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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Mary "Bernice" Craig Cole, on Sunday April 17, 2022, a loving and devoted wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, and friend to all whose lives she touched. She left us sleeping peacefully at the age of 91 years, 9 months and 2 days, at her granddaughter's home in Evangeline, LA with her family all surrounding her and saying their goodbyes while she joined her husband of sixty-five years and two sons already waiting for her in Heaven that she dearly missed. Bernice was born on Tuesday, July 15, 1930 in Noble, LA to Dewey and Eva Opal Simpson Craig. She was a member of the Broadlands Bible Church for many years, actively involved in volunteering, up until health issues deterred her from helping out like she once did. She is fondly remembered by family and friends forever cooking and baking up a storm for her famous family gatherings and many events. She enjoyed eating her husband's "famous" home-grown garden Celebrity tomatoes, vacationing with family and friends, and spending time with them. She will be dearly missed and is forever in our hearts. Visitation will be on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at Labby Memorial Funeral Home DeRidder, LA. Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 24, 2022, with visitation starting at 3:00 PM until the time of service which will begin at 4:00 PM, in the chapel with Rev. Mark Land and Rev. Tim Bergen officiating. Interment will follow at Beauregard Cemetery in DeRidder. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of DeRidder. Left to cherish her memory are her granddaughters, Mary Naquin and husband Marc of Evangeline, LA, and Tiffany Dupin and husband Jesse of Pretoria, South Africa; grandson, Jason Basco of Westlake, LA; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Marc, Maverick, and Madisyn Naquin, Jacob, and Ethan Dupin, Bradley, Cameron, and Baleigh Basco; sister-n-laws, Eff Corley of Hornbeck, LA, Babe Sparks of Florien, LA, and Sandra Liggio and husband Jack of Moss Bluff, LA; first cousins, Jackie,



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Gene, and Michael Craig, and Janice Rike; special friends, Jeanienne Wildblood, Ethel Moses, and Nell Pruitt; other family and friends; many church friends; neighbors, and a host of nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her husband, James Olin Cole; sons, Dewey Randal "Randy" Basco, and Larry Wayne Basco; her parents, Dewey and Eva Craig; a special aunt, Mary Dykes; brother-in-laws, James Corley and Buford Cole; and sister-in-laws, Sammie Armour and Ruth Cole; some very sweet friends, Rosemary Granberry, Nickie Arabie, Vi and Al Kochell, and Lloyd Wildblood. Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Marc Naquin, Matthew Naquin, Marc Jacob Naquin, Bradley Basco, Cameron Basco, and Eric Woodard. Those honored to serve as honorary pallbearers are Leland Moses, Darrell Crounce, Jack Liggio, Jerry Cooley, Louis Powell, James Carpenter, and Fredrick Wisby. The family would like to thank everyone for the care received by Brenda Fontenot, Lori Hanks, Tim Bergen, Gregory Lessigne, Cherie Chevis, and Lisa Killian with Admedisys Hospice as well as their team. Thank you also to special care providers, Tammy Harris Holloway, Jessica Woodard, Frances Miller, Alice Fockler, the Council on Aging, Companion Care corporation, and Mrs. Janie Brister. We appreciate all the family and friends with words of encouragement, prayers, and support during this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to Broadlands Bible Church in honor of Bernice at <https://www.givelify.com/donate/broadlands-bible-church-deridder-la-2j7wy5NDE2NDI=/donation/amount> . Services will be live streamed on Labby Memorial Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/labbymemorial . Words of comfort to the family may be shared at www.labbymemorial.com.



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



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