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**M**ary Elizabeth “Betty” Skelly Cordes, on October 8, 2012, at home. Born June 1, 1922. Survived by her three children, Paulette Marie Cordes, Paul Desbon Cordes, Jr. (Karen Heausler Cordes), and Elizabeth Skelly Cordes; two grandchildren, Paul Desbon Cordes III and Marcel Allen Cordes. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Paul Desbon Cordes; her parents, Joseph Patrick Skelly and Gertrude Morrison Skelly; her sisters, Helen Skelly D’Antoni, Florence Skelly Kreller, Margaret Skelly Hotard and J. Patricia Skelly; and her brother, James T. Skelly. A native of New Orleans and resident of Mandeville, Louisiana, for the past 54 years. She was a graduate of Ursuline Academy and Ursuline College. Betty was first and foremost a wife and mother in charge of all aspects of homemaking. She taught grammar school for 10 years at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School in Mandeville and was a licensed real estate broker. She also managed the political campaigns of her husband and served in numerous capacities in many civic and charitable organizations. She was a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church and a recipient of The Order of St. Louis Medal. Betty was well known for her warmth and hospitality. She was a former member of the Orleans Club and a member of the Pontchartrain Yacht Club.

The family would like to specially thank Lurline Calvin, Edith Brown, Gail Brown, Demetria Toliver, Frances Carlson, Virginia Brown, Odelia Gordon, Sandy Hall and Sandra Faciane for their care and devotion.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 2115 Jefferson St., Mandeville, LA on Friday, October 12, 2012 at 12:00 Noon. Interment in Mandeville Cemetery Mausoleum. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 10:00 AM until service time.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church or School in Mandeville or St. Tammany Parish Hospital Foundation.



# Tribute Wall

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**George-Ann Stokes-Townsend** posted:

Dear Paulette, Elizabeth, Paul & Cordes & Skelly families, On behalf of my family we extend our deepest sympathies to you all. We were so sorry to learn of your mother's passing on October 8, 2012. Your mother was such an amazing and accomplished lady, she taught Peggy & Chris Kindergarten and all 4 of us have good memories of OLL school days. Loved her smile and warm giving heart to others. She was a gifted teacher and wonderful mother to all of you. May you find comfort and support in remembering your cherished memories of your beloved mother now and always. God bless you. Thinking of you all at this time, George-Ann Stokes-Townsend, Margaret "Peggy" Lee Strange, Christopher R. Stokes and George W."Buddy" Stokes, Jr. and family.

October 17 at 5:50 AM



**Maureen Blackburn Jennings** posted:

to Paulette and Paul and Elizabeth, Thinking of you all during this sad time. I know your parents are enjoying a reunion in heaven!

October 15 at 5:03 PM



**Mary Ann Meiners Cucchiara** posted:

I am very sorry for your loss. I fondly remember your mother as a kind and compassionate person. I know you will miss her deeply.

October 12 at 10:28 AM



**Leslie Ann Bogran** posted:

My deepest sympathies. Leslie Ann Bogran

October 12 at 3:12 AM



**Betsy Lauck** posted:

Paulette,Paul,and Elizabeth, My thoughts and prayers are with you.Your mother was a real lady,and will be missed by many.

..... Pa ulette,Paul,and Elizabeth,

October 11 at 6:52 PM



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LL

**Lisa Lachin** posted:

Dear Paul, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have such fond memories, especially during the time when David was doing the addition to the house. Meredith and I would visit and she was always so kind and giving. It's those memories that will remain in our heart forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Lisa

October 11 at 4:57 AM

JK

**Jane Kolb** posted:

My prayerful thoughts are with your family today. Betty was always one of our communities respected leaders. We have been neighbors for many years. As I passed her home every day, I was very aware of the loving presence of the caregivers devotion. Bless you for having kept her in her own home with your love. Peace, Jane Kolb8N

October 10 at 2:31 PM

KM

**Kerry Milton** posted:

I loved and respected your mother; for me "Ms Betty". She will be missed. Love to you all, Kerry

October 10 at 12:27 PM

DT

**Debbie Taylor** posted:

Sorry to hear about your mom, Betty. She was a dear and kind person. Will remember the family in my prayers. Debbie Taylor

October 10 at 11:16 AM

CB

**Celeste Massony Barker** posted:

I have fond thoughts of your Mother from Our Lady of the Lake. You all are in my thoughts and prayers and I know your Mother is safe in heaven.

October 10 at 10:57 AM



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LH

**Laura Hunter** posted:

Paulette, Paul and Elizabeth, Please except our sympathies from the entire Hunter family. My siblings and I were all taught by your mother at OLL. She was a wonderful friend, mentor and mother to so many. May God bless you all and give you strength. Love to you all, Laura Hunter

October 10 at 4:27 AM

JS

**Jeffrey And Brenda Seiler** posted:

Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

October 10 at 3:59 AM

CL

**Clifford** posted:

Deepest sympathy, Paul, to you and Karen. Please extend my condolences to the rest of your family.

October 9 at 7:41 PM

GS

**George And Beverly Syll** posted:

We loved your Mother. She was such a loving, kind and compassionate person! Our thoughts are prayers are with you.

October 9 at 5:45 PM

BS

**Blanche Marange Schlenker** posted:

Paulette,Paul and Elizabeth my thoughts and prayers are with you. She was a wonderful lady.

October 9 at 4:33 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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