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Leatrice Van Schmitt passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the age of 85 after a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Emma A. Van; father, August A. Van, Sr.; and Joyce Van Hazard (John). She was the mother of Susan S. Koine, Barbara S. Cruthirds (Charles), Jay Schmitt and Lisa S. Silver (David). Grandmother of Phil Koine, Jr. (Cheryl), Jennifer Koine Davies (Chad), Christopher Cruthirds (Heather), Lauren Cruthirds, Lindsay Cruthirds, Jason Broome (Jennifer), Amanda Silver and Laine Silver. Great-grandmother of Shane Davies, Jacob Davies, Colin Cruthirds, Caden Cruthirds and Joshua Cruthirds. “Adopted” grandmother of Dana Brocato, Susan McNamara and Susan LeBlanc. Sister of August A. Van, Jr. (Myrle). Very special aunt of Janet Hazard (Bob) and Jeanine V. Seeber (Phil). Longtime friend of Gloria Rodriguez and Herbert Kesler.

She was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Covington for the past 22 years. She was a retired secretary to Judge Charles Schwartz and the late Herbert Christenberry of the U.S. District Court. She loved life and lived it to the fullest. While working at a plant during WW II, she was given the title “Miss Production Control”. In 1968, she was elected President of Alpha Sigma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. Everyone knew they were welcomed into her heart, home and pool. She will be sadly missed by all.

Many special thanks to St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Hospice Staff.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 1:00 PM from the Chapel at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433 with visitation on Friday beginning at 11:00 AM until Mass time.

Interment will follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer Masses or donations to The American Diabetes Association.

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BD

Bonnie Gagliano Dobiash posted:

Dear Susan, Barbara, Jay, Lisa and family: I too have wonderful memories of Aunt Leatrice. Even though it has been many years since I last saw her, what I remember most was her beautiful smile, warm hugs and her special way of always making everyone feel welcome. She will be missed. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May His peace and comfort be with you.

April 5 at 7:00 PM

JF

Julie Gagliano Fuselier posted:

Dear Susan, Barbara, Jay, Lisa and family: I have wonderful fond memories of Aunt Leatrice. Even though it has been several years since I last saw her, what I remember most was her beauty (both inside and out) and her special way of always making me feel welcome. I know that words cannot express adequately my condolences. Please know that I am praying for you and asking God to give you His peace and comfort. "Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul." Psalm 54: 4

March 24 at 7:00 PM

SS

Shannon Gildea Styron posted:

To: Susan, Barbara, Jay, Lisa, and family I'm so sorry to hear Aunt Leatrice passed. My sympathy and love goes out to you and your family at this time. My mom and I were so fond of Aunt Leatrice. She always put a smile on our faces when we saw or spoke to her. She will always be a beautiful woman and spirit. Much love to you at this time of sorrow. I can only hope that my mom welcomed her with open arms and will be with her forever. God Bless and take care. Love, Shannon

March 22 at 7:00 PM

SB

Stacie Barras posted:

Barbara, My deepest sympathies to you and the family during this time. I know your mother will be greatly missed to many. I remember the stories you shared with us at the office and I know you were extremely close to your mother. Miss you dearly, Stacie

March 19 at 7:00 PM

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PB

Patti Bonnaffons-Brupbacher posted:

Ms Sue, Lisa & Jenn, I am sorry for your loss and will pray for your family and Ms. Leatrice. God Bless, Patti and boys, Roy & Rene.

March 19 at 7:00 PM

CG

Chuck And Debbie Gagliano posted:

Sorry we won't be able to attend the services. We will be out of town the day of the service. We have great memories of the few times we were at her house for the hospitality she showed us and the kids enjoyed to pool so much. She will be sadly missed. Our love and prays goes to the entire family. Love Chuck & Debbie

March 18 at 7:00 PM

SB

Sandra Untz Bowles posted:

Susan, I have many fond memories of your family when we were growing up, especially the talent shows & swimming pool. I had many conversations with your mother for insurance purposes. I have often wondered about her since I am no longer with Chris Caramonta. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.

March 18 at 7:00 PM

MD

Marie H Daunoy posted:

May god keep you close in times like this,family is a blessing,lets love one another as god loves us,take care. always Marie Hunter Daunoy

March 18 at 7:00 PM

SG

Sharman W Gilyot posted:

Barbara, I'm so sorry about your mom's passing. She was such a nice person and I always enjoyed talking to her. I will miss her. Please give your family my sympathy. I will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless.

March 18 at 7:00 PM

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DD

Denny Descant posted:

First, to Susan, Barbara and Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. I learned first hand what a wonderful and kind person your mother is. (Sorry cannot use past tense) As you know I was fortunate to have worked with her for several years at the court. Believe me we had wonderful times on our many adventures during travel,and also while performing our daily duties at USDC. Because Lee was so loving and caring, she often gave me a ride home. During these times we often stop stopped at your grandmother's house. There I was always welcomed as a long time friend and usually left with something to eat. Regretfully, I am in Houston until Sunday and will miss the services. Please give my best to your entire family. Denny

March 18 at 7:00 PM

LE

Lorena Elhassan posted:

Barbie: So sorry about your Mom passing. You did a great job taking care of her. All my love, Lorena

March 16 at 7:00 PM

CT

Charlene T. Tregre posted:

Barbara and Family you have my sympathies. I will keep your mother in my prays.

March 16 at 7:00 PM

Memories only last if you share them

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

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