

Alberta Eugenia Beyer
4/13/1910 – 2/27/2005

Burial location in St. Mary Cemetery is
N3-04-04.

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ALBERTA BEYER

Alberta Eugenie Beyer of Bay St. Louis passed away February 27, 2005. She was 94 years old. She was born in Bay St. Louis on April 13, 1910 to Mathilde Olivari Beyer and Ablert Beyer and lived most of her life in the family home at 706 South Beach until it was destroyed in 1969 by Hurrigan Camille. She then built a small house on the rear of the property facing Third Street.

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Alberta's father died a week before she was born and she was raised by her mother, her great aunt "Lala," and her grandfather Olivari, who also passed away when she was quite young. Lala spoke only Italian, so Alberta learned to speak Italian at an early age, often acting as interpreter and censor for her outspoken elder.

After her grandfather's death, Alberta lived in an all female houshold. She spoke of a fun-filled childhood where she was cared for by other families on the block. Living on the beach, she spent summers in the water and in boats with neighborhood children and cousins, including the Beyers, Spotornos, and Glovers.

Later She walked to St. Joseph Convent where she attended school and graduated ninth in the class of 1927. She was the last surviving member of the class.

Alberta went to work

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Alberta went to work directly out of high school because she had to care for her mother and Lala. During the 1930's Depression she worked for W.P.A. She spoke of excitement and danger along hazardous county roads while delivering payroll to the

men working in the county. She found a fun side in everything she did.

During World War II, Alberta served as chaperone for the young ladies who were bussed to Keesler Air Force Base for the dances with soldiers. She was dearly loved and known to "the boys" as Mom. She also volunteered at the V.A. Hospital in Gulfport. With her good friends Emma Van Peski and Ina Piazza, she would bring homemade goodies and play games with the injured patients. She was later recognized by Keesler's Service Club for volunteering as Senior Hostess and Chaperone for more than three decades of volunteer work.

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During the 1940's she was employed by several local businesses, primarily Coast Electric, known then as R.E.A. She worked as chief billing clerk and provided cashiering relief and dispatching help as needed. She loved her job and the other employees. In April of 1975, she retired after 30 years of service.

After retirement, Alberta began her long and happy years of volunteer work at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in the office and sacristy with good friends Elsie Chapin and Flo Mauffray. She was a friend and advisor to many of the young priests who arrived from Ireland. In 1997, her happy tenure there ended with a fall and subsequent broken hip, necessitating in a move to Dunbar Village Nursing Home. Her sense of humor continued to delight everyone for many years, and she was blessed with the loving care of everyone at Dunbar Village and Odyssey Healthcare.

Alberta is survived by

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Alberta is survived by her cousin Betty Beyer Benvenuto who lives in Bay St. Louis with husband Peter. Their attention and care has been vital during the last few years. She is also survived by many relatives and friends who have come to know her as Aunt Alberta.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. A Mass will follow at 10 a.m.

Alberta Beyer will be welcomed by many loved ones who have gone before her to their heavenly home. She'll have lots of laughter

and stories to share with them.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.