



# Mercedes Martinez Burtch

JUL 21, 1953 - SEP 26, 2019



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## **Mercedes Martinez Burtch**

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**M**ercedes “Mercy” Martinez Burtch of Abita Springs, LA passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mercy was born on July 21, 1953 in Havana, Cuba to Oscar G. Martinez and Mercedes Dumois Martinez. She attended high school at Immaculata-La Salle in Miami, Florida and later received her Baccalaureate degree in Social Work at the University of Austin, Texas and a Master’s in Business Administration at Florida Tech. She was the administrative director of the MBA program at Florida Tech’s Lockheed Martin Campus and was a Spanish instructor at the University of New Orleans, Slidell Campus. She later became a certified educator who taught Spanish at Fontainebleau High School for 20 years.

Mercy is preceded in death by her beloved husband William Joseph Burtch and father Oscar G. Martinez. She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Burtch and Michelle Burtch, her mother Mercedes Dumois Martinez, and her grandchildren Patrick William Brunell and Mia Grace Burtch-Mince. She is also survived by her brother Oscar G. Martinez Jr., her uncle Fr. Frank Dumois, O.F.M., nieces Andrea Martinez and Joana Martinez, her grandniece Lauren, and her cousins.

She was a tirelessly devoted mother and grandmother and avid world traveler, but happiest near the beach. She enjoyed teaching and especially valued the relationships she fostered with her students as she watched them grow into young adults. She was a faithful member of St. Jane de Chantal Church in Abita Springs. Her passion for Jesus and her unceasing faith gave her strength and peace during her most difficult times.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass at St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church, 72040 Maple St, Abita Springs, LA 70420 on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM. A Rosary will be said in honor of Mercy beginning at 10:30 AM. Visitation at the church will begin Wednesday at 9:30 AM followed by interment at Biloxi National Cemetery, 1001, 400 Veterans Ave, Biloxi, MS 39531. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Mercy may be



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made to Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans. Donations may be mailed to 824 Elmwood Park Blvd Suite154, New Orleans, LA 70123.



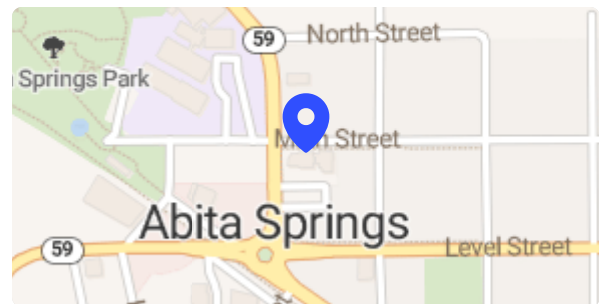
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, October 2, 2019
- 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church**  
72040 Maple St., Abita Springs LA 70420



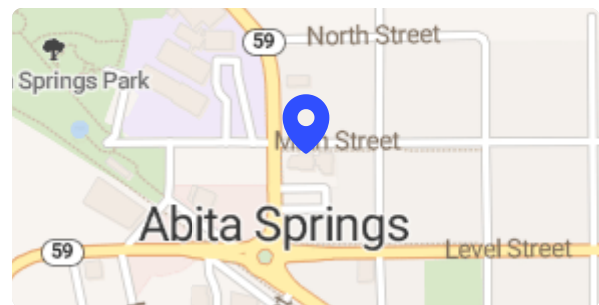
## Rosary

- Wednesday**, October 2, 2019
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church**  
72040 Maple St., Abita Springs LA 70420



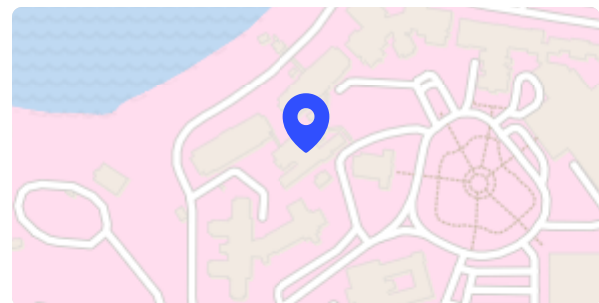
## Funeral Mass

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## Cemetery Details

- Biloxi National Cemetery**  
400 Veterans Ave., Biloxi MS 39531





## Tribute Wall

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JS

**Jo Ann Sciacca** posted:

I loved and respected you precious mother so much. She was a shiny light who always had a beautiful smile and kind, loving words for everyone she met. Mercy adored her daughters and grandchildren more than you can possibly imagine. I will miss her joy for life; her warm, caring personality; her total devotion to her family; and her incredible faith that sustain her. May God give all of you peace and comfort as you go through this very difficult time of grieving.

