



Rhoda Meyer Portier

August 2, 1955 - October 21, 2018

Our beloved Rhoda Meyer Portier passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, on Sunday, October 21, 2018. She was 63 years young, a native NOLA girl for 61 years, and a happily retired resident of Carencro, Louisiana. As many know, she is attributed with coining the terms “lawdy bee” and “holy moly”. She enjoyed cooking dinners for her family, listening to her favorite records, and dancing like no one was watching. She will forever be remembered for her infectious smile, heart of gold, and radiant spirit that lit every room she entered (even though she didn’t believe the impact she had on people). Even in her final days, she made everyone around her laugh, because that’s the kind of person she was. She was and will always remain one of a kind. Survivors include her cherished husband and soulmate, Daryl Joseph Portier; two precious daughters, Leslie Paige Bell and Molly Portier Mikhael; treasured brother, Randall Conrad Meyer; and her beautiful pups, Winston III and Oliver Twist. Rhoda was preceded in death by her father, Walter Conrad Meyer, Jr., and mother, Rosemary Reimmuth Meyer.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home (2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, Louisiana) on Thursday, October 25th from 6 PM to 9 PM and on Friday, October 26th from 11 AM to 1 PM followed by a Funeral Service at 1 PM. Interment in Metairie Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Meyer, Jonathan Meyer, Justin Sullivan, Saun Sullivan, Denzel Reed, Demarcus Gordon, Anthony Mikhael, and Austin Perez.

A sincere thank you to Nursing Specialities Home Health and Hospice and the compassionate doctors and 8th floor caregivers of Lafayette General Medical Center.

The family would prefer contributions be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF) at <http://www.bcrf.org>.

Cemetery

Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Boulevard
New Orleans, LA, 70124

Events

OCT 25 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 09:00PM
L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA, US, 70062

OCT 26 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM
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OCT 26 **Service** 01:00PM
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Comments



“ Thinking of you all and happy times in Lake Vista. Rhoda leaves a life of grace and beauty for you to remember.
Bill, LaVerne, Ben, and Tim Kappel

laverne kappel - October 26, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ I got to know Rhoda over the years of ZMR Awards shows, and a few years ago we ended up in the back of the room together, drinking it all in...she really loved music and all of the ZMR family. I really came to understand her quiet strength that night, and to respect her as the kind of lady who makes it all look easy...and it was with her, because it was all done in love. Last year, I spent an unforgettable evening at Arnaud's with the family and a couple of musicians...I'll never forget her peaceful joy as she sat across from me that night, I could see her contentment with Daryl, Molly and Anthony...she was glowing. As you dance your way through the stars, Rhoda, I'm sending love to you, and to all your family, you're in my heart forever.



Beth Hilton - October 25, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ Sending prayers for Rhoda and her family and friends. I remember Rhoda's sweet nature and being a good friend. She will be dearly missed.

Sincerely,

Cara Perkins Nunez
SFX Class of '69

Cara Nunez - October 25, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ I offer my sincere condolences to Rhoda's beloved family. Rhoda was a childhood friend of my daughter's, Teri Benvenuti Sosa. They shared many happy times in their lives. Rhoda will always be remembered as very loving and caring to those blessed to know her. May our Lord bless you all at this sad time of mourning in your lives.
Virgie Benvenuti

Virgie Benvenuti - October 25, 2018 at 07:01 PM



“ Daryl, Leslie and Molly,

My heart just goes out to all of you. I know it's been a while, but my memories of Rhoda and all of you are still vivid and of simply always having a great time. The company parties at your house, the dinners in the quarter followed by going to different bars I had never been to ... The Bombay Cub, Old Absinthe House, etc ... it was always a great time.

Many people have mentioned Rhoda's smile and I'm not sure I have a memory of her where she wasn't smiling. Great woman and great family.

Prayers,

Eric and Susan Pattarozzi and Family

Eric Pattarozzi - October 25, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ When I think of Rhoda, I see someone full of life, love and laughter! She enjoyed life to the fullest. When I close my eyes, I can see her laughing at something or someone and can almost imagine I'm standing next to her laughing and talking again. We had memorable times at Sessions. Rhoda was one in a million!

Maria Clementin - October 25, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Someone here mentioned her smile. Her calm, warm smile is the first image that came to me when she died. And that is true -- everybody knows. Many of us may feel unoriginal in our stated thoughts because we would all say the same about her aura and smile. Or else you never met her.

