



Mrs. Vertrelia Vander Ricard

July 31, 1931 - February 28, 2026

Vertrelia "Candy" Ricard, age 94, peacefully entered eternal rest on February 28, 2026, at her home in Richmond, Texas.

Vertrelia was born on July 31, 1931, in New Orleans, Louisiana. She lived a life centered on faith, family and love. As a devoted homemaker, she dedicated her life to nurturing her family and creating a warm and welcoming home for those she loved.

Vertrelia was preceded in death by her parents Emile and Drucilla Vander. Her beloved husband, Felix Ricard, and her siblings, Emile Vander Jr., Juanita Parker, and Jacquelyn Dupree.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and strong family values through her children, Renata Ricard Quezergue (Eric) and Roderick Ricard (Alice King). She was a proud and loving grandmother to Eric Quezergue (Jessica), Dami Clark Ricard, Blaize Quezergue (Karen), Ryland Ricard, Reid Ricard, Wilson Ricard and Branden Ricard. She was also blessed with three great grandchildren, Natalie, Catalina and Camila Quezergue. Her memory will also be treasured by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members. The family would like to acknowledge Iris Posada, Jennifer Floyd-Hines and Adele Oboyere for their love, support and compassion. A Special Thanks to her nephew Dominicky Dupree for his love and dedicated care.

Vertrelia was known as the Matriarch of Her Family. She firmly believed that family was the foundation of life and worked tirelessly to keep family connections strong. In 1991, she researched family history and organized the first family reunion in New Orleans, Louisiana. It brought her great joy to help maintain and support those reunions over the years, ensuring that generations stayed connected.

She was especially pleased to attend a beloved family gathering in Gonzales, Louisiana November 30, 2024. Later she had the honor and joy of attending what would become her final family reunion on June 19, 2025, which meant a great deal to her.

Vertrelia enjoyed traveling, spending time with loved ones, socializing and attending church faithfully. Her faith was a guiding light throughout her life, and she loved her church family members deeply.

Her life reflected the message of Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV):

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Vertrelia's Kindness, warmth, and dedication to family will forever remain in the hearts of those who new and loved her.

*In lieu of flowers, please upload a picture, video or share a written memory of You and/or Vertrelia "Candy" Ricard.

*Per Vertrelia's request there will be no services.

*Inurnment Service - March 31, 2026 Houston National Cemetery 10410
Veterans Memorial Drive Houston, Texas 77038

Previous Events

Inurnment Service

MAR 31. 2:15 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX

Tribute Wall

NN

“ *Nimi Nwadie* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of *Mrs. Vertrelia Vander Ricard*.



Nimi Nwadie - March 31 at 02:56 PM

TM

“ *To my Godmother I will miss you for being an inspiration to me and always encouraging me to do the right thing. You made me feel that I could accomplish anything I set out to do. You were always a positive influence in my life. learned a lot from you and I'm proud to be your God child.*

Terrell Mackie



Terrell Mackie - March 30 at 12:12 PM

SK

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends during this loss. I'm truly grateful I had the chance to meet her and be part of celebrating her 90th birthday. We didn't get to talk much, but it was clear how much joy and love she felt being surrounded by everyone there to celebrate her.

What I do know is that if my Uncle Rod is a reflection of who she was, then she must have been an incredibly kind, loving and wonderful person. I'll always be thankful that she brought him into the world, he shares that same joy with my family.

She will be deeply missed and forever loved. P.S. Show my sweet girl a thing or two up there, Ms. Candi, and give her a kiss for me.

Sophia King - March 30 at 10:17 AM

JH

“ My most sincere condolences on the loss of this great woman. I had the grand opportunity of spending time with her when I lived in Richmond, and when visiting afterward. She has always welcomed me like family, and always treated me with a big smile. My heart is heavy, as she will be missed. My prayers for peace and comfort for the family as you prepare to lay her to rest.

Johanna Harris - March 28 at 06:34 PM

RS

“ Roslyn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Vertrelia Vander Ricard.

Roslyn S. - March 26 at 04:37 PM

JF

“ Jennifer M Floyd-hines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Vertrelia Vander Ricard



Jennifer M Floyd-hines - March 12 at 09:57 PM

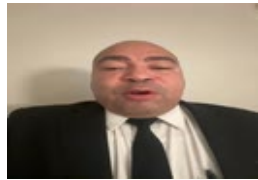
JF

“ Miss candy Miss candy. There is not enough words I could say to explain the joy you have brought to my life and the little time that I've known you. I had some good times with you. Good laughs and I really want to thank you. How you took and a liking to my baby winter. I used to remember how your face used to light up when she would come in and I appreciate you for your talks that you used to give her and tell her how she should listen to me. And thank you for always telling me how good of a mother I am and how I always kept her up. You just don't know how much that meant to me. I'm so glad to have met you and your family. I have heard nothing but good things about you. The first day I came to take care of you. I knew God placed me in your life for a reason and you and mine. I told your family this was a jewel to meet someone with a Kendrick Spirit as you had and I just want to take this time for thanking you to allow me to be there for you during these last final years. Meeting you and your family has really made me feel like I gained the family. You were always so welcoming. Whenever I would come to see you and that really warmed my heart and it also gave me a sense of family to show my daughter and I just want to tell you Thank you and I love you so much for all that you have done for me and my little family

Jennifer M Floyd-hines - March 12 at 09:52 PM

RR

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Roderick Ricard - March 12 at 04:47 AM

SP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sonya (Chiquita) Pruneda - March 11 at 12:20 AM

LJ

“ *May she Rest in Peace. Memories of laughter and enjoying life with her will remain forever. And if you ticked her off and she gave you a mouthful of lashing, you probably deserved it.*

Leo Quezergue Jr - March 09 at 11:38 AM

EQ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eric Quezergue - March 08 at 06:07 PM

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“ I Had fond memories of Aunt Candi and uncle Ric from the very first time meeting them when I flew to San Antonio to join them for their 50th wedding anniversary, and loved the both of them from that moment on, I would coffin time to time ,my youngest son is now 20 and is in the Air Force , he took uncle Rick’s advice, aunt was always kind and giving, my special gift was a bottle of French liquor with our name on it. RICARD



Ray Ricard (great-nephew) - March 08 at 01:00 PM

RQ

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Renata Ricard Quezergue - March 08 at 08:19 AM

KQ

“ *She was truly the heart of this family and a wonderful matriarch whose love could be felt by everyone around her. From the moment I came into the family, she welcomed me with such warmth and kindness, and I will always cherish that. Her legacy lives on through the beautiful family she built and the love she shared with all of us. She will be deeply missed.*



Karen Quezergue - March 08 at 05:37 AM

PA

“ *My cousin Candy the Matriarch of the family will always be remembered for her kindness and giving nature. She always made me feel that I was important. Candy was always ready to share her knowledge about family history and family stories. I wish I would have picked her amazing brain for "More" of our family history. Rest peacefully cousin CANDY in heaven YOU DESERVE IT! Love Patrick (Mark) Alexander ❤️*

Patrick Alexander - March 07 at 10:49 PM