



# Lydia Douglass

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**F**uneral services for Nidia "Lydia" Douglass, 58, of Leesville, will be Saturday, February 23rd at 1:00 PM in the Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Leesville with the Rev. Bobby Ganaway officiating. The burial will follow in the Oak Forest Cemetery in Leesville.

Friends may call from 5pm until 9pm Friday, February 22nd, and then Saturday, February 23rd from 9 am until service time in the funeral home.

Lydia worked side by side with her sister, Nylda Santana, operating and managing Las Margaritas Mexican Family Restaurant in Leesville since 1964.

She is survived by her son, Chad Douglass; daughter, Christy Douglass; sister, Nylda (husband, Robert) Santana; granddaughter, Isabell Santana all of Leesville; nieces and nephews, Robbie Santana, Bryan Santana, Dene Pinkley Santana Pinkley and Payton Gordan,



## Tribute Wall

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AR

**April Roberts** posted:

Our prayers are with your family at this time. I pray that they find the person who did this unspeakable crime.

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DO

**Doris** posted:

I WAS SO SAD TO LEARN OF LYDIA'S PASSING. I LIVED IN DERIDDER ALL MY LIFE UNTIL THE LAST 2 YEARS, AND THE RESTAURANT WAS MY FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER AND WHO KNEW THE RESTAURANT. I WILL REMEMBER THE FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS.

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LF

**Latachsa{Holt}King&Family** posted:

Our deepest sympathies are with each one of ya'lls family during ya'lls terrile tragidy. Ms. Liddia was a very special lady to my family, as is the rest of ya'lls family,she will be greatly missed.May God comfort & carry ya'll through this time & always. With our love ,compasion & prayers to all ya'!

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WB

**William And Velva Behan** posted:

We were so very sorry to hear of your great loss. May God give you comfort and help you through your time of sorrow.\r\n\r\nGod's Blessings to all the family\r\n\r\nWilliam and Velva Behan

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VS

**Vicki And Paul Smith** posted:

We are very sorry for you loss. You are all in our prayers.

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GW

**Gary And Mona (Tyree) Whitworth** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to all of you who are suffering during this very tragic time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you each day.

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LN

**Lamond Nabors** posted:

I'll keep your family in my prayers. \r\nI'm sorry for your loss.

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AC

**Angela Crescini** posted:

I went to school with her and we use to go out and party. Bless her and I hope she is at peace now.

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KH

**Kiko And Mamie Hiton** posted:

Not sure if you remember us, but we knew Lydia from along time ago. We used to work at the Cafe. We were saddened to hear of her passing and our sincerest condolences go out to you and the rest of your family at this time of sorrow.

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MS

**Missy Scott** posted:

may god be with your family in your time of loss.

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TP

**Tracy Doyle-Perkins** posted:

It was always a joy to go to \"Las Mas\" and see Lydia's bright & smiling face. She will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers to everyone in her family. I pray God will give you strength during this trying time. May God bless you always.

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NR

**Nelson & Viki Robles** posted:

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the wonderful memories you have with Lydia bring some peace during this difficult time.\r\nSincerey,\r\nNelson and Viki Robles

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BH

**Barbara Tyson Horvath** posted:

I truly am sorry for your pain with losing Lydia. She was such a wonderful blessing at her job. I enjoyed visiting with her every time I came home to visit my family and eating at Los Margaritas. She will be missed by all. My prayers are with your family, Barbara Tyson Horvath

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DF

**Della Floyd** posted:

We all are so sorry to hear of the death of Lydia. She always had a smile for everyone who entered the restaurant. I'm sure hundreds of people will truly miss. Our prayers go out to all of her family.\r\nMay God Rest Her Sole\r\nDella Floyd and Family

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SJ

**Staff Of Smith Jewelers** posted:

We would like to send our sincere condolences to Lydia's family in your time of sorrow. We all have eaten at Los Margaritas and enjoyed Lydia's contagious smile and wonderful personality. She will be greatly missed in our community.\r\nNancy & Craig Lalonde, Patty Walther

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SC

**Simone N Curtis** posted:

As you grieve, please know that I am remembering the Douglass and Santana Families in my prayers and holding close the memory of Lydia.\r\nI always looked forward to Lydia taking care of me when I came to Las Margaritas, and now will be at a loss not to see her smiling face.\r\n\r\nMy sincere sympathy,\r\nSimone N Curtis

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CW

**Christy Williams** posted:

My heart goes out to all of you during this painful time. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Lydia will be missed.\r\n\r\nDeepest sympathy and love,\r\nChristy

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MH

**Michelle Heaton** posted:

I have been a frequent customer @ Las Magarita's since I was a girl. I am so sorry for your trajic loss....

