



## Adelaide Payne Brennan

April 29, 1936 - July 16, 2018

Adelaide Payne Brennan (formally McGinnis) passed away on Monday, July 15th, 2018 at 1:40 pm from cancer. Adelaide, or “Del,” was born on April 29th, 1936 in Owensboro, Kentucky and was 82 years old. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her three loving and caring children, Marcia McGinnis, Joni Clark, and Edward McGinnis. She lived with her daughter, Joni, in Metairie, Louisiana. Edward resides in Vienna, Virginia and Marcia resides in Evergreen, Colorado. Del was married to Stephen Christopher Brennan who passed away in June of 2016. She is survived by her daughter’s Marcia McGinnis (formally Holloway) and Joni Clark (formally McGinnis), and son, Edward McGinnis. Her fourth child, Bobby McGinnis, passed away on December 20th, 2000. Del is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Teri McGinnis, step-daughter, Jenny Brennan, grandson’s Nicholas Clark, Travis Clark, Erick Holloway, Dylan Holloway, Christopher McGinnis, and Ryan McGinnis, granddaughter’s, Sarah Clark and Taylor McGinnis, great grandson’s Felix Dexacher, Theo Clark, Beckham and Gideon Decker, and great granddaughter, Anna Clark, sister, Libby Copeland, brother-in-law, Mike Copeland and twin niece’s, Regan and Becky Copeland. She received her PhD in English at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She taught English at Delgado Community College for 34 years, was Chairman of the Humanities Department and ran the Honors Program, Phi Theta Kappa. Del sang in the Sweet Adeline’s, played the piano beautifully, loved to swim and learned life saving skills in the Girl Scouts as a teenager. She was always a

straight A student! She was a wonderful and incredible Mom and was proud of and devoted to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was kind and generous to everyone and a truly delightful woman.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Visitation from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To view or sign the online guest book, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 17. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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2607 Williams Blvd  
Kenner, LA 70062  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Adelaide Payne Brennan*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Tracey, Dan, Brie, and Sasha Kirsch purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Adelaide Payne Brennan.*



**Tracey, Dan, Brie, and Sasha Kirsch** - August 15, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ *Dels nurturing, playfulness, and generosity toward her children and grandchildren have always been and will continue to be inspirational. She was a great lady who will be missed. May all the fond memories bring comfort to her family and friends.*  
--Tracey Burke Kirsch

**Tracey Burke Kirsch** - August 15, 2018 at 11:12 AM

CB

“*Del was never one to sit on the sidelines. As an educator, scholar, committed social activist, and avid William Faulkner fan, among her many other activities, she lived life large and we loved her. In 2008, her determined political campaigning for Barack Obama won her a place at the D.C. inauguration and a close encounter with the new president. At the 2016 New Orleans Women's March, she carried signs advocating for women and the humane treatment of migrants. At the same time, she was a devoted Mom who adored her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We will always cherish our exciting and fun-filled visits with Del and Steve, her beloved husband. They were our dear friends who made the world better for their presence.*

*Caryn Cosse Bell & Denny Bell*

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**Caryn Bell** - August 14, 2018 at 04:32 PM

DC

“*Del and I go back to the late '70's. She took me under her wings back when I began as an adjunct at Delgado Community College, and was a true mentor for me. Over the next many years, there are lots of fond memories of her guidance and friendship. She touched the lives of many and I know she'll be missed by all who knew her.*  
*David Cook.*

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**DAVID COOK** - August 08, 2018 at 12:59 PM

MG

“*So sorry to hear that our Delgado colleague and much beloved friend Del is gone. She was a pleasure to work with, always willing to share, help out or go the extra mile. To her children and grandchildren, you were fortunate to have her as a parent and role model -- my condolences as you learn to fill the void her passing has left.*

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**Mary Gehman** - July 29, 2018 at 06:11 PM

SC

“ *Del was a woman who wanted to save the world, something she told me numerous times. And she did so through her humanism, her environmentalism, and her love of family. I will remember her wedding (following, in unusual sequence, her retirement), her rescuing Janet French and me after the threat of Hurricane Ivan (booking rooms for us in what turned out to be a hooker hotel!), her presence next to me at the Memorial Service for Charlie Bellone shortly after Katrina, a final lunch with her at Lebanon's Cafe my last day in New Orleans, and most of all my final phone call with her just weeks before her death. She was upbeat and characteristically positive, repeating that she'd had a good life. We talked for an hour, laughed, and reminisced. I told her she was my role model, and that's no lie. I will always remember her.*

*Sally Cole*

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**Sally Cole** - July 28, 2018 at 03:36 PM