



## Floris May McCord 'Flo' Cairo

October 10, 1926 - November 29, 2023

Floris May McCord 'Flo' Cairo passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. She was 97, a native of New Orleans and a staple of the French Quarter. Beloved wife of the late Edward Joseph 'Ned' Cairo. Mother of the late Edward Joseph 'Joey' Cairo, Jr. and the late Michael Gerard Cairo. Sister of the late Patricia M. Bourgeois (Al). Aunt of Patsy Trosclair (Barry), Carl Bourgeois (Farren), and the late Brian Bourgeois. Grandaunt of Aimee T. Davidson (Matt), Chip Trosclair (Heather), Ashley B. Fudge (Josh), Bradley Bourgeois (Sharon), Corey Trosclair (Vinnie Guaraggi), Doni Trosclair and Al Bourgeois (Ellie). Great grandaunt of Carley and Cole Fudge, Brayden, Brooks and Emma Kate Davidson, Allie, Jake, Gus, and Jack Bourgeois, Olivia and Lucca Guaraggi, Truett and Camille Trosclair. Aunt Floris to Valerie, Ann, Steve and David Buras. Daughter of the late Mildred May Murtaugh and Patrick George McCord. She was a proud graduate of Ursuline Academy. For 73 years, Floris owned and operated The Washing Well LaunDRYteria a well known fixture on the corner of Bourbon and Dumaine. Special thanks to the staff and friends at St. Margaret's at Mercy who looked after "Flo Jo" for the past three years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 1609 Carrollton Ave, Metairie on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation at church from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.. Interment will be held in Lake Lawn Park Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Floris' memory

to St. Michael Special School, 1522 Chippewa St, New Orleans, LA 70130.  
Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home. To share memories or  
condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Louis King of France Catholic Church  
1609 Carrollton Ave.  
Metairie, LA 70005

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Friends and Family of Mrs. Floris Cairo,

*I just learned of Mrs. Cairo's passing, and I am writing here to share the story of how Mrs. Cairo touched my life and offer my condolences.*

*Back in January 2016, I visited New Orleans to attend a professional conference at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. I was living in Colorado back then, and I ran out of time to do my laundry before I left for the airport. I brought my laundry with me to New Orleans and hoped for the best. My hotel did not offer any laundry services, and they instead directed me to the Washing Well LaunDRYteria on Bourbon Street.*

*After wheeling my luggage full of laundry down the sidewalk for several blocks, I reached the Washing Well LaunDRYteria. The lovely staff helped get my laundry started, and I sat down near the counter to wait. Meanwhile, Mrs. Cairo was at the counter, and her iPhone apps were giving her some trouble. I did what I could to help, and by the time my laundry was done, I think we'd managed to get things working again on her phone. Mrs. Cairo very generously refunded my laundry payment, and she even gifted me a Washing Well LaunDRYteria laundry bag. Even now, eight years later, I still use that same laundry bag every time I do laundry, and it reminds me of that day in 2016 when I did laundry on Bourbon Street.*

*I regret that I never again saw or interacted with Mrs. Cairo after that day. I had hoped to visit again at the end of that week before returning home, but things became too hectic. I might have another opportunity to visit New Orleans next year for another upcoming conference, so I was sad to learn via a Google search that the Washing Well LaunDRYteria closed several years ago and that Mrs. Cairo has now passed. Nevertheless, I look back upon that memory with fondness and gratitude. I wish you comfort and offer my sincerest condolences.*

*Kindest regards,  
A.J. Drager*

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**A.J. Drager** - March 25, 2024 at 01:32 AM



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**Patricia Trosclair** - December 05, 2023 at 06:25 AM