



## Margaret LaBella Messoro

September 9, 1955 - December 13, 2022

Margaret LaBella Messoro passed away on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the age of 67. A native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Metairie, LA. Beloved wife of Joseph Paul Messoro. Mother of Francesca Messoro (fiancée Scott). Daughter of the late Anthony LaBella and Lucy McCormack LaBella. Sister of Betty LaBella (Bill), Jerry LaBella and Glenn LaBella.

Margaret was an alumnae of Mount Carmel Academy. She graduated from Charity School of Nursing (c/o 1979) and received her Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from SUNY College at Old Westbury where she met the love of her life & best friend, her husband of 37 years, Joe . Margaret worked at Ochsner Medical Center for 40 years and was the manager of the John Ochsner Heart & Vascular Institution for the last 24 years. Over the span of her career, Margaret received several accolades including Great 100 Nurses, Patient Experience Department of the Year - Clinic multiple years in a row, and the initiation of the Margaret L. Messoro Lectureship at the Magnolia Chapter of Urologic Nurses & Associates. She also served on several committees including being a founding member and treasurer of the Magnolia Chapter of SUNA. Margaret also was awarded the Key to the City from Mayor Marc Morial for her heroism during the Mother's Day Bus Crash for being the first on the scene.

Margaret was passionate about preventative health & education for the community. She has organized dozens of health fairs that provided head to

toe screenings/diagnostics and education including The Cash Money Thanksgiving Health Fair with Boston Scientific.

Margaret was a lover of all animals but especially her sweet dogs Sugars & Johnny #5 and her two grandpups Kida & Loki who just adored her.

Margaret was an avid sports fan. A die hard Saints fan and season ticket holder for the Hornets/Pelicans for 8 years. She also loved playing in her fantasy football leagues and was a big fan & frequent caller to the Tom Fitzmorris Food Show. When not working she enjoyed watching classic movies, playing cards, horse racing, trying new arts & crafts projects, and cooking her famous meatballs & red gravy and her Heavenly Hash & Chex Mix she made every Christmas.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation & Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner. Visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Margaret's memory to the American Heart Association or Take Paws Rescue of New Orleans

To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Blvd  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 466-8577  
info@muhleisen.com

## Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Blvd  
Kenner, LA 70062  
(504) 466-8577  
info@muhleisen.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret LaBella Messoro*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy on your loss and my prayers are with you and your family during this time.*



**Carolyn Albert (Ochsner Cardiology)** - December 22, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Sandy Phillips lit a candle in memory of Margaret LaBella Messoro*



**Sandy Phillips** - December 21, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ *Margaret was an outstanding student with a delightful disposition--a joy to have in the classroom. The world is a more somber place with her no longer in it. She will be sorely missed. --Mike Mulhern, her 8th grade teacher at St. Louis King of France School, Metairie, LA.*

**Mike Mulhern** - December 20, 2022 at 12:39 PM

OE

“ *Ochsner Exceptional Abilities Employees purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Margaret LaBella Messori.*



---

**Ochsner Exceptional Abilities Employees** - December 20, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret LaBella Messori.*



---

December 20, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Margaret LaBella Messori.*



---

December 19, 2022 at 02:51 PM

WA

“ *Annette and Willie will always remember Margarete's smile and laughter*

---

**Willie & Annette** - December 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM

VP

“ *The first American manager, and the best, who also did everything for me and my family, the Popas, after our landing in the States, the first friend of ours, along with her family, the Messores, who have accepted us as their own family, the great Lady who later has become the Godmother of our youngest daughter, Diana, who was born in NOLA only 2 years after our landing here, the Lady who did everything for us just to feel at home in the USA when we needed most, the amazing personality who was loved and adored by all those who had the privilege of knowing her: this was Margaret Messore!*

*We love you, Margaret, and you will continue to live forever in our hearts.*

*Our most sincere condolences to you both, Joe and Francesca!  
I have no more words to describe my pain of losing you, except that, believing in God, I'm sure that ,sooner or later, we will meet again!  
Love you for ever, Margaret!*

*May you rest in peace wherever you are!*

*God bless you both, Joe and Francesca, and may he give you the strength that you need in this time of suffering and grief!*

*Vasile (Nick), Maria, Andreea and Diana with love and pain.*

---

**Vasile Popa** - December 17, 2022 at 09:23 PM

SD

“ *Shelly and David Darwin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Margaret LaBella Messore.*



---

**Shelly and David Darwin** - December 17, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margaret LaBella Messori.*



---

December 16, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories with Margaret*



---

**Elizabeth C Essex** - December 16, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *You were the best sister anyone could have ever asked for. I will love you now and forever. Too many memories, much laughter, our competitive natures, plus games, games and games. I miss you so much already.*  
*Forever Your Sister,*  
*Betty*

---

**Elizabeth "Betty" LaBella Essex** - December 16, 2022 at 04:17 PM



*Remembering Margaret...I woke up this morning g thinking I would look up and see how my Margaret was doing. Devastated to find she's left for heaven already. We had some great times together. Miss you. Love Joy Smith Clayton*

---

**Joy Smith Clayton** - June 28, 2024 at 09:55 AM