



Velma Willie Bailey

August 26, 1921 - November 14, 2018

Velma, age 97, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was a native of Folsom, LA and a longtime resident of Loranger, LA. Velma was an active member of 1st Baptist Church of Ponchatoula. She worked as a Tower Lady for the LA Department of Forestry & Agriculture until the age of 73. Velma enjoyed spending time in her garden and growing anything from flowers to vegetables. She loved to collect things like bottles, angels, and even weather statistics. Velma was always known to have a smile on her face and a kind word for anyone who listened. She was a wonderful mother and Maw Maw who will be deeply missed.

Velma is survived by her daughter, Edna Gayle Bailey Kennedy and husband Barry; son, Reginald Ellis Bailey and wife Mary; daughter-in-law, Linda Bailey; grandchildren, Heath Bailey, Tiffany Bailey, Stephanie Bailey Lee, Jason, Justin, and Jeremy Kennedy, and Cambree and Anya Bailey; and great-grandchildren, Caleb and Sarah Bailey, Ethan and Seth Peterman, Ella and Tyler Lee, and Connor and Annie Rae Kennedy.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Merrill Ellis Bailey; son, Randall Merrill Bailey; parents, Frank and Edna Willie; sisters, Verlie Gardner, Ferris Beverly, Annette Collins; and brothers, Alfred, Elton, and Leonard Willie.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson, Hammond, on Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Monday, November 19, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Bro. David Cranford will

officiate with Bro. Gary Dennis and Bro. James Fendalson assisting. Interment will follow in Joiner Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Joiner Cemetery

off Hwy 40
Loranger, La

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ My prayers & thoughts are with the family. I had so much fun growing up around aunt velma & aunt ferris. I'm grateful I had the opportunity to know this great lady.



Christine Dunn - November 21, 2018 at 12:59 PM

BP

“ Nanny Bailey aka Aunt Velma and most recently my son Ty named her “Aunt Bailey”. This lady has been an integral part of our lives. There are so many special memories that I've been blessed to share with Nanny and mostly, I'm thankful my kids go to know her. They love Nanny as so many did. She will hold a special place in our hearts forever. Her legacy lives on in Edna and Reggie and their families and boy what an amazing legacy that is. ❤️

Belinda Pennison - November 19, 2018 at 11:49 AM

BS

“ There are so many memories made with Nanny that I will always treasure and share. She has been such a wonderful influence and joy to me and I will miss her so much. Her legacy is her sweet family and a life well lived.
Billie Stein

Billie Stein - November 19, 2018 at 08:53 AM

KG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



karen gallagher - November 18, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.



November 18, 2018 at 12:24 PM

KL

“ Katherine Kennedy, June & Ron,(Ken) Legere purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.



Katherine Kennedy, June & Ron,(Ken) Legere - November 17, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.



November 17, 2018 at 05:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.*



November 17, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ *She was a wonderful women and so full of love.*

George Slaght - November 16, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *From The Wall Family, Hugh, Barney, & Betty purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.*



From The Wall Family, Hugh, Barney, & Betty - November 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ *Love, Laura James, Al Willie and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.*



Love, Laura James, Al Willie and families - November 16, 2018 at 09:42 AM

SS

“ If I could turn back time, I would relive every single day from childhood to adult spent with Aunt Velma. From Easter Egg Hunts to the 4th of July spent at the creek so many great memories. She had an inner strength that was amazing. Several months ago Aunt Velma gave my a little plaque. It was old and inexpensive It said "LORD Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that YOU and I together can't handle. Aunt Velma kept this plaque in her bathroom and said reading it daily helped her get through a lot of hard times. I keep it in my bathroom as well to remind me of God's faithfulness and will never forget the wonderful woman who gave it to me. Despite what she was going through herself, Aunt Velma thought I needed that little plaque more. It is now and will always be one of my prize possessions. Reggie, Edna and family my heart is broken for you. Love you all.

Sherry

Sherry Sticker - November 15, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Velma Willie Bailey.



November 15, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“*"The Last One" -- 'Nanny' was the last one. As a second mother to me when I was a chap, I spent a lot of my summer breaks and weekends with her and Uncle Buck and Randy, Edna Gail and Reggie. Randy and I always had something to do - mostly playing or getting into trouble but we had our required chores around the dairy barn. The memories are so many. Nanny was always good and caring and insured we went to church every Sunday. She was strong and kind hearted yet she endured about as much as any one person could. She lost her husband, a son, and her six brothers and sisters and was still a strong willed and devoted individual. She loved her family and friends as no other could. To Edna Gail, Reggie and family - we have lost her in physical presence but she will be with us forever.*

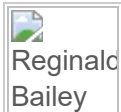
Bruce & Billie

Bruce Stein - November 15, 2018 at 07:42 AM

EK

Thanks Bruce. Such sweet sentiments.

EDNA B KENNEDY - November 15, 2018 at 08:44 AM



Thanks Bruce and Billie. We greatly appreciate all that you did for us before and during mom's illness.

Reginald Bailey - November 15, 2018 at 09:42 AM

DS

“ *Edna, Reggie and family,
We are so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She had many stories and we loved hearing them. We saw her in Hammond one day before she stopped driving and she told us if we saw a green car headed our way to be sure to get out of the way because she was coming thru. She was a very special lady that was a true joy to be around. Most importantly she was a true woman of God. May y'all find comfort in knowing she is at rest with our Lord and we will see her again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Love y'all!!! Donald and Judy Scott*

Donald and Judy Scott - November 14, 2018 at 10:07 PM

EK

Thank you Judy.

EDNA B KENNEDY - November 15, 2018 at 09:44 AM

RK

Edna, I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express how badly I feel for you and your family. You all were so blessed to have had her so long. Only time will help you to adjust to missing her. But the LORD is so good and will be a great comfort.

Roberta Keller - November 15, 2018 at 07:35 PM