



Nina Mae Bernard Suru

June 6, 1917 - December 16, 2018

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 22, 2018 in the Delhomme Funeral Home Chapel of the Flowers for Nina Mae Suru, 101, who died peacefully at her home in Broussard on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Interment will take place immediately after Mass in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

Cecile Nina Mae Bernard was born June 6, 1917 in Broussard, the second daughter of Denis and Marie Bernard. She attended St. Cecilia School and graduated from Southwestern Louisiana Institute with a bachelor's degree in education. Over the next thirty years she taught second grade to an entire generation of Broussard residents, who remember her with great affection and respect. During World War II she met and married Sgt. Dennis Suru of Akron, Ohio, who was stationed nearby with the Army Air Force. After the war they spent a few years in Ohio, where their daughter Nina Denise and their son John Bernard were born, but soon they returned to Broussard where they spent the rest of their lives. John was severely handicapped from birth, and for his entire life Nina Mae devoted herself to his growth and development. To all who knew her, she was a kind, selfless and cheerful presence. In June of 2017, nearly 100 friends and relatives joined her in celebrating her 100th birthday. A lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Broussard, she sang in the choir, and for decades she, her brother, and her seven sisters were a major part of the annual Broussard Community Fair held at the church.

She is survived by her daughter, Nina Godfrey, son-in-law Dr. John Godfrey, grandchildren Brian, Eliot, and Paul Godfrey, and great-grandchildren Elizabeth Mae and Suru Eleanor Godfrey; and by her sisters Aline Duhon and Rose Ste. Marie.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dennis, son John, brother L.D., and sisters Gertrude, Agnes, Elizabeth, and Louise.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the D.R.E.A.M.S. Foundation of Acadiana, 113 Oil Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70503 or at www.dreamsfoundationaca.org/donate.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Suru family at
www.delhommefuneralhome.com.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive Lafayette, LA is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Comments



“ I am so sorry to hear if MaeMae passing what a beautiful awesome lady she was. She made me a German chocolate cake for my birthday for many years how delicious it was and her kindness she showed everyone she came into contact with Billy and I loved her so very much she will be sadly missed by so many but left so many with beautiful memories I am sorry I am not able to make it to the memorial Billy is out of town and I can't drive plus getting over bronchitis but out hearts and prayers with all her family. Loved you very much MaeMar what a special lady you were love Billy and Julie Pippen

Julie Pipoen - December 22, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Rest in Peace, Mrs. Suru! You were one of the best teaches I had ... you, Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Luke! I am sure you are part of who I am today! I think my best memories of 2nd grade at Broussard Elementary in your classroom was "show and tell"! Thank you for your love and support!

Lisa Willhite Ferguson

Lisa Ferguson - December 22, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Such a beautiful lady, inside and out, sorry for your family's loss. I will miss our visits

Farrell Armentor - December 21, 2018 at 07:11 AM



“ Mrs Suru was my second grade teacher at the old BROUSSARD ELEMENTARY school in 1963! I still remember her teaching me to sound out my letters and read a word! She taught me to read.

Sylvia Carpenter McLain - December 19, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was such a nice, soft spoken lady. For her age she remembered better than me. I am so happy I visited her when I did. I am having Christmas for my boys on Saturday , so sorry I will not be able to make the service My thoughts & prayers are with you & the entire family.

Wilda Bernard Guidry - December 17, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ Our hearts were so sad to learn of the passing of this great lady. She was a wonderful role model for all parents of special children! May she now rest in the arms of her sweet Johnny and Our Blessed Lord, Jesus!

mary Gilley - December 17, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ What a wonderful teacher she was, she taught me second grade.

Kay Young Gotte - December 18, 2018 at 05:11 PM



“ Nina Mae was such a great lady! She was refined, lovely, kind to all she met and a joy to be around. She will be missed, especially by her sweet Eliot. May she rest in peace with her beloved Johnny and may God bless her. Condolences to her loving family.

Jean Godfrey Beidl - December 20, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Mom's passing. She had a "wonderful run" at life & enjoyed her Eliot so much. Celebrate her life!

Tom Godfrey - December 20, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven gains an angel and great cook! May she rest in peace. Condolences to all, especially Nina and Eliot...

Anne Godfrey - December 20, 2018 at 11:02 AM