



## Ramona Copeland Avant

February 23, 1945 - April 6, 2024

DeRidder -

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church in DeRidder for Ramona Copeland Avant, age 79, who passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday, April 6, 2024, in Deridder.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 10:00 am until service time at First Baptist Church in DeRidder.

Ramona Copeland Avant was born on February 23, 1945, in Shreveport and she was a longtime resident of DeRidder. She loved her husband and family dearly. Ramona considered teaching science and art as a ministry and loved her students very much. She was deeply involved in her students' lives. Ramona served as a National Honor Society sponsor for many years and enjoyed taking her students skying in Colorado. She and her husband loved agriculture as they both had degrees in agriculture from LSU. Ramona was an equal partner in establishing the first commercial blueberry plantation in Louisiana. She enjoyed fishing and hunting with her husband as well as working with him. In the summer, Ramona was a part time employee of LSU Baton Rouge, instructing other science teachers on how to use microbiology and molecular equipment so that they could borrow the same equipment to

teach their science students the same lessons. Above all, Ramona loved Jesus. She was active in choir and was a Sunday school teaching for many years. She is now in the arms of Jesus and will be dearly missed.

Ramona is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, N. Thomas Avant; as well as her siblings, Gilda Copeland Whittington, Andrea Copeland Seals, and Kaysea Copeland Nunez and her husband Chuck. Her nieces Katherine Whittington, Lindzee Nunez, and Hannah Nunez. Her nephews Marshall Whittington and his wife Darlene, Cameron Nunez and his wife Britany, and Micah Seals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon Lee Copeland and Fleta Adair Wimberly Copeland.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant to White Oaks Ministries to build a faith based therapeutic home for trafficked and sexually abused children. The address is 3612 Hwy 112, DeRidder, La 70634.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
2030 US-171  
DeRidder, LA 70634

## Memorial Service

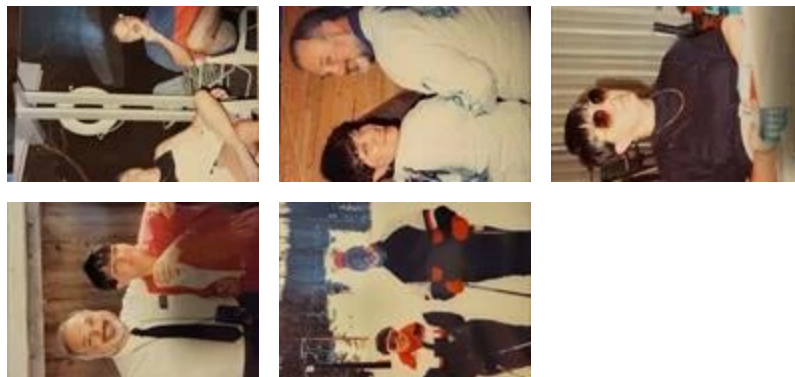
APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
2030 US-171  
DeRidder, LA 70634

# Tribute Wall

PW

“*Ramona. Beautiful Intelligent Respected Loved. A true lady that loved me as she did so many. She took time to teach me and guide me so much that I have no idea where I would be without her love and guidance. Ramona and Thomas have always been parents and friends to me in my heart. A blessing to us. The world has lost a precious treasure but she will live on in all of us that she influenced, taught, loved, guided, listened to, helped,*



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**Pamela Willis** - April 27, 2024 at 12:10 PM

DH

“*Even though I did not know her long, I knew right away what a good person Ramona was. She had so many talents and fun experiences. She loved her life, her husband and her Savior. She radiated Christ like love and kindness. We are all better for knowing her. My heart goes out to all who loved her. I know she is with her Father in Heaven.*

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**Darlene Horlacher** - April 23, 2024 at 10:51 AM

DP

“ *Doan Peyton lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant*



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**Doan Peyton** - April 11, 2024 at 06:27 AM

MY

“ *I remember when Mrs. Avant came to teach at Pitkin, she was very nice to the lower elementary students, I really respected her very much. Rest in Peace Mrs. Avant.*

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**Mary Young** - April 11, 2024 at 01:26 AM

CT

“ *Ramona was the true definition of a beautiful classy Southern Lady. She was a great influence on my children and grandchildren at Pitkin High School. Tom we will be praying for you in the coming days as you face this time of sorrow.*

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**Charlotte Taliaferro** - April 10, 2024 at 09:55 PM

NC

“ *Loved Miz Avant--great teacher, great mentor. So sorry for your loss Mr. Avant.*

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**Nyki Willis Cannon** - April 10, 2024 at 04:34 PM

SJ

“ *Sherry Johnson Jeter lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant*



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**Sherry Johnson Jeter** - April 09, 2024 at 10:43 PM

WW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss...she was a very sweet lady* 🙏

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**Wanda Weldon** - April 09, 2024 at 05:09 PM

PS

“ *Patricia Strother lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant*



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**Patricia Strother** - April 09, 2024 at 02:59 PM

JA

“ *Many memories She touches many many students!!! Rest In Peace*



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**Jeannie Taylor Alston** - April 09, 2024 at 01:25 PM

JA

*Touched!!!*

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**Jeannie Taylor Alston** - April 09, 2024 at 01:25 PM

CB

“ *Craig Birchfield lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant*



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**Craig Birchfield** - April 09, 2024 at 11:30 AM

MM

“ *Michelle Doyle Maricle lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant*



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**Michelle Doyle Maricle** - April 09, 2024 at 08:39 AM

CC

“ *Definitely one of the best teachers the world has ever seen We were fortunate to have known Mr and Mrs Avant A lady of high Integrity Prayers for the family and may she RIP*

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**Charles D Cooley** - April 09, 2024 at 08:34 AM

LD

“ *One of the most respected teachers in my high school years! She had such an impact on many students, including myself. She smiled with all the joy she had. Most of my high school memories include her. I know I'm not alone when I say she was loved by her students. Rest in peace Mrs Avant! My condolences to Mr Avant! Prayers for comfort and peace.*

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**Lynette Daigle Doyle** - April 09, 2024 at 08:31 AM

FG

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs.Ramona. I enjoyed the time I had caring for Mrs.Ramona. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Sending Prayers to you Mr.Avant and your family.

Faye Guidry - April 09, 2024 at 07:31 AM

TJ

“ I can't put into words how much Mrs. Avant meant to me. She was more than just my favorite teacher. She was a friend and mentor. She changed my life. My fondest memories in high school include her. I have no doubt she's walking the streets of gold. I can just hear her big laugh right now. Tina Perkins James

Tina James - April 09, 2024 at 12:25 AM

TD

So very sorry for your loss Mr Avant!! Praying for you! Ms Avant was a very special teacher that impacted so many students!! Will continue to pray for you during this difficult time!!

Tim Durbin - April 09, 2024 at 03:05 AM

RG

“ She was my teacher in school. Always smiling and ready to help in anyway.  
Spread your wings and keep watching over those you love.  
Regina Thompson Gary

Regina Thompson Gary - April 09, 2024 at 12:13 AM

T)

“ So sorry for your loss Mr.Avant sending prayers your way .She was a very special lady .



Tammie (Johnson )Maricle - April 08, 2024 at 11:22 PM

MD

“ Matt Dillon lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant



Matt Dillon - April 08, 2024 at 10:49 PM

MD

Praying for peace . Very sorry for your loss. Mr Avant

Matt Dillon - April 08, 2024 at 10:53 PM

MY

“ Mary Young lit a candle in memory of Ramona Copeland Avant



Mary Young - April 08, 2024 at 10:16 PM