



Rona Odom Nelson

November 19, 1928 - January 20, 2026

Rona Odom Nelson, born on November 19, 1928, in Lecompte, Louisiana, peacefully departed this life on January 20, 2026. A devoted homemaker, Rona dedicated her life to her family, who were her greatest joy. She is survived by her loving son, Ronald "Ronnie" Nelson; daughter-in-law, Mona Nelson; grandchildren Christopher Nelson, Kipp Nelson, Vance Wendell, Heather Nelson, and Alaina Nelson; as well as great-grandchildren Cameron Nelson, Christopher Nelson, Steven Busby, Jr. Oliver Nelson, Adyson Wendell, Isabella Wendell, and Oaklynn Wendell.

Rona's passion for cooking and her ability to bring family and friends together around the dinner table were hallmarks of her life. Her warmth and dedication forged many cherished memories and traditions within her family. She was known for her generous spirit and nurturing nature, always prioritizing the well-being of those she loved.

Her legacy will live on through her family, who will remember her not only for her culinary skills but also for the love and laughter she shared. Rona's ability to create a loving and welcoming home greatly enriched the lives of all who knew her. She will be deeply missed by those who were fortunate enough to have her in their lives.

Rona is preceded in death by her loving husband Charles J. Nelson Sr.; son

Charles J. Nelson, Jr.; parents, Saphronia "Fronie" Odom and Walter Odom, and siblings Barbara Odom, Emma "Bo" Varnado, Walter Odom, Jr., James "Bud" Odom, Charles "Chas" Odom, Alan "Puddin'" Odom.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation in her honor at the McLin Funeral Home Chapel in Walker, Friday, January 23, 2026, from 3:30 until her memorial service begins at 4:00. Burial will follow at a later date in Gateway Gardens Memorial Park in Livingston, LA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Rona's memory to Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area (<https://alzbr.org/donate/>) . Arrangements have been entrusted to McLin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at www.mclinfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Gateway Gardens Memorial Park

29245 S. Magnolia Ave.
Livingston, LA 70754

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

McLin Funeral Home and Cremation Services
29419 Walker S Rd
Walker, LA 70785

Memorial Service

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sympathy Gourmet Charcuterie Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Rona Odom Nelson.*



January 27 at 02:15 PM



“ *Doug and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rona Odom Nelson.*

Doug and Sarah - January 27 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rona Odom Nelson.*



January 27 at 02:11 PM



“ *Doug and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rona Odom Nelson.*

Doug and Sarah - January 27 at 02:11 PM

SW

“ My most sincere condolences to Kipp and family. A donation has been made in her name.

Stephanie Wexler - January 26 at 05:42 PM

MO

“ Condolences to Kipp and family. A donation in Rona's name has been made to Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area in her memory.

Mark O'Mara - January 24 at 10:26 AM

FG

“ Frame Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rona Odom Nelson.



Frame Group - January 23 at 10:03 AM

FG

“ Frame Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rona Odom Nelson.

Frame Group - January 23 at 10:03 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rona Odom Nelson.



January 22 at 06:50 PM

CP

“ Caren Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rona Odom Nelson.

Caren Phillips - January 22 at 06:50 PM