



## Irene Theresa Hawthorne

November 14, 1953 - May 12, 2026

Irene T. Hawthorne entered eternal rest on May 12, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the age of 72.

Born on November 14, 1953, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Irene was the beloved daughter of the late Lattie Lopez and the late Manchester Lopez of New Orleans, Louisiana. She was raised in the vibrant culture of New Orleans and carried its joy, strength, and warmth throughout her life.

Irene was a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She dedicated more than 25 years of service as a skilled seamstress at Rutterrex, where she was respected for her dedication and craftsmanship. Later, she worked as a waitress at IHOP until her retirement, where her kind spirit and welcoming smile touched many customers and coworkers alike.

Irene truly enjoyed life and loved spending time with those closest to her. She found happiness in cooking meals for her family, dancing, sharing laughter, and relaxing with her favorite beer. Her loving heart, strong spirit, and unforgettable personality will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lattie Lopez and Manchester

Lopez; her husband, Gregory Hawthorne; her sister, Delores Leon (John); and her brother, Manchester Lopez.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her daughter, Therese Sanders of New Orleans, Louisiana; her son, Gregory Sanders of New Orleans, Louisiana; her twin sister, Earline Edwards (the late Melvin) of New Orleans, Louisiana; her beloved grandchildren, Matisha Sanders of New Orleans, Louisiana and Khalil Payton Jr. of New Orleans, Louisiana; her Godchild, Ashli Martin; niece Caprice, Comica, Tiffany, Nikia and Marquette, nephew John, Jr., along with a host of other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, extended family, and dear friends.

Though Irene may be gone from our sight, her love, laughter, and legacy will live on forever in the hearts of all who loved her.

New Orleans Funeral and Cremation Service  
"Celebrating Life"

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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9200 I-10 Service Rd  
New Orleans, LA 70127

## Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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