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AS

**Arick And Terri Stovall** posted:

Your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Lydia was such a fun person to be around, whether we saw her at Las Margaritas, or at the casino, she always took the time to visit and ask about our family. For over 30 years, I sat in her section every time we visited the restaurant, and she automatically remembered our favorite drinks, meals and appetizers. She was one of a kind, a kind of staple in our lives, and will be missed, and we will hold a kind place in our heart for her forever.

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KA

**Ken Arthur** posted:

To all of the family,\r\nI was shocked and saddened by the news. You will be in my prayers as you go through this most difficult time. She was a very special, outgoing woman who always brightened my day just seeing her smile when I came in.\r\n\r\nShe will be greatly missed.\r\n\r\nKen and Tina Arthur

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DW

**Dana Johnson Wisby** posted:

Mrs. Lydia was a great person who always had a smile on her face. I know she will be missed.  
\r\n\r\nMy heart goes out to each and everyone of you. I am very sorry for your lose.\r\n\r\nDana

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GB

**Gaynell Davidson Baker** posted:

Nylida & family,\r\nI am so very sorry for your loss, actually everyone's loss. My heart hurts and am still in such disbelief. Lydia was very sweet and special to all and we will miss her. You and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry I could not be there to tell you this in person.\r\n\r\nLove and prayers,\r\n\r\nGaynell Davidson Baker

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AN

**Andrew Nolan** posted:

I'm sorry about your loss. My family will keep you guys in our thoughts and prayers. Take care.

Andrew Nolan

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FM

**Fred And Debbie Martin** posted:

We will miss you, Lydia! Las Margarita's will never be the same. Thank you for taking such good care of us.

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CC

**Carolann Bradford-Cotlow** posted:

My prayers are with your family.

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AL

**Alison** posted:

I'm sorry for your lose. Ms.Lydia was a very sweet woman, and I always loved visiting with her at Las Margaritas. She will be missed dearly.

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MB

**Michelle Harter (Bailey)** posted:

My heart goes out to each of the family members! I am sorry about your lose and pray God will bring you thru this very hard time in life!

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RS

**Robert And Julie Streng** posted:

Lydia, we loved you and will miss you. Thanks for taking such good care of us at Las Margarita's.

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JW

**Jennifer (Menard) Whiddon** posted:

To the Santana Family,\r\n\r\nI'm deeply sorry for your loss and I hope the comfort of friends and family can help ease your pain. I grew up with all of ya'll and we shared alot of fun times and happy memories. You always made me feel like part of the family especially since we were always at your house. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to pay my respects I was out of town. If there is anything I can do to help in any way please don't hesitate to call me. I'll keep your family in my prayers and I wish you all the best.

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CS

**Charles & Bobby & Teresa Saucier** posted:

When somebody dies, a cloud turns into an angel, and flies up to tell God to put another flower on a pillow. A bird gives the message back to the world, and sings a silent prayer that makes the rain cry. People disappear, but they never really go away. The spirits up there put the sun to bed, wake up grass and spin the earth in dizzy circles. Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the day-time, when they're supposed to be sleeping. They paint the rainbows and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tide. They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes. And when they sing windsongs, they whisper to us, don't miss me too much. The view is nice and i'm doing just fine. \r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nI express my condolences to the immediate family and friends of Lydia, She Was So Full Of Life And Always Loved People.. We Will Miss Her .

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KH

**Karen Humphreys** posted:

Nylda, This is Karen, Della's daughter. I just wanted you to know how very sorry we are that this has happened. We will continue to pray for you and your family. We love you, Karen, Cindy, David, Della, John and the rest of the family.

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PA

**Pam** posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. She will be missed everytime we go to your resturant to eat.

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FW

**Frieda Kerry-Witt** posted:

I knew Lydia for years before I left Leesville for Colorado in 1978. She was so much fun, so cheerful, and full of energy. She gave me advice on guys and dating when I was in high school (1972-74). Every Friday night my boyfriend and I would go to Las Margaritas. One night she saw my "boyfriend" there with another girl and she told me about it the next day. She was so supportive. I also worked with her at the Ft Polk Post Exchange (PX). The last time I saw her was at the restaurant about 10 yrs ago and she still remembered me. I am saddened by her senseless death.\r\nMy husband and I will keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe.

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DM

**D.R. Miller** posted:

My sincere condolences are extended to you at this time. \r\n\r\nMay you find comfort from the words of our Heavenly Father:\r\n\r\n2 Corinthinans 1:3,4.\r\n\r\nWith sympathy,

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TM

**Tammy Witt-Mosby** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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FR

**Fran Clark (Rivera)** posted:

Lydia and I go back to 1964 when the restaurant opened near my home. I will always remember Lydia, Nelda and myself as young girls seems in my mind we will live forever and never get old. I just heard from my sister that she was murdered. So sad that her life was taken so soon. My love and prayers to the family. to old friends we love you and miss you.

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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