Amanda SterkenWarren

*Thank you girl!*

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**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 12:56 AM

 Amanda SterkenWarren

“ *For my absolutely amazing mawmaw, who I love and miss so much...*




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**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 07, 2013 at 09:59 AM

GS

*What an amazing bond you and your mawmaw had. The most precious memories you will have forever. I Love You*

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**Gay Sterken** - July 07, 2013 at 11:24 AM

 Amanda SterkenWarren

*Thank you and love you too!*

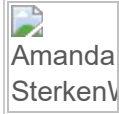
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**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 13, 2013 at 12:57 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time*

*Carolyn and Edgar Charbonnet*

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**Carolyn and Edgar Charbonnet** - July 07, 2013 at 09:11 AM



*Thank you so much.*

**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 07, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Josephine Sterken.*



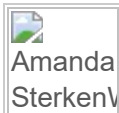
July 06, 2013 at 04:21 PM



“ *Scott Haynes lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Josephine Sterken*



**Scott Haynes** - July 06, 2013 at 03:28 PM



*Thank you, so sweet just like her...*

**Amanda SterkenWarren** - July 07, 2013 at 09:56 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of caring for Ms. Sterken and I am truly saddened by her passing. I can still see her sitting in her chair with those rollers on. Such a beautiful soul. My sincerest condolences.*

**Latoya Neal, RN** - July 05, 2013 at 08:49 PM



*Thank you Latoya. She was most certainly a beautiful person inside and out. I am blessed to have had her as my grandmother, like a mother to me and best friend. I miss her so much, but know she is with Jesus and pain free. God bless you Latoya.*

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**Amanda Sterken Warren** - July 06, 2013 at 11:11 AM