



Shirley Marie R. Bourgeois - Nickens

March 14, 1936 - April 10, 2023

Shirley R. Bourgeois Nickens, a resident of St. Amant, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Monday, April 10, 2023, at the age of 87, following a courageous battle with lung cancer. She had a passion for sewing and worked as a seamstress at the pants factory, Neese Industry, she worked as a prison guard and seamstress within the prison, and eventually started her own industrial sewing business which operated for 14 years, after this, she worked for Walmart, and then continued working with Carlton Savoy making hunting vests. Shirley was married to her first husband Rene Bourgeois in 1950 until his death in 2008. She then married the love of her life Johnny Nickens, until his death in 2021. Shirley is survived by her children, Rene and Kim Bourgeois, Sherry "Tutti" and Terry Templet, Blaine and Becky Bourgeois, Daphne and Chris Lambert, Bryant Bourgeois, Rachel and Shannon Reynolds; stepchildren, Donna and Jerry Lambert, Jacklyn N. Stevens, Kathy N. Lear, and Johnny P. Nickens; brother, Charles Richardson; as well as numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loved ones. Shirley is preceded in death by her first husband, Rene Bourgeois; second husband, Johnny Nickens; sons, Clifford Bourgeois and Anthony Bourgeois; parents, Clyde and Leanna Savoy Richardson; sister, Lottie R. Bourgeois; brother, Ronald Richardson; and five stepchildren, Debra N. Blouin, Sandra N. Sheppard, Rhonda N. Copenbarger, Chantel N. Yates, and Acklyn Nickens. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at

New River United Methodist Church 46040 Louisiana Highway 22, St. Amant, LA 70774, Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM, visitation will resume Friday, April 14, 2023, from 9:00 AM until services begin at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in New River Baptist Church Cemetery. Pastor Russ Clunan will officiate services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Louisiana United Methodist Children's Home of Southeast Louisiana. The family would like to thank Zhanna Bennett, Emily Broom, Agalia Talbert, and Gentiva Hospice for their care and compassion. Arrangements have been entrusted to McLin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.mclinfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

New River Baptist Church Cemetery

45270 LA Hwy 429
St. Amant, LA 70774
<http://www.newriviersbc.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

New River United Methodist Church
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Visitation

APR 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

APR 14 (CT)

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45270 LA Hwy 429
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Love from the Paul Gray Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Shirley Marie R. Bourgeois - Nickens.*



Love from the Paul Gray Family - April 12, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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“ *Charles, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother. I have fond memories of the family when I was married to Buster Leblanc. I've thought about ya over the past years. May our Lord give you comfort and peace.*



Vivian Templet Andrews - April 12, 2023 at 09:41 AM