



## Norman "Noni" Whitney Broadbooks

November 7, 1937 - February 24, 2020

Norman Lynn Whitney Broadbooks, "Noni" (aka Mom, and Gram) shuffled off this mortal coil on 02/24/20, just in time to enjoy her first Mardi Gras Day, in years, with her husband, Art Broadbooks, and sister, Barbara Tomba, who escaped this earthly plane years before. She was the daughter of Norman Edward Whitney, and Mary Alice Dubret, both of NOLA. She graduated from Martin Behrman High School in 1955, and Charity Hospital's Nursing Program in 1958. From there, she enlisted in the Navy. While stationed in Pensacola, she met a dashing young airman, who she promptly married, and then married again, in the Catholic Church, a few months later. (Mom eloped?!?!? Dad said she just wanted two anniversary presents each year.) She was a devout Catholic, and a member of the choir at her childhood Church, where she was absolutely NOT allowed to even lip sync, lest more than a sigh escape. The Nuns allowed her to turn the pages for the organist. Noni made her living as an RN, first in Pediatrics at a Regional Hospital, and then in ICU/Cardiac Care with the VA. She even lived her dream of serving the medical needs of Native Americans in Santa Fe, before retiring to spend time with her family, her friends, and her creativity. She was a long time, active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, in Dublin GA, where she leaves beaucoup les amis, and custom created/sewn/tailored altar linens, as well as the Priests' vestments. She was a remarkable seamstress, a phenomenal miniature artist, and an excellent Creole cook, when she wanted to be. When she was less inclined, she skipped the "first you make a roux"

part of things, but her gumbo was tasty either way. Noni's Red Beans tip, that I learned "after" making my first pot o' beans...don't forget the oil. "Mom, my beans don't look like your beans." "Did you add the oil?" "Oil...???"

She loved nature, yet adeptly killed plants. She loved camping, but didn't like sweating. She was a follower of Christ, but her language embellishments could make a sailor blush. She loved ice cream, and assured us that the ice cream below the "protective ice" was absolutely fine. We let her enjoy ALL of that, and then I made certain I had new ice cream for her visits. More recently, Noni was introduced to craft beers by her son, Chip, and her granddaughters, Brittney and Kendyl, who raise a mug, and a heartfelt, "Cheers to you Mom/Gram".

She loved animals, more than most people, so those of us, fortunate enough to have been loved by her, should spend time counting our lucky stars. She leaves behind her dog, Maebelle (who has a great, new person to love her), her brother Oliver (Sweetie), her daughter, Chris, her son, Chip (Michelle), her three grandchildren, Brittney Waldo (Stuart), Kendyl Smith (Jordan), and Lance, her three great grandchildren, Kamden, Karsyn, and Myles, nieces Bobbie, Susie, Alissa, and Kim. Nephews, Tommy, Nick, Craig, and Kirk, grand nieces and nephews, numerous members of her "chosen family", and countless other NOLA relatives, that we're probably related to in more ways than one. (That ancestry website is enlightening.)

Remembrance donations, honoring Noni's life and causes, can be made to the "ABC Women's Clinic" in Dublin, GA, "Partnership with Native Americans", "Wings of America", "Defenders of Wildlife", or the humane society of your choice.

Interment will be in the Spring, at the historic Greenwood Cemetery in NOLA, where she'll rest with her husband of 48 years, her Gram who taught her to

sew, and a plethora of other family members, who shaped her youth. A loud, raucous, joyful, memorial will be held at that time, with a crawfish boil, and craft beer. We'll keep everyone who loves her in the loop.

Todd Wahlquist of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Just good memories from when she would come to visit Chris at the Volvo shop. She was always happy and always doing. A very kind and generous person

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**Mark Kendrick** - March 11, 2020 at 09:33 AM

CI

“ Noni, May your soul Rest In Peace. Love you so much and think of you every time I see, wash and iron all the Altar Guild items that you made for us at Immaculate Conception Church in Dublin, GA. You had a great gift and shared it well. Until we meet again, pray for us. Love you, Carol and Dom

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**Carol Ingrando** - March 05, 2020 at 10:05 PM

TM

“ \*Godspeed dear Noni.....auto correct strikes again!

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**Tammie Bauman Mattysse** - February 29, 2020 at 12:18 PM

TM

“ I had the honor of getting to know Noni while she lived in North Carolina. I was her helper, but we became fast friends. With a tough exterior at times, her heart was incredibly kind. We shared many stories, and many laughs. We were partners in crime, keepers of secrets, and animal lovers. I count my lucky stars to be one of the people she liked and trusted.

Sending love to her family. She loved you all fiercely.  
Godspeed dear Mini.

Tammie Bauman Mattysse  
Asheville, NC

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**Tammie Bauman Mattysse** - February 29, 2020 at 12:16 PM

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**Tammie Bauman Mattysse** - February 29, 2020 at 12:20 PM

KC

“ Chris, Chip, & Munchkins a lot of great memories of her visits when it was time for Gram to get her Volvo serviced. Brittney & Kendyl so looked forward to those visits I knew well in advance when Gram was coming because they would be so excited and tell me days ahead of time. And yes her gumbo was divine. So glad to have met her what fond memories! Love you guys! ~Kelly

**Kelly Carter-Williams** - February 29, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MC

“ My memories are from the 70's, when I was a young child. I had met her one day when I had spent the night with Julie Clark and we went over to visit! I just always thought the Broadbrooks was the coolest family....not so uptight like the majority of the “Baptist” families!! I remember days at the VA pool too....a genuine, sincere, matter of fact lady!

*Mary Jane Hanley Carroll  
Stonewall, Louisiana*

**Mary Jane Hanley Carroll** - February 29, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MC

*Ugh...Broodbooks!! Autocorrect 😞*

**Mary Jane Hanley Carroll** - February 29, 2020 at 11:05 AM

PH

“ Gram, I just want you to know that you raised an amazing family. That was possible because of your self-assurance, independence, bravery, intelligence and level headedness. You were a perfect example of your generation's determination to make the world a better place. Your personality shone though illness and infirmity, and I loved your commentary on whatever event we were at (it was REALLY hard not to laugh sometimes...). Thank you for your kindness, your acceptance and your presence. It was a privilege for our country to have had you as one of our protectors, and a great honor of mine to have known you.

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**Pamela Houmere** - February 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM

BB

“ My Aunt Nonie, the only person who never judged me. She always loved me for me. We had many great vacations, Yellowstone, Sea World, Discovery Cove, Sanibel Island, Biltmore - to name a few. I will miss you dearly for the rest of my life. I'm glad I was with you, Chris, Chip and Brittney at the end. RIP!!

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**Bobbie Tomba Breaux** - February 28, 2020 at 05:38 PM

NT

“ Lots of food memories of aunt Noni. The fondest must be the trip to Sanibel Island with her, Chip, and Barbara. Camping with the Whitney girls - never a dull moment. Alligator in the tent, etc. We'll miss you and see you later.

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**Nick Tomba** - February 28, 2020 at 03:59 PM



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**Bevis Funeral Home** - February 28, 2020 at 03:05 PM