



## Louise Lula Roach Shelton

May 23, 1919 - October 6, 2012

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Mire - Funeral services will be held at Assumption of the BVM Church in Mire, October 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. for Louise Lula Roach Shelton who died Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Acadia St. Landry Hospital in Church Point, LA.

Interment will be in Assumption of the BVM Masoleum in Mire next to her husband John Shelton.

She was born 23 May 1919 on the family farm where she and John lived for the past 30 plus years. She was the last surviving child of the late Marciel Roach and the late Marie Jean Arabie. Her family included two brothers, Calvin and Chester Roach, and seven sisters, Aminte Roach, Rosella Roach, Yolande Sonnier, Ethel Hutchinson, Wilma LeBlanc, Eloise Sonnier and Genevieve Hulin.

Lula was a nurse at the old St. Mary's Hospital in Rayne before joining the WAAC (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) in 1943. Her Basic training was at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She was stationed at Richmond Army Air Base, VA; Mariana Army Air Base, FL; and Mitchel Field Army Base, Long Island, NY. During her in the service, she

was part of the transition of women into the Women's Air Corps, and subsequently in the Women's Air Force, commonly known as Air WAC. Lula attained the rank of Sgt. as a teletype operator and Crypto clerk (later called Communication Center) in Signal Corps. It was at Mitchel Field, she met her boss and future husband, John Shelton. She married John in 1948 at Mitchel Field. While serving her country, she received the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and Women's Army Corps Medal.

Lula loved her cajun roots and spoke French as often as she could. She loved to dance in local dance halls especially Cajun Twist and line dancing.

Lula was one who always stepped in and helped out. After the devastating flood of 1940, she volunteered to help prepare food for people to eat and mattresses for them to sleep on. This helped establish the school lunch program in Mire. While living in Newburgh, NY between 1958-1978, she was a Red Cross Volunteer at Stewart AFB, NY Clinic and West Point Academy Hospital. She also served as a Den Mother for her son's pack and a Brownie Leader for her two daughters troops. Since moving back to Louisiana, she was active member of the Ladies Altar Society at Assumption of the BVM Catholic Church in Mire and American Legion Post 77 in Rayne, LA.

Lula enjoyed spending time with her children, dear nieces and nephews, extended relatives, neighbors and friends. She was truly grateful for all the loving persons who helped since John died, especially all her nieces and nephews, dear friends and neighbors. If she were here, she would say Merci Beaucoup to all and Bon Soir from Tante Lula. To the nieces and nephews on the Shelton side, it

would be Merci for being so nice and helpful and Beaucoup Amour from Aunt Lula. In addition, a big Merci Beaucoup to her wonderful doctor, Dr. Karen Smith, and her staff, the 2 West staff at Lafayette General Hospital, and Dr. Mike Williams and the wonderful staff at Acadia-St. Landry Hospital.

She is survived by her son, LtCol (ret) John R. Shelton, III and wife Marina of Poquoson, VA; daughter Loretta Shelton and partner Gregg Thomas of Sydney, Australia; and daughter, Col (ret) Lorraine Shelton-Gaines and husband CDR (ret) James Gaines of Helotes, TX; grandson John S. Shelton and wife Niki with great grandsons Shaiden, Sawyer, and Silas of Kill Devil Hills, NC; grandson Mark S. Shelton of Kill Devil Hills, NC; granddaughter Marybeth S. Shelton of Richmond, VA; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Contributions can be made in remembrance of Louise Lula Roach Shelton to Assumption of the BVM Church Building Fund, 6080 Mire Hwy., Church Point, LA 70525

A rosary will be recited Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA.

Relatives and friends will be received at Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne, LA. Tuesday, October 9, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m..

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at

[www.gossenfuneralhome.net](http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of  
Rayne, LA, (337)334-3141

# Tribute Wall

LI

“ Dear Lolo & Family; We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Your news brings so many wonderful memories to mind. Seeing a photo of your Mom, makes me smile. We hope that you are able to find comfort and healing, in wonderful memories as well. With the warmest of regard, Linda Gayton, (formerly Evangelisto)

Linda Evangelisto - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

PM

“ We were all so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful woman and a great neighbor and friend to my Mom. I am mailing a letter to the address my father gave me so hopefully it will be received. God bless and keep my dear Mrs. Shelton.

Patty Panella Mangan - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

EL

“ When words become meaningless, please know, you are in my prayers and ever so close to my heart. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this time.  
The West Family.

Elizabeth West - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

CT

“ Shelton Family,  
Please accept our condolences. We only knew Ms. Louise through her son and grandchildren, but we feel as though we knew her well. Your family was lucky to have someone who gave so much.

Christy and Tony Elavsky - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

SH

“ Our prayers are with all the family. She will be missed by all who knew her. Always loved to hear her stories about life. Feel very blessed to have known her.

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**Shannon Tritschler** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

MA

“ In your sadness, may there be hope... In your thoughts, may there be peace... In your heart, may there be healing. My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one.(Psalms 55:22)

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**Mary Johnson** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

RM

“ Was so sorry to learn of the passing of Lula. My deceased husband, Leo, was a schoolmate of hers. We all enjoyed the class reunions where we would visit and talked about days gone by. Leo also shared the joy of dancing. They would often talk about the dances they use to attend and great time they would have! Her smiling face will be greatly missed.

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**Rita Melancon** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

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“ My outstanding memory of Aunt Lula is how well she understood the importance of family ties and service to others. These values that she communicated so well have been a source of comfort, security, confidence, courage and responsibility to those of us lucky enough to have been gifted with her as our family. She will always be with us as these values will guide us for the rest of our lives.RIP Aunt Lula - thanks for everything!

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**Bonnie Warner** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

RS

“ I actually only met Miss Shelton a couple of years ago at the Rayne Diner. She recounted this story to my group. She said that her supervisor was John Shelton in the military unit she served in and that he was a pretty tough cookie. She told her friends that she was going to marry him and make him pay for the rest of his life. Of course she was laughing at the time. She really made an impression on me and my regret is that I did not get to know her or Mr. John any better. I knew Mr. Shelton only as a casual acquaintance from the American Legion and now I have the greatest respect for two of Rayne's finest from the Greatest Generation America has ever known. May they both rest in peace.

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**Ron Sonnier** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM

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“ I know you will miss her dearly because I will miss her and I have only known her for a short time. I looked forward to going to her room and have our conversation in french and visit with her. May God give you the strength that you need in this time of sorry.

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**Lionel Boudreaux** - October 29, 2013 at 04:06 PM