

Carolyn Lombardino Battarbee

SHREVEPORT - Mrs. Carolyn Lombardino Battarbee, age 83, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. A devoted wife, treasured mother, beloved grandmother, and great-grandmother, Carolyn lived a life marked by love, service, and unwavering dedication to those she held dear.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Osborn Funeral Home in Shreveport. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., officiated by The Very Rev. Msgr. Rothell Price. Interment will follow at Rose-Neath Cemetery in Bossier City.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana on January 8, 1942, Carolyn was the daughter of Pasquale "Buddy" Lombardino and Lucille Waldrip Lombardino. She met Dr. Harold Battarbee, a professor at the LSU Medical Center during a party she hosted. They married on December 27, 1997, and shared 28 wonderful years together.

A proud graduate of Louisiana State University, Carolyn devoted more than 25 years to educating and inspiring young minds in the South Bossier City school system. Her dedication to teaching and her deep love for children earned her numerous honors, including the prestigious title of Louisiana Teacher of the Year. She was also an active member and past president of Kappa Kappa Iota (KKI), a professional organization for educators.

Family was always at the center of Carolyn's life. A talented homemaker, she brought her loved ones together through joyful holiday celebrations, festive meals, and cherished traditions—such as the annual gingerbread house building and vibrant Easter gatherings with her children and grandchildren.

In retirement, Carolyn remained fully engaged in her community and the causes she loved. She was an enthusiastic member of several social and service organizations, including the Red Hat Society and the Shreveport Yacht Club. At the Yacht Club, she was a key contributor to both the Youth Sailing Program and the Potluck Dinner events.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Pasquale (Buddy) and Lucille Lombardino. She is survived by her loving husband, Harold. She is also survived by her five children from her previous marriage to John Mercer: Dr. John Mercer Jr. and wife Tara, Jeffrey Mercer, Patrick Mercer and wife Colleen, Aimee Hudson and husband Kendrick, and Rene' Whitlock and husband Kevin; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren, who were the light of her life. She also leaves behind her siblings: Dianne Farr and husband Eugene, Betty Deville and husband James, and her brother Patrick Lombardino.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons Collin Jach, Johnathan Hasty, Jack Mercer, William Mercer, Charles Whitlock, and Kane Whitlock. The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church in Shreveport.

