



Catherine Favaloro Babin

October 13, 1921 - October 13, 2010

Catherine Favaloro Babin passed away peacefully in her sleep at her residence in Hammond, LA, on October 13, 2010, at the age of 89 years old. Born in New Orleans and residing in Metairie, Kenner and Hammond for many years, she was the beloved wife of the late Herbert J. Babin, Jr. and John L. Lala, daughter of the late John Joseph Favaloro and Margaret Redon, sister of the late Gerald J. Favaloro, Margaret Golemi, and Joycelyn Davis, and mother of the late Melody Lala Carney.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Robert J. Berthelot, Jr. (Melissa), Matthew Berthelot (Kelly) and Christine Berthelot Holmes (Will); great-grandchildren Mitchell and Danielle Berthelot, Sabreena, Trinity and Serena Holmes; niece and primary caregiver Joy Ratcliff Kidstry; brother-in-law Anthony L. Golemi, sister-in-law Genevieve Favaloro, brother-in-law Powell M. Davis; step-granddaughter Shana Babin, and many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Soule Business College, Catherine worked for the Federal Reserve Bank, Commodity Credit, Western Union, and Jefferson Parish Waterworks prior to her retirement. She was a parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Canal in New Orleans, member of Crescent City Baptist Church in Metairie, and parishioner of St. Albert's Church in Hammond. She is dearly remembered for her generous heart, quick wit, and many humorous stories of family life in the old South.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral Mass on Saturday, October 16, 2010, 1:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 4640

Canal Street, New Orleans. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. and Interment in Greenwood Cemetery Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, please send your gift of remembrance to the Richard Murphy Hospice Foundation, 16013 Halbert Lane, Hammond, LA, 70403.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
4640 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Favaloro Babin*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *I met Catherine, Joy's Godmother, while on a business trip to New Orleans a few years ago followed up by a several day stay with Joy at her home. While I don't have the actual scraps of paper in front of me now with the little quips, sayings, admonitions and words of advice I was showered upon by Catherine during those few days, the lasting memory of her mind, spirit and determined will remains with me today. I remember feeling that I was in the presence of a great lady, "une grande dame" as they say in French. She taught me to respect myself, to think highly of myself, to carry myself proudly in the world as a strong woman but also how to show vulnerabilty when appropriate. She told stories of hurricanes and floods in the city of New Orleans during her working days, of the ol' times back then during a different era and way of life. She recommended I use Palmolive soap for my face as it would make my skin smooth and glowing, thus attracting a suitable potential husband! Catherine was a practical and headstrong woman with a love for people and interest in the world. Even though I only knew her a couple of days, her memory lives on in my heart and in a way has impacted me and my life as do all the people we meet who come across our path for however long or short that may be. Her Goddaughter, Joy, who took her Aunt Catherine under her wing for the past several years, protecting her and making sure her needs were met, is a saint in my eyes and a beautiful, loving person and I am proud to call her my friend. Sincerely, Patrice Van Hyle - Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Patsy Van den Heuvel - October 16, 2010 at 09:46 AM

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“ Dear Joy,
Great pictures of your aunt. She was very attractive as a young woman and held onto it in her later years it seems. She was quite an integral part of New Orleans history. My aunt worked for the law firm Casey, Babin, and Casey for many years. Was her husband a lawyer?

Hold on to your fond memories and may God bless you and your beloved aunt.

Laurie Taaffe

Laurie Taaffe - October 15, 2010 at 03:02 PM