



# Mary Kathryn Willson

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**M**ary Kathryn Willson, 83, of Covington, passed away July 20, 2021, peacefully at home with her family.

Mary was born on April 24, 1938 to Harry O. Parker and Annie Kathrine Lewis in Marianna, Arkansas. Mary had a strong spirit and the gift of making beautiful creations. She created beautiful ceramics, paintings, floral arrangements, and crafts. She used her talents to hand bead intricately designed ball gowns for her girls when they were both queen of the Krewe of Olympia. Mary's creative gifts also enabled her to tell elaborate stories that would capture the attention of others and entertain for hours on end.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Thomas, and two sons, James and John. She is survived by her children, Thomas Willson III, Brenda Willson Raymer (Kenneth), and Kay Willson Burns (Wade). She is survived by her grandchildren Ashley Raymer, McKenzie Bankston, Thomas Willson IV, Courtney Raymer, and Logan Bankston.

The children of Mary would like to thank St. Tammany Hospice and offer special thanks to independent caregivers, Wendy, Jennifer, Judith, and Kathy for their compassion, friendship and skilled assistance and for making our mother's final days comfortable and peaceful.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM, on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at EJ Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Ave, Covington, LA 70433, followed by a private family service.

The Willson family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



# Events

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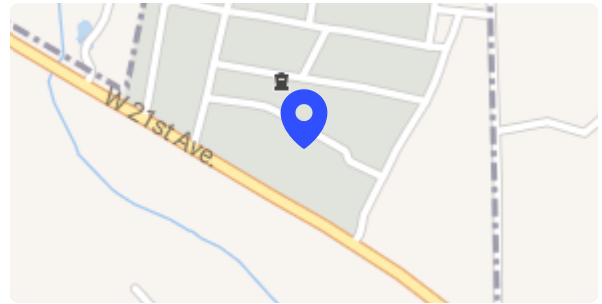
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, July 31, 2021

 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433





# Tribute Wall

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**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.

July 27 at 4:27 AM



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

July 30 at 2:50 AM



**Ross Pool** posted:

What a wonderful women, wife and mother Mrs. Mary K was. I was first introduced to her as Jim's mom back when we were just 5 years old. Spent many nights and ate many meals at the 2 Wilson residences in CCC. Mrs. Mary K was very tolerant of our rambunctious and energetic adolescence but would lay the law down quickly when deemed necessary. The world has lost a wonderful light. RIP Mrs. Mary K.

July 29 at 2:59 PM



**Wade Burns** posted:

I will miss my mother-in-law. I loved how family oriented she was and enjoyed her epic stories. She loved her kids and grandkids so much and was devoted to PawPaw. She loved my cooking, and I looked forward to bringing her dinners. We will miss her, but know she is reunited with PawPaw and her sons.

July 28 at 5:10 PM



**Ken Raymer** posted:

Mary K "Mimi" was a very devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was always supportive of her family's endeavors. She shared the family's love of fishing at the fishing camp in Delacroix. Many fish were caught at Mimi's favorite fishing spot... fondly dubbed by the family as "Momma's Hole". She and Doc loved Mardi Gras, Tulane and the Saints. They enjoyed many years in the Krewe of Olympia. I was lucky enough to marry her daughter, Brenda, and was welcomed into the family enabling me to share and be apart of those and so many other wonderful memories with her and her loving family. Mimi will be deeply missed and always loved in our hearts forever.

July 28 at 4:36 PM



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LB

**Logan Bankston** posted:

My grandmother was an extremely loving person with a huge heart. She was always there for me when I needed someone to turn to. I spent a lot of time with Mimi and I would not trade those memories for anything. This past year we had many good times, eating sushi, getting ice cream, watching her favorite channels on tv, and so much more. Every time I was with her she would tell me stories about her life and my family. I'm so glad to have known my Mimi for so long and I will never forget the times we had. She was truly a one of a kind person ❤️. I'm so glad so many people have beautiful memories to share of her. She is so loved and cherished.

July 27 at 6:02 PM

SK

**Sandy Barker Kattawar** posted:

Mary K was my cousin and friend. Although we drifted apart as adults, we spent many summers together as children. She always had an adventurous spirit - that same adventurous spirit that kept us in trouble. We had some great times and I will cherish those memories always.

July 27 at 3:07 PM

CS

**Chantelle Smith** posted:

Sending my love and prayers to the family during this difficult time.

July 27 at 1:13 PM

KB

**Kay Willson Burns** posted:

My mom loved my dad, her children, and especially her grand babies. My girls were fortunate enough to get to spend a lot of time with their Mimi, and she spoiled them rotten. Some of my most memorable times with my mom were traveling summers playing the tennis circuit. She was always supportive of my sport and spent countless hours courtside watching me play. I will also remember her for her artistic skills that were God-given. She created beautiful works of art in many different mediums throughout her life. The queens dress she created for me still hangs in my closet. I love you mom!

July 26 at 2:27 PM



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**MB**

**Mckenzie Bankston** posted:

My Mimi was the most loving grandma to me and my sister. She was kind and always made me laugh. She was full of love for her family ❤️. She always made me smile everytime I visited her and I looked forward to seeing her everytime I was home. She will be remembered as the great woman she was. I love you forever Mimi and glad u had a great and fulfilling life.

July 26 at 11:54 AM

**BR**

**Brenda Raymer** posted:

My mother had a quick wit and always had a story to share. Her sense of humor engaged those around her and will be missed by all. She adored her grandchildren and especially taking them on "grandparent only" trips on the train. It was a very special time for my parents and the children. Her God given artistic gifts are seen in all that she touched..her beautiful home, paintings, ceramics and crafts. You will be forever remembered in my heart.

July 26 at 11:33 AM

**WB**

**Warren Bankston** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Sending my deepest condolences to Kay, Brenda and Tom, as well as to all of the grandchildren, extended relatives and friends. Mary K was a devoted mother, grandmother, and wife, and my memories span many decades. God rest her soul, and may all who knew and loved her find peace and solace, knowing she is at peace.



July 26 at 10:23 AM

**TF**

**The Burns Family** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Willson family.



July 26 at 10:23 AM

**BD**

**Bill Dobson** posted:

Our condolences to Kay and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill Dobson and family

July 24 at 6:58 AM



# Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A MOTHER'S LOVE

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The thumbnail features a soft, pastel background with a rainbow on the left side. In the center, the text "A MOTHER'S LOVE" is written in a purple, serif font, surrounded by small pink hearts. Below the text, there are two vibrant pink orchid flowers. To the right, there is a QR code and a black button with the text "SCAN TO WATCH" in white.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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