October 17 at 5:27 AM

KV

**Kathy Voth** posted:

I will always remember Mercy as a wonderful person and awesome human being. A warm, loving, beautiful smile on her face all the time. She had love in her heart for all that approached her, compassionate, and caring. Always had time to listen to a conversation and give a loving reply. She was a neighbor and each time we saw each other, a wave and kind word was always shared. Her love and devotion to God was present at all times. She now is an angel and resident in Heaven, no more pain or tears for Mercy, only beautiful streets of gold and angels singing and talking and walking with God, and eternal life there along side of her husband. May you Rest In Peace, you will be missed.

October 2 at 12:29 PM

DB

**David P. Bernard** posted:

Jennifer and Michelle, So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved a Mother, Mercy. I have fond memories of working with Mercy over the years and as part of the Class Sponsors at FHS. One of the best memories was your mother's 1st Senior Trips and they put her on my bus to teach her the ropes. We had a wonderful time together. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you. David P. Bernard

October 2 at 7:42 AM

JT

**Jay Thomas** posted:

We didn't see her as much as we liked, but when we did she was always full of life, happy and a joy to be around. Love her and her family so much and cherish the times we see one another. God bless you forever and ever

October 1 at 4:37 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Burtch family.

October 1 at 2:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Burtch family.

October 1 at 9:16 AM



**Sally Frey** posted:

Jennifer and Michelle,I'll always remember your Mom's beautiful smile and spirit. She had a great joy for life. You two were her world. She was so proud of her two beautiful grandchildren.I know she left a last impression on all of her students. I had the great pleasure of seeing this for myself. One day I noticed your Mom in Walmart and we were talking. A former student walked passed and hugged her and they spoke for a few minutes. He left and a few minutes later he came back and found her and a have a her a dozen roses. If was so touching to witness. It made her eyes filled with tears. At that moment, I said to her that it must feel so good to know that you have left that impression on someone so young. It was so powerful to see how her love for learning shaped someone' life.Your Mom was such a kind, loving and generous woman who never had a bad word to say about anyone. She found the good in everyone. I see that in both of you.Take comfort that she is at home with your Dad. They are happy together again. Love y'all.

October 1 at 9:00 AM



**The Vigueira Family** sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Burtch family.

October 1 at 8:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Tropical Tribute Spray to the Burtch family.

September 30 at 7:28 PM





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**Mary Ann Haynie** posted:

Jennifer and Michelle, The Haynie's are so sorry to hear about the death of your beloved Mother. She was always happy and so proud of her two daughters. Please accept our sincere sympathy. I am sure she touched so many in her teaching career. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Bill and Mary Ann Haynie

September 30 at 4:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 4:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 2:25 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 12:22 PM



**Monica Rodriguez** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 12:10 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 10:38 AM



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EM

**Emily Mancuso** posted:

Mrs. Burtch was a sweet and caring individual. She was an excellent, unforgettable teacher who cared about the well-being and success of her students! She will be missed dearly and may she rest in peace.

September 30 at 6:25 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 6:22 AM

JB

**John Burtch** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Burtch family.



September 30 at 4:20 AM

CW

**Christine W** posted:

Me. Burtch was a special teacher who I will remember forever. She fostered my love of Spanish and taught me persistence in the face of adversity. I miss her. My condolences to her family, friends, and students.

September 29 at 7:51 AM

VM

**Vickie Morel** posted:

Mercy was such an inspiration to so many, including myself. Her unwavering faith and joy, never an unkind word, and her genuine compassion for everyone are rare qualities that I will miss greatly. Although we will miss her, I know she is finally home with our Father and Bill, free from pain. She has earned her angel wings and I KNOW we will meet again. Rest in peace, my friend.

September 29 at 6:36 AM



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KB

**Kayla Brown** posted:

Mrs. Burtch was such an amazing teacher and mentor to me. She was always kind and willing to help me whenever I needed it. I will always remember her smiling and singing those songs she loved teaching us. She will be remembered by all of her students who loved her so much.

September 28 at 4:31 PM


BS

**Bertha Rauch Parish Secretary.** September 29 at 7:34 AM

What a beautiful woman!she taught my granddaughter in high school. We talked in the Parish office. Always smiling, loved her children and grandchildren. A giving person. She will be missed. God love her.

MV

**Mary Vigueira** September 28 at 6:34 PM

What a beautiful and sweet lady! We were colleagues at Fontainebleau High for about 5 years. She was a special mentor to my daughter Gabi, who learned Spanish in her class. I will miss her sweet smile and gentle voice. 



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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