



Johnnie Mae Palmer

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Johnnie Mae Campbell Palmer, 85, of Leesville, LA passed away early Saturday morning, the 20th of June, due to complications from recent surgery. She was in Riverside at Rapides General in Alexandria.

Johnnie Mae was born on July 13, 1929 in Merryville LA, to Walter Lynn and Effie Banks Campbell. She attended Leesville High School and then Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, where she was a vocal music performance and education major, and later continued with a masters in Guidance. While at NSU she was a featured soloist with the College Singers and the College Chorus. Upon graduation, she taught music at DeQuincy High School, Leesville High School, as well as both West and East Leesville Elementary Schools. She later taught education courses at NSU at Fort Polk. Johnnie Mae studied Gifted Education and was instrumental in starting the Gifted Education programs in Vernon Parish.

Mrs. Palmer was active with the Mayor's Women's Council. She served as the president of the Vernon Arts Council for 15 years. There she helped bring music and arts from around the world to Leesville, most notably her favorite, the U.S. Marine Band from Washington DC in their first performance in LA.

Mrs. Palmer was always very active with the First United Methodist Church of Leesville where she not only sang regularly, but also directed the choir for many, many years. Johnnie Mae was a loving wife and mother, which included being a counselor, confidant, teacher and cheerleader, not only to her sons, but their many friends who she and Edward always welcomed into their home. In addition to her parents, she was predecessor by her sister, Lelya Lynette Campbell O'Neil,

She is survived by her husband of 60 years Edward Palmer; sons John, of Orlando FL, and Charles, daughter-in-law Elaine, and grandsons Blake, Bryan and Bennet of Hanover NH; her niece Barbara O'Neil Monte, and great-nieces Christine Reed and Kelly Rybarczyk. Niece Pud'n



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Palmer Waller, and great niece and nephew Tiffany Prejean and Michael Lynch, and nephew Danny Palmer.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, June 23 at 11am, at Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Angel Bulhof of the First United Methodist Church of Leesville will conduct the service. Mrs. Palmer will then be interred at the Leesville Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, June 22, from 5pm to 8pm at Labby Memorial.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, any memorials should be in the form of donations to the First United Methodist Church of Leesville.



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BM

Blanchie Lee Morrison posted:

Prayers and thoughts for the family.

June 23 at 7:00 PM

CR

Claire (Rayford) Jas posted:

Edward and family, so sorry to read of Johnnie Mae's passing. I have many fond memories of her in school (choir) and at church. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this week and the many days ahead. Sincerely,

June 22 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the Palmer Family My family and I would like to send our deepest condolences during this difficult time. We will keep you all in our prayers. We knew Mrs. Palmer when we taught together at Vernon Elementary School in Leesville. I Bruce Wood was also a classmate of Charles at Leesville High School in the Graduating class of 1974. Respectfully, Bruce Wood and family in Hinesville, Georgia

June 22 at 7:00 PM

DF

Debi Mathieson (Fairbanks) posted:

So sorry for your loss. I remember mom thought alot of her. Daddy and Mary Alyce send their condolences.

June 22 at 7:00 PM

TL

Ted Ledet posted:

Uncle Punkin, Charles, and John: my prayers for you all today is that you experience the Peace and Comfort knowing you will see her again someday! She was certainly a very special sweet lady who touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with in a positive way!

June 21 at 7:00 PM



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JM

Jackie And Morris Mcrae posted:

Morris and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers, for all of her family. What a lovely lady and so talented. Prayers,

June 21 at 7:00 PM

AB

Angel Courtney Bales posted:

A dear, lovely lady now sings with the Heavenly Choir... God bless and much love.

June 20 at 7:00 PM

CS

Charlette Sands posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Johnnie Mae was a wonderful woman. She sang many times at church, but I will always remember her singing "The Lord's Prayer" at my wedding. Charlette Sands

June 20 at 7:00 PM

JM

Joanne Mayo posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Johnnie Mae was a blessing to so many of us as she shared her musical talents and her compassionate and kind spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

June 20 at 7:00 PM

FM

Fred Matautia posted:

My deepest sympathies. Mrs. Palmer was my Music teacher. At East Leesville Element School. Mrs. Howard's Room. 5th grade. Personal message to Mrs Palmer, Thank you, for teaching me and my Class. The joys of sing, and to listen to the notes. Many years ago. And I remember a few songs. From the Music book. Military Family we where. Fred W. Matautia.

June 20 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

What a lovely, talented lady. Ms. Campbell as we knew her in the Leesville schools was a terrific music teacher. I admit I was a little intimidated by her in school. However, in adult life, I came to know her as a kind, compassionate and caring person. WHAT A WOMAN!! Prayers for Mr. Palmer and your family. Arlene Terrell

June 20 at 7:00 PM



Renita (Shelly) Whitehurst Toney posted:

Oh the memories that came the instant I saw her picture. Music at West Leesville Elementary! My deepest sympathies to family and friends.

June 20 at 7:00 PM



Jean Plummer posted:

Edward, I am so sorry for your loss. You know I feel like I am part of your family. I will be praying for you and your boys and your grandchildren. I love you and your family with all of my heart.

June 19 at 7:00 PM



Pud'n Palmer Waller posted:

Uncle Punkin, Charles & John, I send my deepest sympathy on the Loss of Aunt Johnnie Mae. She always had the warm smile, big hugs and her adorable giggle. May she rest peacefully with our other family members who have passed. I was proud to be her niece. She'll be smiling down upon each of you & her beautiful grandchildren. Love you all so deeply.

June 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers and condolence to Mrs. Johnnie Mae Palmer. Knew her from Church. God Bless all of you! Bonnie L. Neal

June 19 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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