*"Blessed are the pure in heart:*
*for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8*

# Celebrating

the life of

# MARIE Celezia LEE

1939 - 2022

# Obituary

Marie Celezia Singleton-Lee was born in Arnaudville, Louisiana on September 10, 1939 to Clifton J. Singleton and Denage Broussard-Singleton. The eldest of two children, she lived with her parents and younger brother in a small home on a farm. Marie attended Carver High School in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana and graduated in 1958.

There wasn't much to do in the country during those days so after high school, Marie and her cousin, Mary Lou Zeno, decided to visit Houston for a couple of weeks. They stayed with their aunt Eula Singleton-Barras, and family while enjoying the city and exploring opportunities. During that stay, Marie went on a blind date orchestrated by Dorothy "Dot" Doucet (Pradia) and met her husband-to-be, Roosevelt J. Lee, Sr.

Marie and Roosevelt continued dating and enjoyed going to church, trips to the beach, and to local venues where they loved dancing together. Needless to say, Marie did not want to go back to Louisiana. On October 28, 1961, Marie accepted Roosevelt's hand in holy matrimony at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Cecilia, Louisiana. They made a home back in Houston, Texas where three children were born to their union: Darlene, Marilyn and Roosevelt, Jr. Marie was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She always supported and encouraged her children. One of the things they can remember her saying often is, "I have some smart children!"

She enjoyed her family and traveling back to Louisiana to visit her parents and brother (Dennis) and family. She shared and enjoyed many life experiences with cousin and friend Mary Lou (Zeno) Marks, including her entire working career, weekly church services and events, shopping, and cooking ideas.

Marie loved to laugh. She could be heard on the phone speaking French (Creole) and laughing uncontrollably with her cousin Mary Lou, aunt Eula, and many others. After a hard day's work, Marie also loved to relax and watch a favorite TV show or classic sitcom for a laugh before finishing up the evening with the 10 o'clock news.

The family were members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church for many years. Marie and Roosevelt later joined Wellspring Church International in Richmond, Texas where she was a consistent godly presence and served as a greeter. Marie never had a harsh word for or about anyone; she was always peaceful and loving to everyone who knew her.

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Throughout her career in Houston, Marie worked at Sterling's, Pearl Pillow, St. Regis, and Union Camp, where she made lifelong friendships. At home, she was an excellent cook and baker. Smothered chicken or hen with okra, rice, and baked macaroni were only a few of her specialties. She also made delicious German chocolate cake, chocolate fudge, "dump cake", and "pecan candy" (a.k.a. pecan pralines). She was a very good seamstress as well; her work can be seen in her children's grade school pictures.

After a 2005 fatal traffic accident took her father, brother, sister-in-law and uncle, Marie took in and cared for her mother Denage Singleton until her passing in 2012. It was not long after that she, herself, would begin showing signs of decline.

After several years of battling dementia, Marie went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 11, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton and Denage Singleton, and her brother, Dennis Singleton. Marie is survived by her husband, Roosevelt Lee, Sr., her daughters, Darlene Barber (Kevin) of Richmond, Texas and Marilyn Lee of Houston, Texas, her son, Roosevelt Lee, Jr. (Edie) of Missouri City, Texas, seven grandchildren: Kevin Barber Jr. (Kaelyn), Brittany White (Dexter), Justin Barber (Adrianna), Maegan Lee, Ryan Lee, Zachary Lee and Elijah Lee, five great-grandchildren: Dexter White Jr., Xavier White, Mirrick Spencer, Kahlani Barber, Kaliyah Barber, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Her memory will live in our hearts until we meet again!

# *Tributes*

Mom, you are the epitome of beauty and grace! Your unconditional love was exemplary and your character is one to be desired as a human being and child of God. I learned so much by just watching your caring and calm demeanor. Thank you for always making us feel so special! You and Dad demonstrated the power and blessing of family love and support that we will continue to emulate for generations to come. I am blessed among women to have you as my Mother. I will miss you every day, and forever cherish every beautiful memory of you until we are joined together again. I love you forever, Darlene ❤️

Mama, you were the most gentle, loving person I've ever known. You were a wonderful mother. You protected us, loved us, encouraged us, provided for us, and were always there for us - always. There is no one like you. It was my joy, pleasure and honor to be your daughter and to care for you in your last years with us. You were the sweetest and easiest patient ever. I'm so grateful for all of the good times, laughs and lessons you gave us (i.e. cooking, sewing, etc.). It's hard to believe you're really gone. I will cherish so many memories of our family and of you. You were beautiful inside and out. I look forward to seeing you again someday, my sweet mama! I love you forever, Marilyn

Mom, you were the very first person to teach me what Love means and yes, you were the first Love of my life! I know we are all sinners, but I've always thought that you were the closest to perfect that any person could ever be! I never heard you swear, not once, in my entire life! You were always the calm, the consistent and the loving presence in our home growing up and throughout our lives. You taught us how to pray, to cook and to clean; you demonstrated to us what a family should be. Mom, you will live in my heart forever until we meet again! I Love You Momsy, Roosevelt Jr.

