



***Lenora Ann Hitchens***  
***February 5, 1933 ~ April 25, 2017***

*Lenora Ann Hitchens, born in Lacour, Louisiana to Alcedie and Theodore Bourgeois, was a long-time member of St Joseph Catholic Church. She was reared in Baton Rouge, attended McKinley High School and graduated in the first class of Capital High School in 1951. Lenora worked as a librarian and at the media center prior to becoming a homemaker.*

*She leaves to mourn, her loving husband of 65 years, Charley L. Hitchens, Jr., sons, Charley Hitchens III, Michael Hitchens (Dorothy) and Sheldon Hitchens (Sharon), all of DeRidder; daughters, Carolyn Staten of Fort Worth, TX, Marvis Collor (Kelvin) of DeRidder; brother Earl Bourgeois (Elaine); sisters, Marion St. Amant, Lois Aikens (Russell, Sr.), all of Baton Rouge; extended family Frank and Fran Mayes and Voney and Mary Miller all of DeRidder; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Alcedie Bourgeois and son Stephen G. Hitchens.*

*Lenora was a gentle soul, but strong in every way. She had an undying love for family, friend, community and the world. Her love for the church and the Holy Family was immeasurable, she devoted her time to the choir, was chairperson of the Rosary Makers and was a lifetime member of the Catholic Daughters. She spent numerous hours making rosaries which were in turn given to communion classes, confirmation classes, sent to foreign countries and sold to raise funds for the organization. As a Catholic Daughter, she served on many committees.*

*She had a natural talent for the arts and it showed in her rosary making, her beautiful handwriting, her knitting and crocheting and drawings.*

*She was a kind heart. She was the best mother, best sister to her siblings, loving aunt, grandmother, in-law, cousin and friend. Full of love and compassion. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.*