



Rhonda Marie LaBorde Johnson

November 7, 1951 - October 31, 2023

Rhonda Marie Laborde Johnson was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a lifelong resident of River Ridge. She left this world, unexpectedly, to join her loved ones in Heaven on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, just shy of her 72nd birthday. Her life was one filled with faith. She embodied kindness, compassion, and generosity, and her passing has left us heartbroken.

Rhonda graduated from St. Matthew the Apostle School in 1965 and Archbishop Chapelle High School in 1969. She married the love of her life, Nicky, on October 2, 1971. Together, they provided a fabulous life for their daughter, Christy. Before retiring in 2019, Rhonda had a successful administrative career at Winn-Dixie and then the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In her giving spirit, she selflessly took a break from her career to care for her sister who was battling cancer. More recently, she provided the best care and friendship to her Mom, who referred to Rhonda as her “rock” before passing away in 2021. Rhonda never missed an event in her grandson Gavin’s life; she particularly enjoyed spending time in the bleachers watching him pitch for the Brother Martin baseball team, and she was so proud to watch him sign this past May to play for Spring Hill; no doubt she will be watching over him for his collegiate games. Rhonda loved a Mardi Gras parade. For the past 20+ years, she loved playing Pokeno with her Pokeno girls. She enjoyed traveling with Nicky and family, shopping, reading, and spending time on her front porch with Nicky, their pets, and their neighbors. She was a great cook (except when it came to rice, but she had come to accept this) and had stellar dance moves

(that were not at all embarrassing). She was the life of our family get-togethers.

Rhonda is preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Bertha Laborde; her sister, Carleen L. Hughes; her brother, Don Laborde, and his son, Jacob; and numerous beloved aunts, uncles, pets, in-laws, and extended family.

Rhonda is survived by her husband of 52 years, Nicky Doyle Johnson; her daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Kelvin Simeon; her grandson, Gavin Simeon; her dog, Ace, and cat, Cakes; her niece and nephew-in-law, Alexis and Jonathan Fox; her nephew and niece-in-law, Don and Kelly Laborde; and numerous other nieces, nephews, in-laws, long-term best girlfriends, and other relatives and loved ones.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Funeral Mass to immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider reading a book in Rhonda's memory, singing "Ave Maria" (even if out of tune), or donating in Rhonda's name to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (<https://www.lbda.org/donate/>). Special thanks to all who have provided love and support to the family in this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road
St. Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Christy-you and your family are in my mediations for peace and healing. Your Mom produced you, so she must have been a wonderful woman.*
Bill Ford

Bill Ford - November 09, 2023 at 10:40 AM

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“ *Oh my gosh - I also only knew her briefly and I had forgotten about trivia night! I bet that, given more time, she would have organized us into some sort of fierce competitive outfit! I will really miss not getting to know her better - Beth Gaudin on Sophia St. Sincere condolences to Rhonda's family.*

beth gaudin - November 02, 2023 at 01:48 PM

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“ *I am so shocked and saddened by this news. I had just started really getting to know my neighbor Rhonda, as a group of us retired ladies on Sophia were meeting monthly. She was the life of the party and was trying to talk us into going to Triangle West for Trivia Night. She loved games and was very competitive. She leaves a big hole. Praying for her family and friends.*
Condolences,
Rebecca LaGarde

Rebecca LaGarde - November 01, 2023 at 03:32 PM