



Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery

January 21, 1961 - June 26, 2025

We celebrate the life of our Angel on Earth, Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery. Whether she was called Mama, Granny, Grandma Lora, Gigi, Lo-Ran, or simply Ms. Lora, she loved everyone just the same. We celebrate God's gift of her to us and will forever cherish the moments, memories, and joy she brought into our lives.

Born on January 21, 1961, in Forrest City, Arkansas, Lora was the first daughter and third of six children born to the late Lawrence and Dicie Tobar. She spent her early years at Evans Elementary alongside many of her cousins and loved running, playing, and riding wild hogs with her siblings and relatives along the country roads of Bonair. At an early age, Lora accepted Christ at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, where she faithfully served as both an Usher and the beloved custodian of Big Mama's Kitchen.

She was a proud graduate of the Forrest City High School Class of 1979—the school's first fully integrated graduating class.

Lora was one of the first employees of Sonic Drive-In and made history as one of its first African American managers. She loved to tell the story of going into labor with Brandi while still working as a carhop. She dedicated 45 years to Sonic and 27 years to Boar's Head Provisions, working tirelessly until her health required her to retire.

Lora was joined in matrimony to Edsel Montgomery Jr., and from that union came her two greatest gifts—Brandi and Ashley, who remained the center of

her world. Lora and Edsel maintained a lifelong friendship rooted in mutual respect, and their unwavering devotion to the family they built together.

Her family was her heart, and her grandchildren were her joy. Lora didn't play when it came to showing up for her babies—each one equally loved and celebrated. Whether it was attending graduations, pinning Ashley as a nurse, helping Brandi organize her first home, or welcoming Braxton and her great-grandchildren, she was front and center. She helped raise her first two granddaughters, Ariana and Madison Montgomery, who lovingly called her Granny, alongside Landen, who became her shadow. She shared a special bond with Harmoni and Nickolas, who affectionately called her Grandma Lora, and beamed with pride as she embraced her youngest grandchild, Braxton, who knew her simply and sweetly as Gigi.

After the passing of her mother, Lora naturally stepped into the role of family matriarch—keeping everyone connected, covered, and close. She held her family together with unwavering devotion and pride, especially when it came to her siblings. She loved her sisters (Velma and Brenda) deeply and looked up to her big brothers (the Twins) with admiration. Her Irish twin bond with her brother Larry was unshakable, and she doted on her baby brother, Pete, like only a big sister could. Whether planning a gathering or checking in “just because,” Lora made sure the family remained a unit—bound by love, memory, and her steady presence.

In her later years, Lora found joy in traveling, cheering on her children and grandchildren, and catching episodes of *The Equalizer*. She shared a lifelong bond with her cousin and best friend Doreen Anderson—rarely seen apart, especially during their regular Walmart runs, which became their own cherished tradition.

At the age of 64, Lora peacefully transitioned from this life on June 26, 2025, in Little Rock, Arkansas, after a courageous battle with cancer. Surrounded by

her loving family, she fought with strength and grace until the very end. She was welcomed into eternal rest by her parents, Lawrence and Dicie Tobar; her great-grandparents, Walter and Katie Mays, and Bill and Eva Tobar; and her nephew, Dominique Tobar.

Lora leaves to celebrate her life: Her daughters, Brandi Montgomery Riggins (Nicholas) of Charlotte, NC, and Ashley Montgomery of Little Rock, AR; Her beloved grandchildren: Ariana, Madison, Harmoni, Nickolas, Landen, and Braxton. Three cherished great-grandchildren: Mason Moore, ZyKeir Scott, Micah Fuller.

Lora will be deeply missed by her siblings: Tharmon, Vermon; Larry (Brenda) Tobar, Brenda Joyce, Velma (Reggie) McCoy, and Melvin "Pete" Tobar. She also leaves behind her beloved "in-loves siblings": Emma (James) Edwards, Joyce Strong, Sita Ledbetter-Montgomery, Stevie (Brenda) Montgomery, Donna (Felix) Duckworth and Lisa Montgomery of Forrest City, AR. A special aunt, Corine Williams of Grand Prairie, TX, Luella and Ethel Mae Tobar of Forrest City, AR, and an Uncle Sammy Tobar, of Forrest City, Two special Nieces, Latoria Westbrooks (Tyrell) and Collin Montgomery; A Sister Cousin: Doreen Anderson, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family who she loved as her own.

Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing she is at peace—and we will carry her light in everything we do.

