



## Shelia Lorraine Cefalu Atkinson Nelson

April 26, 1960 - October 3, 2023

Shelia Lorraine Cefalu Atkinson Nelson passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at Ochsner Medical Center following an extended illness. She was born and raised in Bogalusa, LA, and was a 1978 graduate of Bogalusa High School and later attended Southeastern Louisiana University. While in high school, she was a former Paper Dolls Dance Team member and was the 1977 Paper Queen. She loved riding horses, painting, and doing crafts. Shelia is survived by one son, Nicholas Atkinson, and fiancé Virginia Cockerham; one daughter, Audrianna Atkinson, and fiancé Steven Alfultis; three grandsons, Max, Elijah, and Rayden; best friend, Jacqueline Bentley; and former husband, Ray Atkinson, all of Denham Springs, LA. Shelia is preceded in death by her husband, James V. "Bubba" Nelson; and her parents, Maudine Spears Pepe and Vincent Cefalu of Bogalusa, LA. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life for Shelia on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. <https://www.stjude.org/>

Arrangements have been entrusted to McLin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at [www.mclinfuneralhome.com](http://www.mclinfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Life Church  
9036 Florida Blvd.  
Walker, LA 70785

## Funeral Service

OCT **14.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ We always remembered each other's birthdays! We were in the nursery together! I'm really going to miss Shelia.

Grace Hall-Dorsey - October 16, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shelia Lorraine Cefalu Atkinson Nelson.



October 14, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shelia Lorraine Cefalu Atkinson Nelson.

October 14, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ I remember Shelia mostly when she was a little girl. So cute and sweet. Rest in Peace Shelia. Love Uncle Joe.

Joseph Cefalu - October 13, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Shelia Lorraine Cefalu Atkinson Nelson.*



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October 10, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ *Joe & I loved that you and Bubba were together. Give him a kiss from me, & don't forget to give Joe one also. Love you*❤️

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**Kathy Keary** - October 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shelia Lorraine Cefalu Atkinson Nelson.*



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October 10, 2023 at 03:15 PM