



Cecilia Claire Vanderlick Mathews

September 12, 1937 - September 20, 2019

Services celebrating the life of Cecilia Vanderlick Mathews will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at St. Rita Catholic Church with Rev. Craig Scott officiating.

Mathews, 82, of Alexandria died Friday, Sept. 20. The family will observe visitation starting at noon at the church with a Rosary at 1 p.m., followed by Mass at 1:30 p.m.

Born September 12, 1937, in Alexandria, Mathews was a retired employee with the State of Louisiana where she had a long career working at the Central Louisiana Diagnostic Lab. She was a devoted mother and grandmother as well as a faithful Catholic.

“Cil,” as she was known by friends and family, loved serving the needs of her family, friends and church. She regularly took food and Holy Communion to homebound church members, she made blankets for the Cenla Pregnancy Center and she was a fixture at Rapides Parish 4-H Livestock shows for decades in support of her children and, ultimately, her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Blanche Vanderlick Sr. of Alexandria; husband of 53 years Vernon “Dick” Mathews of Alexandria; sons Paul Mathews of Alexandria and Edwin Mathews of Cheneyville; sisters Sr. Virginia Lee Vanderlick and Sr. Cecile Clare Vanderlick of Alexandria.

Those left to cherish her memory include daughters Rebecca Smilie (Jim) of Woodworth and Mary Claire Meyer (Justin) of Brusly; sons Vernon Mathews (Jenny) of Alexandria, Joel Mathews (Ashley) of Boyce, and Dr. Patrick Mathews of Alexandria; daughter-in-law Melissa Mathews of Cheneyville; brothers Henry “Sonny” Vanderlick Jr. (Sally) of Cheneyville, Dr. Charles Vanderlick (Helen) of Alexandria, and David Vanderlick (Dot) of Lecompte; and 17 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Cenla Pregnancy Center, 1254 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303.

Events

SEP **Memorial Mass** 01:30PM
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St. Rita Catholic Church

4401 Bayou Rapides Rd, Alexandria, LA, US, 71303

Comments



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cecilia Claire Vanderlick Mathews.



September 27, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ My sincere sympathy for our cousin, Cecelia, to her beautiful family. I will always remember her as a wonderful cousin and friend and an inspiration to all of us all. Emma Louise & Merlin Wadsworth (Tampa)

Emma Wadsworth - September 27, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Becky and all your sweet siblings, so very sorry to hear of your dear Mom's passing. I can still hear her sweet laughter in the kitchen. Prayers for your comfort and strength in this most difficult time. Martha Monette Terrell

Martha Monette Terrell - September 25, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Many memories of past years will always remain. Prayers for Cecilia and family are being sent to the angels.

Carolyn VanGossen - September 24, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ I enjoyed talking to her about her flowers and admiring them daily when I passed by. She will be missed. My condolences, sue Douglas

sue douglas - September 24, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Our hearts are filled with love and prayers for your family during this time of sorry with the loss of Cecelia. She was a beautiful lady and a joy to visit with whether in person or on the phone. She will be missed very much. We send our love. John Louis and Mary Vermaelen.

Mary & John Louis Vermaelen, Jr - September 24, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Prayers and love to the family.

julia Vermaelen McCann - September 23, 2019 at 06:31 PM