



Maria Graciela Bennett

December 21, 1927 - May 30, 2026

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Maria Graciela Bennett on May 30, 2026, at her home in Metairie, LA at the age of 98. She went quietly in her sleep while surrounded by loved ones and is preceded by her parents, Isidro and Medarda Medina, her sister Hermelinda, brothers Romeo, Anselmo and Lorenzo, as well as several cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents. She is also preceded by her late husband of 50 years, Hipolito Bennett, with whom she shared four children. She leaves behind her sons, David Anthony(Michelle), Oscar Alfredo and Richard, daughter Graciela Julieta; grandchildren Isabel Grace and Craig(Bethany) and great grandchildren Christopher, Canyon and Cade; sisters Consuelo(Edgar), Amparo and Elsa; nieces Monica(Jaime), Clarissa(Rudy), Carolina, Janeth(David), nephews Mark and Homer, and countless others.

Born and raised in San Rafael Las Flores, Santa Rosa, Guatemala, she grew up surrounded by a large, extended family before moving to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1956, where she married and started her family. She eventually settled in Metairie in 1968, where she raised her family. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends, gardening and traveling. She was a loving person who treated everyone with kindness and compassion and will be missed by all who knew her.

Family and friends are invited to attend Services at L.A. Muhleisen and Son

Funeral Home at 2607

Williams Blvd., Kenner. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 04, 2026 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be a period of visitation on Friday, June 05, 2026 beginning at 10:00am, followed by Funeral Mass at 11:00am and interment at Jefferson Memorial Gardens on River Road in St. Rose, LA.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road
St. Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

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Catholic Funeral Mass

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Graciela Bennett.*



June 04 at 09:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Graciela Bennett.

June 04 at 09:55 AM



“ *The Moor Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Graciela Bennett.*



The Moor Family - June 03 at 09:34 PM



“ *Angelica Morales De Avalos lit a candle in memory of Maria Graciela Bennett*



Angelica Morales de Avalos - June 03 at 02:30 PM

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desde guatemala san rafael las flores siempre la recordaremos como una persona muy cariñosa con su familia le agradezco siempre el cariño que le tuvo a su primo amildo el cual fue mutuo sus visitas siempre con anécdotas e historia de su familia con mama tocha conocida como la primera que emigro del municipio de san rafael las flores santa rosa un abrazo a la familia un cariño especial a grace siempre estara en nuestras oraciones y memoria tia graciela

Angelica Morales de Avalos - June 03 at 02:38 PM

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“ *She'd always come to our family's crawfish boils and be a part of the day, whether it was engaging in our lil debates or enjoying the goods. I loved having her around because she was always a calm presence.*

Despite only seeing her during those events, she never denied letting us raid her blood orange tree and for that I'll be forever thankful for! She may be gone for now but every time I come across a blood orange I'll always think of her.

The other bit I'm most thankful for is giving my dad his best friend ☐

Candy - June 02 at 09:59 PM