



Mary D. Strain

March 25, 1927 - August 4, 2020

Mary D. Strain passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at the age of 93. She was a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Metairie, LA. Mary was a graduate of Hotel Dieu Nursing School and practiced as an RN, as well as a nursing instructor. She had a Certification in Elementary Education, taught fourth grade and dedicated her life to helping her children and grandchildren to succeed. She was also an accomplished musician, who played the piano for eighty-five years. Mary was a devoted Catholic who gave lifelong service to the church and was a recipient of the most outstanding parishioner award for both New Orleans (St. Clement of Rome) and Pearlinton, Mississippi (St. Josephs). Mary's positive attitude, love of learning, and precious smile made everyone that met her a better person. Beloved wife of the late Arlie Strain. Loving mother of Elizabeth Goddard (Jeff), Ann Catena (Claudio), Janet Strachan, Lynn Kiefer (Jeff), Jill Mercer(Joey) and Joseph Strain (Regan). Grandmother of Katie, Joey, Sean, Keri, Corey, Kalli, Krissi, Jason, Emily, John, Mary, Olivia, Luke, Bianca, Maria, Patricia and Skye. Daughter of the late Sarah Finnigan and Lawrence Daspit. Sister of Eddie, Eileen and the late Larry, Ermanie, Sarah Mae, Bobby, Betty, Ruth and Patrick. Also survived by 3 great grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 6:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Pearlinton, MS

on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with burial to follow.

In keeping with President Cynthia Lee Sheng's Executive Order, you are required to wear a mask to enter this facility. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Memorial Service

AUG 13. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

AUG 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearlington, MS

Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary D. Strain



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 06:10 PM

CB

I an really going to miss you, Mrs. Mary. And will definitely miss you playing the organ at St. Joseph's Chapel in Pearlington. You have been a Blessing for us there at St. Joseph's. We all love you. To all the children of Mrs. Mary, I am so sorry for your loss of your mother. I know you all will miss her dearly.

God be with you all and Bless you with Fond Memories of her. I know I have fond memories of her and they go back to when I was a little girl at her house in Belle Isle where she played as we practiced for the choir at church. We love you Mrs. Mary.

God Rest Your Soul.

Cathy Boyet

Cathy Boyet - August 11, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ Mary D. Strain

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

JF

“ *I met Mrs. Mary while working at Friends Hair Salon. She was such a sweet lady!! I enjoyed all our conversations and she definitely impacted a lot of lives. Keeping her family in my prayers.*

Judy Fisher - August 15, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.*



August 13, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *Mary and Arlie were great friends of my Mom and Dad. She was a very sweet person and easy to know.*

shannon Russ Kidd - August 12, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.*



August 11, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ *I loved talking with Ms Mary after mass when she would play the organ at 6 pm mass when her Daughter Jill would sing Such a wonderful smile and loved listening to her and about her life. Jill and Joey and Mercer's and all of Mary's family you are all in my prayers*

Renee Songy Nillen - August 11, 2020 at 08:03 PM



Aunt Mary was one of the kindest and most gentle people I knew. We went every year to Maudigra to be with her family. Her family was and is terrific. We are all better for having known her.

Laura Donaldson - August 13, 2020 at 04:45 AM

Wendy Hebert

“ Miss Mary will always hold a dear place in my heart. I enjoyed playing in the 6:30 choir at St. Clement with her in the late 1980s. In fact, she was the first pianist I ever played flute with. She was a consummate musician, and wonderful lady with a servant heart.

Wendy Hebert - August 11, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.



August 11, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.



August 11, 2020 at 05:13 PM

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“ Louise, Pat, Mary, Natalie and June, Baton Rouge wedding, 10/2017



Louise Daspit Webber - August 11, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.



August 11, 2020 at 03:12 PM

EJ

“ Such a sweet lady. We always enjoyed her company at the Christmas parties. She was loved by all that knew her.
Our hearts and prayers go out to you all.

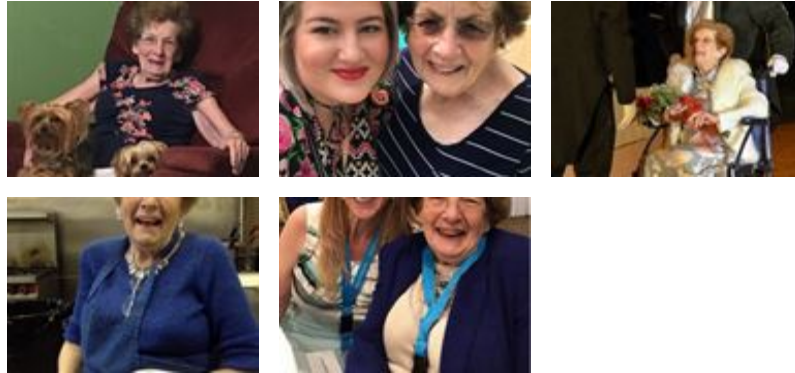
Earl and Jo Ann Boswell



Earl C & Jo Ann Boswell Jr. - August 11, 2020 at 02:52 PM



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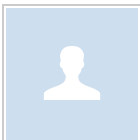


L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Mary was generous with her time and considerable talents. She was always patient, positive, and seeking to make things better. Mary was never judgmental. She leaves a fine family behind.*

C. W. & Margaret Lartigue - August 11, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.*



August 11, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.*



August 11, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary D. Strain.*



August 11, 2020 at 10:48 AM



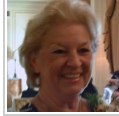
“ *Mary was so special to me. I met her when we worked at EJGH together and I took care of her hubby. I admired her from the minute I met her. We both loved our Hotel Dieu Nursing School and i can't imagine without our beautiful pianist. We started an oral history project and I'm so thankful Mary was our first. I feel blessed to have her as my friend all these years. Heaven has another angel. Prayers for all her family 🙏🙏 Bernie Cullen*

Bernie Cullen - August 10, 2020 at 02:10 PM



Bless, Mary. She brought beauty with her music at many nursing reunions

Marie Billings - August 10, 2020 at 03:07 PM



I was a graduate from Hotel Dieu in 1959 and Mary was my instructor. She made a lifelong impression on me. She helped me become the best nurse I could be. God Bless her and may she rest in Peace.

Jeanne DeValcourt - August 10, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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Our Cousin Mary is remembered with love and great respect. I treasure every minute, every conversation shared with her on my all too few visits to LA. So generous, Mary always made us feel so welcome, special and cared for. We would reminisce for hours about our doubly-shared relations and families - she was our 1st cousin once-removed AND 2nd cousin once removed. But so much closer than that. Mary's energy, cheerfulness, kindness and wisdom lives on in me, in her family and friends. She will never be forgotten, and will be sorely missed by so many.

*Louise Daspit Webber
Claremont, CA*

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RIP Cousin Mary

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