



## Paula Ann Thibodeaux

February 27, 1953 - December 8, 2023

### PAULA ANN BENOIT THIBODEAUX

Paula was born on February 27, 1953, and went to be with her Lord on December 8, 2023. She was the first born of Russell and Dorothy Benoit of Lake Charles, LA. She graduated from Lake Charles High School and was the first in any generation of her family to earn a college degree. Paula obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Office Administration in 1975 from McNeese State University. While there, she was a member of Phi Chi Theta Business Fraternity and Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, where she served as President her senior year, and Little Sister of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity.

In 1977, Paula married Terry M. Thibodeaux and worked to help him earn his college degrees. In 1987, they made their home in Huntsville, TX. The joy of her life was her son, Mark Russell, and she took great pride in all of his accomplishments. Later, another joy entered her life when her granddaughter, Adalyn Shay was born, which in time brought still more pride in her accomplishments.

In addition to the jobs she held in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, she also volunteered in the school system as Room Mother, PTA Officer, and Band Booster Mom. She was also active at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church including service as Sunday School Teacher, Nursing Home Minister, and on

the Collection Counting Committee. She loved to read, to do embroidery, to collect elephants, to tend to her flower gardens, and was a huge Astros fan.

Preceded in death by her father, Russell L. Benoit, mother Dorothy Benoit, and grandparents Mary Gaubert and Louis and Edna Benoit, Paula is survived by her husband of 46 years, Terry, her son Mark, granddaughter Adalyn, brother Guy R. Benoit, nephew Shandon, and numerous extended family and friends who were all very dear to her.

Visitation will be Friday December 15, 2023 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with a rosary beginning at 6:30 PM. A funeral mass will take place on Saturday December 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Huntsville, with a reception afterward in the church hall. Interment will be on Sunday December 17, 2023 in Lake Charles, Louisiana at Highland Memorial Gardens. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memory Gardens

6325 Common St.  
Lake Charles, LA 70607

# Previous Events

## Visitation/Rosary

DEC 15. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Mass

DEC 16. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Thomas Catholic Church  
1603 Ave. N  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Interment

DEC 17. 9:30 AM (CT)

Highland Memory Gardens  
6325 Common St.  
Lake Charles, LA 70607



# Tribute Wall

RZ

“ Renee Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.

Renee Z. - December 18, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.



December 14, 2023 at 10:43 PM

MS

“ Marilyn, David, Sydney and Shelby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.

Marilyn, David, Sydney and Shelby - December 14, 2023 at 10:43 PM

RB

“ Paula was one of the sweetest and most helpful people we knew. Terry, Mark, and Adalyn, you know we love you and are here for you and anything you need.

Richard Bello - December 14, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ *Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*



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December 14, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *With love and condolences....Mike Leger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*

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**With love and condolences....Mike Leger** - December 14, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*



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December 14, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Terry and your family and my deepest condolences go out to you at this time. I remember when we moved in your neighborhood and I appreciate all the great times and memories we had from that time. I also appreciated all of the things that you and Paula did for me and my family. May God comfort you at this time and be with you and your family. Thomas Warren*

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**Thomas Warren** - December 13, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*



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December 13, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Allyzah Cabugao planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*

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**Allyzah Cabugao** - December 13, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*



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December 13, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Victoria Sandoval lit a candle in memory of Paula Ann Thibodeaux*



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**Victoria Sandoval** - December 12, 2023 at 11:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*



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December 12, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *Karl and Jill Kibodeaux and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*

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**Karl and Jill Kibodeaux and family** - December 11, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Paula Ann Thibodeaux.*



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December 11, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *Dr. Thibodeaux, I pray for peace in the hearts of you and your family. I'm a former student of 30 years or so ago and you are a professor I will always remember. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

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**Kim Kinsey Ray** - December 11, 2023 at 09:42 PM



*Thank you, Kim.*

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**Terry Thibodeaux** - December 11, 2023 at 10:22 PM

PM


“ Terry I am so sorry to hear of Paula's passing. Please accept my deepest condolences. Paula, you, and your family will be in my prayers.

Paula Thibodeaux Mire - December 11, 2023 at 06:45 PM

TT

Thanks, Paula

Terry Thibodeaux - December 11, 2023 at 10:26 PM

 Charlotte Efird

“ Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Paula Ann Thibodeaux



Charlotte Efird - December 11, 2023 at 04:54 PM

DM

“ Terry, words cannot describe the loss of a spouse. I know you are comforted in knowing Paula is with the Lord who will guide you in this challenging time of your life. Myself and your many friends are here to help you as you.

Dan McDaniel - December 11, 2023 at 11:54 AM

CC

“ Terry and family, I was so sad to learn of Paula's illness and her passing. She always had the brightest smile and especially when we talked about Mark and her granddaughter. She will be missed by many. Cheryl Cummings

Cheryl Cummings - December 10, 2023 at 01:56 PM

TT

*Thanks, Cheryl*

**Terry Thibodeaux** - December 11, 2023 at 10:25 PM

LM

“ *Terry, we are so saddened to hear of Paula’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Mark, and all of her family. She was such a sweet, kind, and gentle person.*  
*Lorraine and AJ McGee (and Kyle)*

**Lorraine McGee** - December 09, 2023 at 10:59 PM

MM

“ *Terry, Joe and I have fond memories of visiting with Paula and counting the collection with her. We will have a Mass said in her memory. Our prayers are with you. Love, Maria and Joe Magee*

**Maria Fontana Magee** - December 09, 2023 at 06:59 PM

TT

*Thanks, Maria*

**Terry Thibodeaux** - December 11, 2023 at 10:24 PM

MH

“ *Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Paula Ann Thibodeaux*



**Marvin Hyvl** - December 09, 2023 at 11:13 AM

HK

“ Terry our prayers at Mass tonight will be offered for you and your family at this time of sorrow. We know she is with the Lord and in a state of joy. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may our Father bring you and your family comfort.

Harry Konen - December 09, 2023 at 10:57 AM

TT

Thanks, Harry

Terry Thibodeaux - December 11, 2023 at 10:23 PM

VS

“ Judy and I enjoyed working with Paula in the St. Thomas Money Counting Ministry and we appreciate the work she and Terry did with the Catholic Student Center. We will miss her. Our prayers are with Terry and Mark and the rest of her family. Vic & Judy Sower

Victor Sower - December 09, 2023 at 10:40 AM

TT

Thank you both, Vic.

Terry Thibodeaux - December 11, 2023 at 10:23 PM