



Lela Mae Whitehead Gottschalk

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Lela Mae Whitehead Gottschalk passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 surrounded by family at her home in Goodbee, LA. She was born on September 18, 1949 in Tylertown, MS to the late Walter Wesley Whitehead and Eva Viola Granger Whitehead.

Lela was the beloved wife of the late Philip William “Dodie” Gottschalk. She was the loving mother of P. Wallace Gottschalk (Vanessa) and Wade Clayton Gottschalk (Shannon). Lela was the proud grandmother of Gage (Sierra) and Meredith Gottschalk, Corey and Allison Wall and Brody (Tanner), Jacob, and Liam Gottschalk. She was the sister of Juanita Jenkins, the late Eugene Hamlin Whitehead, Thomas Whitehead, Floyd Whitehead, Lloyd Whitehead, Walter Whitehead, Jr., Nora Dewitt Whitehead, Wyoma Howell, Louise Gill, Betty Spencer, Peggy King, Dorothy Stogner, and Mary Anthony. Lela is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lela was an avid gardener. The only thing she loved more than growing big, beautiful flowers was spending time loving on her grandbabies. Lela was also a wonderful cook. She will be dearly missed by many family and friends.

The Gottschalk family extends sincere thanks to Egan Hospice and Kim H. Jarrell for their kind and gentle care.

Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Live Oak Missionary Baptist Church, 78273 Highway 1077, Folsom, LA or Egan Hospice, (985) 892-9541. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Tribute Wall

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Kim Henderson Jarrell lit a candle in honor of Lela.



My Dearest Aunt Lela, There are so many wonderful things I will miss about you and our time we shared together right up until you gained your wings. It was a true honor, privilege, and enrichment to my life to have known you, spent such precious time and moments with you, taken care of you, and to have loved you. I will carry those memories we made together and treasure them forever in my heart. Even though I'm so heartbroken by your passing, I'm so happy that you've begun your new eternal life with Our Heavenly Father and that He was there to meet you at those beautiful pearly gates when He called you home. To Wally, Vanessa, Wade, Shannon, and all of your wonderful grandchildren: We are sending each of you our love, thoughts, and prayers as you travel through this difficult journey of grief. Know how much your Mom and MawMaw loved each one of you so much. She spoke of each of you keenly and often, always with a smile on her face. Though things may not have always been perfect, she was so happy in her last few weeks having heard and/or seen each of her grandchildren. And being surrounded by her sons and daughter-in-laws gave her the peace that she needed to close this chapter of her life here on earth. Those are the greatest, priceless, most beautiful gifts you all could have ever given selflessly to her. Each of you know and feel peace in this. We were able to honor her wishes to keep her at home, working together as family should do. I'm so blessed to belong to a family who loves one another, who is always there for one another, loves each other unconditionally, and we can always depend on each other. It truly meant the world to me to walk this path with all of you and be able to see my journey with your Mom/MawMaw through to the end. I look forward to seeing her again one day when we meet again in Heaven. Until then, I'll continue to enjoy my precious memories of her and all of our wonderful times spent together. She'll be missed forever, but never forgotten ❤️😊🙏 All Our Love, Kim, Jay, & Addison 😞🕊️

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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