



Audrey Mae Ward Fernandez

January 28, 1932 - March 25, 2017

Audrey Mae Ward Fernandez passed away on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the age of 85. She was born and raised in the Irish Channel in New Orleans, LA. Beloved wife of the late Leonard Joseph Fernandez, Sr. Mother of Paul Joseph Fernandez Sr., Michael Joseph Fernandez and the late Leonard J. Fernandez, Jr. and Susan Fernandez Taylor (H. Charles Welsted). Daughter of the late Barbara Whalen Ward and George Ward. Sister of the late Helen Ward Orgeron (Gerald Sr.). Step-sister of Angie Imbraguglio, Barbara Terrell, Bernice Morrissey and the late Joyce Ferger, Mildred Hand and Rose Conravey. Godmother of Gerald Orgeron, Jr. (Donna). Grandmother of Barbara Taylor Fernandez (Robert Jr.), Christopher P. Taylor (Mayra Cardona), Sean M. Taylor (Michelle Lirette), Susie Taylor Vieregge (Glenn), Kelly Taylor Brown (Tyler), Stephen Sapia (Renee), Paul Fernandez Jr. (Shanelle Dufrene), Jeffrey Fernandez and Hillary C. Welsted, III (Wendy Goebel). Great grandmother of Aubrey McDonald Jr., Audrey Mae McDonald, Robert B. Fernandez III, Taylor Federer, Zachary Fernandez, Mia Cornell, Olivia Vieregge, Glenn Vieregge, Isabella Federer, Skylor Sapia, Karely Morales, Rileigh Sue Welsted, Remmington Taylor, Mia Fernandez, Konnor Welsted, Steven Fernandez and Leonard Welsted. Great-great grandmother of Gariel Byrd and Noah McDonald.

Audrey was a member of the Knights of Columbus Auxillary #3411, the NOPD Ladies Auxillary, a Redemptorist Alumnae. She was the life of the party, best dancer in the room, avid swimmer and athletic achiever. Her students loved her, her friends adored her, and her co-workers became her extended family. She always saw the best in everyone. She volunteered her time to the playground, coaching multiple City Championship teams for both Eleonore Playground and St. Francis of Assisi School and CYO. She was also awarded so many "Volunteer of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" awards that we ran out of space on the walls and mantels. Most of all, she was a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother. She valued her family and took care of us all even until the end. She also loved her parish. St. Francis of Assisi Parish and her deep rooted catholic faith was everything to her, and she didn't miss a beat, reading at mass right up until a few months before she passed. Audrey loved her casino buffet's and penny slots, but never until she went to mass. "If you're not well enough to go to mass, then you're not well enough to go the casino!". She lived on Magazine Street for 65 years

and worked at St. Francis for 47 years, she is a pillar of that neighborhood and it will never be the same without her.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 631 State St., New Orleans on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Visitation at the church from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
631 State Street
New Orleans, LA 70118

Funeral Mass

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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New Orleans, LA 70118

Tribute Wall



“ *Audrey Mae Ward Fernandez*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Audrey Mae Ward Fernandez.*



March 29, 2017 at 04:45 PM

JB

“ *Our deepest condolences from the Gagliano(Charlie & Belvia, Claudia/ Byers (Jennifer & Robert). Mrs Audrey was always very kind and caring. We are praying for your family. Lots of love Jen*



Jennifer (Gagliano) Byers - March 28, 2017 at 09:25 PM

WF

“ *With Eternal Love, The Terrell Family! purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Audrey Mae Ward Fernandez.*



With Eternal Love, The Terrell Family! - March 28, 2017 at 07:23 PM

EM

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Edmay P Mayers - March 28, 2017 at 05:37 PM

BF

Thank you Ms. Edmay, this is awesome and much appreciated.

Barbara Fernandez - March 28, 2017 at 06:11 PM

EM

“ Ms. Audrey has always been such a fun-loving, lively person. We used to 'work' the St. Francis of Assisi (SFA) bingo on Friday nights and would go 'dancing' after. Mr. Lenny would be the only man to go with us so he just HAD to dance with all of us ladies. We would laugh from the time we started until it was past time to go home. What a great couple they were, I will always have a very special place in my heart for both of them and for their family. I am so happy that they are now reunited in the 'other' and better world. I am sure they are dancing and laughing up a storm. Oh, Ms. Audrey, you touched so very many lives, so many hearts and I don't think you realize this. Everyone who met you instantly fell in love with you because of your goodness, kindness, truthfulness, and loving way about you. You oozed love all over the place and you probably did not know this but it is true. Everyone should be like you, what a wonderful world this would be. Until we meet again, I love you, always have and always will. To Ms. Audrey's family, I am very sorry for your tremendous loss, my prayers are with all of y'all.



Edmay P Mayers - March 28, 2017 at 05:32 PM

LG

“ Ms. Audrey a great lady ,mother, and a great friend I am glad to none you don't know what our days would of been like at st. Francis without this great lady you will be missed Larry Guidry

Larry Guidry - March 28, 2017 at 04:40 PM

BF

Thank you for the kind words

Barbara Fernandez - March 28, 2017 at 06:13 PM

JP

“ Judy Pinson lit a candle in memory of Audrey Mae Ward Fernandez



Judy pinson - March 27, 2017 at 03:24 PM



So very sorry for your loss. Prayers to family and. friends Judy Murray pinson

Judy Pinson - March 27, 2017 at 03:29 PM



Thank you.

Barbara Fernandez - March 28, 2017 at 06:13 PM