

HONORING THE LIFE OF

A portrait of Ruth Jenkins Pitre, a woman with short, wavy reddish-brown hair and glasses, wearing a purple and white striped turtleneck. She is surrounded by large, detailed roses in shades of brown, tan, and light pink. The background features ornate, dark green wall paneling.

RUTH
JENKINS *Pitre*

MARCH 25, 1940 - MARCH 15, 2026

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

REVELATION 21:4 KJV

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Time of Remembrance | 9:00 AM

Celebration of Life | 10:00 AM

James Funeral Home

1801 Moeling Street | Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601

Apostle E.C. Frair, Officiating

REFLECTING ON THE LIFE OF

RUTH JENKINS Pitre

Ruth Pitre was born on March 25, 1940, to the proud parents of Sylvester and Gertie Jenkins in Lake Charles, LA. Ruth was the oldest of four children: Esther, Ola Mae, and Sylvester Jr.

As a child, she grew up and attended W O Boston High School in Lake Charles, LA. Ruth was very outgoing during her High school years, and was a majorette.

Ruth even entered a beauty pageant.

Later, Ruth married Lewis Dervis, Jr. Through their union, they had 5 children: Pamela, Michael, Felecia, Linda, and Lewis III. They dissolved their marriage.

Ruth married again to Gilton Bertan Pitre. Through their union, they had two children, Gilton and Tawanda. They dissolved their marriage.

Ruth moved to Los Angeles, CA, where she met Anthony Lumas, and they remained companions until death.

Ruth was a member at Warren Methodist in Lake Charles, LA. A member of the Testimonial Church of God in Christ, she served as an usher.

Ruth was preceded in death: Ola Mae Jenkins; Gertie Rankins Jenkins; Sylvester Jenkins; Esther August; Sylvester Jenkins, Jr.; Da'Neisha Taylor (great-granddaughter); Bryan R. Miguel (grandson); Anthony Lumas (companion); Raymond Bradshaw (son-in-law).

Ruth leaves to cherish, Pamela Marie Dervis Taylor (Barry Anthony Taylor) of Lake Charles, LA; Felecia Yolandas Miguel (Austin James Miguel) of Los Angeles, CA; Linda Renee Dervis Bradshaw of Houston, Tx; Lewis Dervis, III (Anastasia Sinegal-Dervis) of Pearland, Tx; Gilton Bertan Pitre, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA; Tawanda Ann Pitre of Los Angeles, CA; Bishop Erica R Jenkins, God Daughter of Lake Charles, LA. 16 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and 1 on the way; 9 great great grandchildren and 2 on the way and a host of nieces and nephews.

Our Queen, Ruth Pitre Her legacy of love, strength, and grace will live on in all who knew her.

ORDER OF *Service*

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Processional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

Crowing Ceremony
Sister Evelyn Barnes

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament.....Sister Rhonda Williams
New Testament.....Bishop Erica R. Jenkins

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Mae Bradford

Musical Selection.....Sister Danielle Malveaux

Resolutions and Acknowledgements
Give God Glory Ministries of Houston, Texas

Reading of the Obituary.....(Please Read Silently).....Soft Music
Expression(s) of Love.....(2 Minutes, Please).....Soft Music

Musical Selection.....Sister Evelyn Barnes

The Message.....Apostle E.C. Friar
Give God Glory Ministries of Houston, Texas

Funeral Directors In Charge

Recessional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family

Tribute to a Mother

Dearest Momma,

Thank you for teaching me how to be the woman that I am today. Thank you, Father God, for coaching my mom along the way to guide me.

For showing me by example, good and bad. How to make good choices in life.

Thank you for coming to check on me every time I was sick. You will always be my superstar. Thank you for your unconditional love and support.

Thank you for entrusting me to care for you in your last years. Mom, I love you, and I will miss our conversation every morning on my way to work and on the weekend.

I know that you are in a better place, in the presence of God.

No more suffering, no more sleepless nights, no more worries, and no more pain.

Rest well in Jesus, until we meet again.

Love, Felecia

A Poem to Mom

If Roses Grow in Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord,
Please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms,
And tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek,
And hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart,
That will never go away.

Your Children

Tribute to Momma

Momma:

Thank you for the gift of life and for the unique journey it has taken me on. Although our journey had its own unique path. Every step of my path has shaped me into the woman I am today, and I am grateful for the strength and lessons I've gathered along the way. I especially thank God for being my constant guide, knowing his word declares the steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord. He provided me with the light and grace to navigate the challenges placed before me. I found my own peace, and I release you today, and may you rest in peace as you enter into your eternal resting place. I release you with the eternal love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May you find comfort in His arms and the serenity you deserve.

You will always be a part of my story.

I will hold you in my heart today and forever.
I love you.