The thing to be really glad about is that Rhoda was here long enough to show a few people on this planet how to believe in yourselves. These things cannot be taught. They are shown. And they have to be true and consistent in order to instill desire in others to want to learn them from her. Rhoda was true to her own image she built for herself. And she created that before high school. While most created a self-image based on peer judgements, Rhoda judged herself and disregarded other's judgements of her.

From that grew her silent strength that was portrayed in her confident smile. As if to say with a smile, what we are doing right now is JUST the right thing we should be doing.

When you miss Rhoda, just think for a moment what you are doing right now, she probably showed you that. And pay attention to how you feel at that same moment. She showed you that too. That strength with which you cruise through life was anchored in her and now in you.

LOVE to the level of PURPLE to Daryl, Leslie Bell, and Mollie,
and Rhoda,

Michael Tobin

Michael Tobin - October 24, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ Thank you Mike, that is truly beautiful.

Leslie - October 25, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ It has been years since I have seen Rhoda but will always remember her easy going personality and smile. Like everyone knew - she had the greatest smile. My deepest sympathy for her entire family. Her light will live on in her daughters and with memories she created with you. She will be forever watching over all of you.

Nancy Goodson - October 24, 2018 at 08:04 AM



“ Dear Daryl, I am so sorry I inadvertently omitted your name from the earlier message I sent.

Reuben and I want to express our deepest sympathy to you.

We have you in our deepest thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Marlene and Reuben

Marlene Friedman - October 23, 2018 at 11:16 PM



“ When I think of my friend Rhoda I think of some of her most outstanding characteristics such as the way she listened, really focused on what another was saying, her interest and empathy apparent in her eyes and face. She was a truly compassionate, non-judgemental person who tended to be optimistic but realistic even in the face of threatening and uncertain times. Rhoda was very funny, her quick wit sometimes catching you by surprise and she smiled and laughed freely. She often had endearing and sparkling bon mots like “she got drawled off” (distracted). Down to Earth but never ordinary, just her own special self, so easy to like, easy to love. I have indelible memories of her head tilted up to observe the solar eclipse with wonder and awe, how she cried when our friend Tony, formerly a member of The Animals, sang House of the Rising Sun especially for her, how she radiated joy and delight taking in the sights on our wonderful two week trip to England just two months ago. She seemed like the sister I always wanted so when she called me “sista,” I felt it in my heart.

Cheryl Wilson - October 23, 2018 at 10:59 PM



“ Dear Leslie, Molly, Anthony, Randall, and Rhoda's Other Family Members,

Reuben and I want to express our deepest sympathy to you.

We loved Rhoda beyond any words can say.

We will always be grateful to Rhoda for all of the joy and happiness she brought us.

Reuben and I will always remember her beautiful smile, her ability to light up a room whenever she entered it, her kindness and her love for each of you.

We will remember Rhoda with much love always.

Reuben and I have you in our deepest thoughts and prayers.

With Love,

Marlene and Reuben

Marlene Friedman - October 23, 2018 at 10:51 PM



“ Today I while shopping I came across a vintage looking Saint's shirt tha had established in 196 on it.. Immediately my thoughts went to that first Saints season. Rhoda, Jackie and I had season tickets. Can you imagine sitting in Tulane season with Rhoda when Jack Dempsey kicked that feel goal! We usually didn't know what was good or bad, so we would wait to see if everybody around us was cheering and then ask each other "What did they do?". Love you girl, how I wish we were still walking home from school together.

Fonda Brennan - October 23, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Skel and Becky will miss you bad Rhoda.



Becky and Skelly - October 23, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ Love and miss you dear wonderful woman! May you still shine bright!

Becky Hogan - October 23, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ i have no idea what I can write or say to express how much my heart aches for all of you. Take comfort in knowing your wife and mother was loved by many. She touched many of lives and that is something we all strive to do. She was a wonderful person and one I feel truly blessed to have known.

Terry Levith

Terrilyn Canfill Levith - October 23, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ Rhoda was the most care-free spirit i ever knew - i just thought she was the coolest girl in the world - Rhoda had the power to light up a room wherever she went - she will be missed by many, many people - RIP Rhodster - love you and miss you

Bunny

Robyn Zanco - October 23, 2018 at 11:55 AM