

# Lula Louise Crawford Norwood



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Lula Louise Norwood, age 85, of Springfield, Louisiana, passed away quietly in her home on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

Lula was born in Manifest, Louisiana and graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana as a Louisiana State Registered Nurse in 1960. From there, she worked at Baton Rouge General Hospital as an Emergency Room Charge Nurse and was instrumental in establishing the new Emergency Suite in 1965.

In 1973, Lula joined Doctor's Memorial Hospital as an Emergency Room Supervisor until 1975. She continued her nursing career as a Phlebotomist and Physician's Substitute at Hyland Plasma Center until her retirement. In 1986, Lula was the first Hyland employee to be approved by the FDA for the Physician's Substitute position. She was featured in several local publications like The Baton Rouge General News, STATE-TIMES Baton Rouge News, and the SUNDAY ADVOCATE Newspaper for her accomplishments in Nursing.

Lula is pre-deceased by her husband, Burchie Norwood Jr "BJ"; parents, Robert Lee and Josie Crawford; her sister, Daisy; her daughter-in-law, Vicki; and her granddaughter, Sylvia. She is survived by her son Aurthur and his wife, Theresa; her son Charles Ray and his wife, Tammy; her son David and his wife, Mickie; and her daughter Connie and her husband, Chuck. She is also survived by, remembered and loved by 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was "Maw Maw" to all that knew her and she loved them all.

Funeral services for Lula will be held at Seale Funeral Home in Livingston, Louisiana, on July 12 at 11:00 a.m., with Brother Ralph Stewart of Albany

Pentecostal Church officiating. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Services will be concluded graveside at Pine Grove Baptist Church where she will be buried alongside her husband. The family would like to thank the staff at The Hospice of Baton Rouge for all the wonderful care and assistance provided during Lula's final months.