# *Order of Service*

**Apostle Jerome Nelson, Sr. -** *Officiating*
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**Processional / Welcome** . . . . . *Apostle Jerome Nelson, Sr.*

**Opening Prayer** . . . . . *Apostle Elaine Benson*

**Praise and Worship** . . . . . *Wellspring Church Worship Team*

**Old Testament Reading**. . . . . *Pastor Rodney Watson*

**New Testament Reading** . . . . . *Pastor Jasper Johnson*

**Reading of Obituary** . . . . . *Elijah Lee*

**Acknowledgment of Resolutions** . . . . . *Apostle Jerome Nelson, Sr.*

**Moments of Reflection**

**Cousin** . . . . . *Pastor Betty Nelson*

**Church Family** . . . . . *Pastor Nicholette LaQua*

**Grandchildren** . . . . . *Kevin Barber Jr. and Brittany White*

**Video Tribute**

**Song Selection** . . . . . *Wellspring Worship Team*

**Words of Encouragement** . . . . . *Apostle Kevin K. Barber, Sr.*

**Benediction** . . . . . *Apostle Kevin K. Barber, Sr.*

**Song of Praise** . . . . . *Wellspring Worship Team*

**Family Recessional**

# Love

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**Matthew 22:37-40**

# *Tributes*

Momo, it's really tough finding the words to describe how much you truly meant to me. Your smile was infectious. Your beauty was undeniable and your spirit was full of joy. I love you so much and am so thankful for all the love you showered me with. I'm extremely grateful that Kaelyn, Kahlani and Kaliyah got to experience your love. It melts my heart thinking of how big your smile would get when my babies walked in the room. You are loved and you will truly be missed. I LOVE YOU! ~ ***Kevin Jr.***

"If flowers grow in Heaven, Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my grandmother'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 is an ache within my heart That will never go away."
MoMo, you were my rock, my peace, and always there for me. You prayed for me and showed me unconditional love. You and Pop are my world and I want you to rest now, knowing that it won't be easy, but it brings me comfort knowing all you taught me is forever with me and so are you. But if only I could make you laugh one more time. My girl, my girl… I love you so much. ~ ***Brit, Dexter, DJ and Xavier***

Your love was patient. Your love was kind. We never saw you boast and never saw you be envious. You were never arrogant and you were never rude. You never rejoiced in wrongdoing but always loved in truth! Not having this type of love in this world hurts so much, but we know you are in a better place. We love you so much Momo. You loved us unconditionally and we will forever remember that! You were the closest example of Jesus in our lives and we can't wait to see you again!! Rest In Peace our miracle! Love you forever, ~ ***Justin & Adrianna***

To my beautiful Momo, I remember the summers we spent in Louisiana with Mo-mo Nage and "big fat Pop Pop", hanging out with uncle Dennis and Aunt Dorothy. I remember spending summer days with you teaching me how to read. I remember you always painting your nails before we went anywhere. I'm grateful for all of the beautiful memories that we were able to create together. I'm blessed to say that you're my grandmother. We love you, Momo!
~ *Love* ***Maegan and Mirrick***

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Momo, thank you for always being an excellent example of a wife, mother and grandmother. You'll live forever in my heart. ***~ Ryan***

Dear MoMo, this is your grandson Zach. I just want to say thank you for the grandmother you were. There was no better place to be after church than your house. We'd knock on the door, and the first thing I would see was your bright smile through the window. You would tell me how I was "still growing" even when I was in my 20's. Thank you for reserving a TV and VCR for us grandkids in the room right next to the kitchen. How great we had it to eat some smothered chicken and pair it with Little Rascals or Dennis the Menace. It seemed like you always had something prepared no matter the day or the hour we would pop in. Know that I have decided to take it upon myself to carry out your legacy of animal crackers and Momo tea. I also make a mean smothered steak. I'll let you try some when I make it up there. Until we see each other again, ***~ Zach***.

Dear Momo, to the most peaceful, most pleasant person I've ever known: Your presence will be missed. You didn't talk much, but it was nice just having you around. I'll miss seeing your warm smile, smelling your warm food, and feeling the love that you exuded. I once heard that "Love is a certain sweetness of your emotion. Love is not something that you do, it is something that you can become." Thank you for being love. You'll be in my heart always Momo. ***~ Elijah***

Mom, for over 41 years, your life has been a testament of consistent love towards me and others. When I met Darlene, you welcomed me into your family, you loved me as a son, and you allowed me to Pastor you. You never made any of these things difficult. You have made an indelible mark in my life that can never be erased. I love you and am so glad I got a chance to show and tell you these things over the years. I know where you are and that you are experiencing the fullness of joy that comes from the presence of Jesus. Enjoy your reward Mom and I'll see you on the other side! ***~ Kevin, Sr.***

Mom, thank you for sharing your beautiful family and making me a part of it! Thank you for the gatherings and good times in your home; the gentle, thoughtful way you cared for and loved us all; and of course for the recipes! I could not have been more blessed or asked for anything more. You were an exceptional example of a Godly woman, and I am honored to have had you in my life for the past 30 years! You've left us with treasured memories, valued lessons, and the highest of standards. I love you dearly Mom! You will be deeply missed, until we meet again! Love ***~ Edie***

# *Tribute*

Sugar Babe, I enjoyed the time we spent together. We spent over 60 years together and there were no problems because you were always a quiet, loving person. You were easy to love and live with. I miss you and will always miss you. Thank you for our three children. They took care of you and have been by my side throughout this time. We built a loving family together that will continue to love and take care of one another.  - Rest well until we meet again. *I love you, Roosevelt*

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## Active Pallbearers

Kevin Barber, Jr.
Justin Barber
Ryan Lee
Zachary Lee
Elijah Lee
Dexter White

## Honorary Pallbearers

Dexter White, Jr.
Xavier White
Mirrick Spencer
Hurkerson Singleton
Mason Thomas
Brian Cormier

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