Your daughter, Linda

Tribute to Momma

Mother's Monumental Quarts Trinity And Divine Culinary. Mother's Elevation of Love and Its Teachings. Life isn't bondage, we are Bondservant. Virtues of communications and its doctrines. The awakening of spiritual Q's of Intelligibles. Energy and power that protect our shadows and reflection of immortality. Qualities and perfection. Soul food and Kool-Aid were the daily meals. Sweet Magnolia caramels and Welch's Grapes. Fountain spring water. Renewal of abundance. I love you, Mother.

Love your daughter, Tawanda Ann Pitre

Tribute to Momma

Saying goodbye brings a lot of emotions... but I take comfort in knowing you are now at peace. I can imagine you arriving at Heaven's pearly gates, greeted by Jesus, wrapped in peace, finally free, with your beautiful angel wings spread wide.

Life was not always easy for you. We both know it was filled with trials and tribulations, moments that tested your strength and your spirit. But through it all, you lived, you loved, and you endured. And in the end, I believe your journey led you home—to a place of reunion, peace, and everlasting love.

I want you to know... I understand your struggles. And I forgive you—because my love calls me to. God has always been in control, guiding each step, even when we didn't understand the path.

We are all on a journey—each of us given a set number of days and hours that make up our lifetime. And within that time, we do the very best we can with what we know and what we have. That's what you did, Momma. And that is enough.

You are so special to me—more than words could ever fully express. You gave me life... You gave me a chance to be here, to grow, to become who I am today.

Because of you, I've been blessed with a beautiful life—a loving wife, Stacy... a brilliant daughter, Kierany... and an incredible son, Killian, who lives in Germany. Your legacy lives on through all of us.

Though my heart aches in your absence, I will carry you with me—in my memories, in my strength, and in the love you gave. Mother, we will remember your gentle spirit all the days of our lives.

Heaven has gained an angel, and while we find comfort in knowing you are at peace beyond Heaven's pearly gates, our hearts still ache—because you will be truly missed.

"In my Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself..." — John 14:2-3

We love you, Mom.

**Love,
Your Son, Lewis
(Anastasia, Dr. Shelvin, Killian)**

Tribute to Grandmother

God looked around His garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your weary face. He put His arm around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful. He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would not get well on this side of life again.

God saw how dim your light was growing. How hard to hear of His blessings, how distant He must have begun to seem - despite His words of encouragement.

So, the Lord had mercy on His servant. He heard your weakening plea. And there came that day when He closed your eyes and whispered, "Blessed assurance" - words we know were comforting.

It troubled us to lose you during these grim times. But we are blessed to know that our Lord, sweet Jesus, could never do you wrong. And, in those final hours, in this weary place, we shared a faith in knowing that you were not alone. For the Lord was there to carry you when He called you Home.

Love, Your Grandchildren

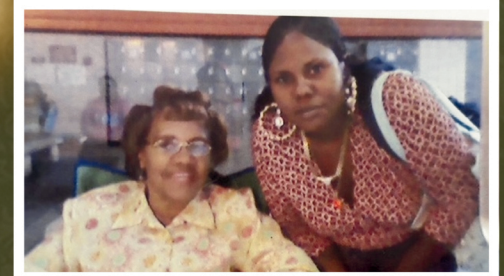
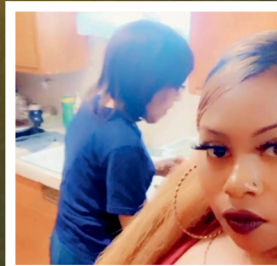
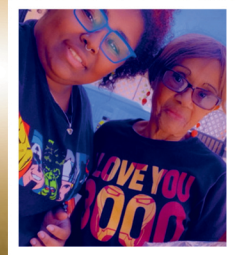
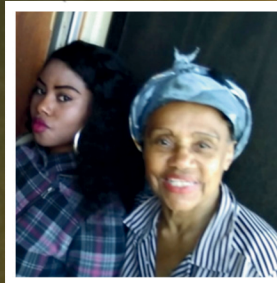
Tribute to Momma

Mom, there will never be anyone like you. I'm grateful for the good times. You've never wondered or batted an eye during my worst times, even when I've asked for help. You spoke your mind and told it like it was. Mom, I will always cherish your love and memories.

Until we meet again at Heaven's Doors.

**I Love You Deeply,
Your Son, Gilton Jr.**

Precious Memories



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Active Pallbearers

Marqueon White • Ja Calvin Fuller • Daqueon McDonald • Margette Barnes
Austin Miguel, Jr. • Da Shun Clayton

Honorary Pallbearers

Lewis Dervis, III • Austin Miguel, Sr. • Barry Taylor • De Andre Taylor • Darnell Taylor
Jeremy White • Kyle Broussard • Ecarum Sumpter, Jr. • Killian Pohl

Acknowledgement

On behalf of the **Dervis & Pitre Family**, we would like to send our deepest and sincere thanks to you for all the phone calls, visits, and constant support you have all given us before and during this time of our bereavement.

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