

# In Memory Of

## Cynthia Kirkland Mazza

April 24, 1942 - January 3, 2021



Cynthia Frances Kirkland Mazza passed away peacefully at her home in Madison, MS on January 3, 2021. She was 78 years old.

Cynthia was born on April 24, 1942 to Oleta & S. R "Billy" Kirkland of Waco, Texas. Cynthia met the love of her life Frank Mazza on the steps of Baylor University. They were married in 1961.

In 1971 they moved to New Orleans where they made their home for over 45 years. This is where her true passions and God called her to begin ministries that would define the TRUE SERVANT she was. In the 1970's she would start her beloved Special Ministries program, prison ministry at Rivarde, Bridge City Youth Center, hospital ministry, street ministry and Magnolia School. She also held 2 positions at her home church of Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

In 2016 Cindy and Frank would relocate to Madison, MS to be closer to their children. Highland Colony Baptist Church became their home church where they met many wonderful people and life-long friends. After only a few months she would once again find HER place to minister. She became a mentor and volunteer at Cross Roads Ministry where she would once again show the LOVE of Jesus.

Cindy's other passion was sports, every sport! Especially HER beloved New Orleans Saints! She was the one TRUE WHO DAT!! The New Orleans Pelicans and bled purple and gold for her LSU TIGERS.

She loved a good party! Especially if it involved her husband, their children, and grandchildren. She rarely missed a Mardi Gras day! SHE was adored and SHE adored her family.

When she was diagnosed with cancer in 2019, it was her mission to make others feel special. She loved to dress up for chemo week. She made many friends at the cancer centers and brought smiles to many along her journey.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 59 yrs, Frank, her Mother Oleta Gibson, her daughter Michelle Gray, and husband Art; son, Frank, and wife Susanne; granddaughters, Ashley Griffin and husband Ben, Kelsey Lukasavitz and husband, Lance and Bailey Debrow; grandson, Nikolas "Niko Bug"; and great-granddaughter, Ryleigh Gray Griffin; her brother Ralph Kirkland and wife, Teresa, sister-in-laws, Linda

Ravitch and husband, Ron, Teresa Mazza; brother-in-law Bob Mazza and wife Ann; numerous beloved nieces and nephews; and our special daughter, Joddie Tipton.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Cindy Mazza Special Ministry Fund at Williams Blvd. Baptist Church or Cross Roads Ministry in Madison MS.