



# Mercedes Fortenberry

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**M**ercedes Fortenberry was born on Sept 6, 1948 in Arnaudville Louisiana. She was the daughter of John Morale and Alida Sennett. She came from a large family of over 15 brothers and sisters. Mercedes enjoyed playing with her paper dolls as a kid and worked hard with her family on the farm. She learned from an early age the value of hard work. After graduating from Paul Breaux High School, she later went on to earn her Bachelor of Science Cum Laude from Southern University in 1971. It was at Southern University she met and married her husband Glen. From this union they had four children Glen, Joy, Marcus, and Abidawn. They also helped to raise her sister's child Juanetta.

In 1980 Mercedes helped her husband build and sustain a successful cleaning company that is still open to this day. She later worked for several years at H&R Block and then decided to open her own tax office. Along with the help of her husband and daughter in 2004 Mercedes Income Tax Services was open. It remained open for almost 15 years. Despite all the business ventures Mercedes succeeded in her greatest success was her personal relationship with Jehovah God. She was not shy about mentioning her faith and talking with anyone who would listen. Her famous words were always "Remember Jehovah". Even though she is gone we appreciate her strength and unwavering faith that she had as a dedicated and baptized Jehovah's Witness.

We will all miss her and left to cherish her memories is her husband of almost 50 years Glen. Children Glen, Joy, Marcus, and Abidawn and her husband A.J. Grandchildren Xander, Kailey, Johnathan, Kayden, Jayla, and Ariaah. Her brothers and sisters Eva Robertson (husband Kaiser Robertson), Cecelia Peltier, Joyce Robertson (husband Presley Robertson), Ethel M. Gathers, John Joseph Morale, and Joseph John Morale. Along with many other beloved friends and family.

A public viewing will be held at Rader Funeral Home in Longview on Thursday



## Obituary

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October 29th between 4-8 pm. Private family cremation will be taking place under the care of Rader Funeral Home.



# Events

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## Public Viewing

 **Thursday**, October 29, 2020

 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **Rader Funeral Home**  
1617 Judson Rd., Longview TX 75601





# Tribute Wall

**Mercedes Fortenberry**

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**Mark Charlton-Davis** posted:

Mrs. Mercedes and her husband Glen were the kindest people that I met as a youth. Both of them were so kind and had welcoming smiles. Mercedes Sister stayed with us for a few days. As a teenage boy, I could not get over how beautiful and shiny she was. I have still not gotten over it and I am 63 years old. I wish I could have seen Mercedes before she passed away. My condolences. Mark Kevin Charlton-Davis, backfeedbreakers@gmail.com

March 11 at 7:00 AM



**Nichelle F. Martine-Wright** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Fortenberry family and the siblings of Mercedes.

October 30 at 9:04 PM



**Mark Charlton-Davis** March 15 at 6:12 AM

Is this Nicky?!?!



**Mark Charlton-Davis** November 1 at 4:30 AM

My deepest condolences to the Fortenberry family.



**Lori Miller** posted:

She often did my taxes a few years back. Very sweet lady. My prayers are with her family.

October 30 at 12:40 PM



**Christina Powell** posted:

My Prayers and Hugs are extended to the Family and Friends. Mercedes always had a warm hug and such kind and loving words for me whenever we saw each other. She was a gentle and sweet Sister. I had to pleasure of being in the Ministry with her and was gifted with words of wisdom and I knew she had the biggest heart and love for people. I look so forward to seeing her again as the Resurrection is a wonderful Hope. With Love to all. Christina Powell

October 30 at 5:37 AM



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**Judy Walker** posted:

My condolences to the family. I will miss seeing her coming into our office at least once every year just to say "hi". I worked with her when we first opened up the Gladewater H&R Block office and she was such a pleasure to work for. She will be missed.

October 29 at 11:15 AM



**Evelyn Allen** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family, I've known Mercedes for more than 25 years. We met when I was a young pioneer in Jefferson, TX . She was visiting a former bible study and our relationship began from there. We remained friends and she became a true confidant. Many days we spent together in the ministry and at her tax office conversing, laughing, and crying....another hole has been etched in my heart. So now, I have even more reasons to hope in the Resurrection, to welcome her and my parents back!Evelyn Allen, Eastman, Longview Congregation.

October 29 at 9:56 AM



**Alpine Congregation** sent a Joyful Memory to the Fortenberry family.

October 28 at 7:12 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Fortenberry family.

October 28 at 11:08 AM





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**Meta Price** posted:

Even though I haven't seen her in few years, she always had special place in my life. Hopefully I'll see you in paradise! Meta

October 27 at 6:12 AM



**Denise Landry** October 28 at 4:05 PM

Warmth. Kindness. Unwavering Faith. Incredible strength. I will miss your heartfelt hugs and beautiful smiles. You are a true Steel Magnolia! See you soon Sis ♥



**Dorothy/James Lomax** October 27 at 5:25 PM

To the Fortenberry family, we send our condolences, A.J. and Abidawn are family and our family wanted to express our love and care for them . The (James & Dorothy Lomax) family. God bless.



**Paula Mccutchen** October 27 at 9:26 AM

I loved how Mercedes danced with Glen. And how she wore her beautiful hats. Love you forever. Paula



**Lorene Jamison** October 27 at 7:47 AM

I loved her so dearly, she taught me things about letter writing I will cherish forever. So dear and loving, never a loud voice or an unkind word. I will miss her, but I will be waiting to see you and give you a great big hug, when I see you in the new world. Love you



**Johnnie Branch Kennedy** posted:

I remember visiting with her and the family at their home years ago. A very dear friend, she helped us surprise Drake for his high school graduation party, we went on Bethel Tours together, always loving, kind and calm. I so look forward to hugging her again soon.

October 27 at 5:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Fortenberry family.



October 27 at 4:01 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mercedes by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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