Cemetery Details

Casteel Cemetery

Highway 70 West & CR 221
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Salem Missionary Baptist Church
105 Haven Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

The family will line up at 618 Mann Street, Forrest City, AR on the day of the service. Everyone is expected to be ready to leave by 11:30 AM

Repast

JUL 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Salem Missionary Baptist Church Life Center
109 Haven Street
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Sadden to here of her passing. She was one of pretty girls from our Northside neighborhood. Condolence to families*



Raquel Britt.- Brown - July 05, 2025 at 04:21 PM

PH

“ *Pecola Hooks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Pecola Hooks - July 05, 2025 at 02:45 PM

LW

“ *Lee Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Lee Williams - July 05, 2025 at 12:25 PM

CW

“ *Brandi and Family, we are saddened by the transition of your beloved Mother. May cherished memories abide with you always. Our prayers are lifted as we send sincere condolences to you and all the family. May God’s Peace and Comfort surround you and sustain all of you as you go through this Valley. We Love You.*

*Charlotte and Sherita Gray (Nick Cousins)
Clinton, Maryland*

Charlotte White-Gray - July 04, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*



July 03, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*



July 03, 2025 at 01:01 AM

FC

“ *From Shawn, Kristal, Adrienne & CeCe. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*

From Shawn, Kristal, Adrienne & CeCe. - July 02, 2025 at 10:46 PM

FC

“ From Shawn, Kristal, Adrienne & CeCe.
purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the
family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.



From Shawn, Kristal, Adrienne & CeCe. - July 02, 2025 at
10:46 PM

CC

“ Lora was one of the sweetest people we have met over the yrs.
Beautiful person inside and out. Our heartfelt condolences to the
family. May God bless and comfort each one during this difficult
time.

Charles and Mary j Coleman - July 02, 2025 at 09:27 PM

NW

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. God
has decided he needed her more. Praying for
your strength during this time.



Nykole Wyatt - July 02, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was
purchased for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar
Montgomery.



July 02, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*



July 02, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *The Brewington Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*



The Brewington Family. - July 02, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Joyce Ann Mays-Harden sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Joyce Ann Mays-Harden - July 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *For my wonderful Tobar, Montgomery Family, my prayers, love, and deepest condolences go out to all of you. I pray that God will comfort you at this sad and difficult time. It saddens me now to be there with my family, but know my heart is and will always be with my family, in Jesus' Name I pray for all of us Amen, love all of you!*

Joyce Ann Mays-Harden - July 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LF

LoraAnn a beautiful soul inside and out. Loving, kind, thoughtful, giving and dedicated daughter to her parents, mother to her daughters, grands, ggrands, siblings, the family always extended to dear cousins and friends also. To know her is to love her. Take your rest dear cousin we will always love you here and in eternity in Jesus Christ our LORD your cousin Lucy May & Hubert Farris 🧡🙏

Lucy Farris - July 02, 2025 at 08:38 PM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss God bless you all, Lora was so sweet and kind we will miss her

Christine White - July 02, 2025 at 04:19 PM

AD

“ Adriene, Carolyn, Allison Dulaney purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.



Adriene, Carolyn, Allison Dulaney - July 02, 2025 at 03:27 PM

CC

“ Charles Cook and Diane(Ann) Cook-Thomas purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.



Charles Cook and Diane(Ann) Cook-Thomas - July 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

BB

“ *My deepest condolences, I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one! Lora was such a beautiful sweet soul! My prayers are with you....May God wrap his arms around you to comfort you always but especially during this time of Bereavement! RIP, Lora!*



Beverly Bradley - July 02, 2025 at 01:28 PM

WD

“ *Wanda & Johnny Dale lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Wanda & Johnny Dale - July 02, 2025 at 12:44 PM

BM

“ *My condolences to the Tobar and Montgomery family. I attended school with Lora she graduated in '79. Behind me as remember her as quiet and nice with long pretty hair. Lora will missed by her classmates and Family.*

*Betty Maxey
Rochester, NY
Class of '78*

Betty Maxey - July 02, 2025 at 11:42 AM

CW

Sending my prayers and condolences to the Family. CLASS OF 1981.

Carolyn Williams - July 02, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*



July 02, 2025 at 12:03 AM



“ *Lovie Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Lovie Hardrick - July 01, 2025 at 11:37 PM



“ *Love Rick and Terry Reyes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery.*



Love Rick and Terry Reyes - July 01, 2025 at 11:13 PM



“ *Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Katherine Lyons - July 01, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Eddie Hodges - July 01, 2025 at 06:28 PM



“ *Deborah Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Lora Ann Tobar Montgomery*



Deborah Washington - July 01, 2025 at 05:49 PM