



## Mark David Bazile

December 12, 1963 - February 4, 2023

Mark David Bazile was born on December 12, 1963, in Brooklyn, New York to the late Leo Bazile, Sr. and the late Sedia Edinburgh Bazile.

His early influences include maternal grandparents, the late Cornelius Edgar Edinburgh, the late Colestine Jones Edinburgh, and great-grandmother Beulah Edinburgh Carter.

Mark was the sixth of Leo's twelve children. Mark was loved by his siblings: Kenneth Bazile (Shelita); the late Keith Bazile; Shawn Bazile; Dionne Bazile; Yolanda Boutte (Bobby) and Lucrece Bazile-Philips all of New Orleans, Leo Bazile Jr; Leroy Bazile; Betty Bazile Knox(Craig); the late Reggie Eddie, all of Oakland California and Brenda Eagleton Ward of San Fransisco.

Mark's adopted family includes Freddy Ross aka "Big Freedia", and his beloved dog, Bella.

He was a well-loved uncle and great-uncle to a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was loved by many family, friends, clients, and acquaintances all over the world!

The Bazile family returned home to New Orleans, where Mark was fortunate to receive his early childhood education, from The Martinez School.

He graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School in 1977. Mark attended St. Augustine High School and Joseph S. Clark High School, where he graduated in 1981.

He attended Southern University in Baton Rouge and Sidney Collier Vocational Technical School, and received a cosmetology license.

After age 40, Mark enrolled in the City College of San Francisco Floristry Degree Program.

Mark was a unique individual with special creative gifts and talents that only come from God. Mark was a hair stylist, floral designer, decorator, set designer, choir director, fashion model, and an all-around creative genius. No one directed a choir like him!

Mark began singing gospel at an early age. His affiliations included The Gospel Soul Children; Tyrone Foster and the Arc Singers; The Holy Hill Gospel Singers; Raymond A. Miles Singers(RAMS), and many others.

Mark served as a culture bearer for New Orleans and left an impression on any room he entered. His many creative accomplishments include: serving for many years as an artist/designer at The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festivals, Essence Festivals, and Second-line parades; and float artist for Blaine Kern Mardi Gras World. Mark was the floral designer for the Meeting of the Courts between the Krewes of Rex and Comus, the last act of the Mardi Gras Carnival season each year.

Mark was featured on WWL -TV Naturally N'awlins with Frank Davis transforming the main lobby of the former Fairmont Hotel now The Roosevelt, into a "Winter Wonderland".

His model is recreated every year letting you know Christmas has arrived in New Orleans.

Mark had a heart of gold and would help anybody he could.

Soon after Hurricane Katrina flooded the city, Mark found a boat and rescued several elderly and disabled neighbors. After relocating to San Francisco after Hurricane Katrina, he began designing showrooms for Macy's San Francisco. He transformed any space he decorated. Mark left his mark on individuals, The City of New Orleans, and The World.

Mark lived a dynamic life and left this earth peacefully.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, Mark David Bazile was called home to rest in eternal peace.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

City of Love Full Gospel Baptist Church  
8601 Palmetto St  
New Orleans , LA 70118

## Service

FEB 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

City of Love Full Gospel Baptist Church  
8601 Palmetto St  
New Orleans , LA 70118

## Following the Funeral Service is a Second Line to the Repast

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 11:25 AM (CT)

Rosenwald Gym  
1120 S Broad  
New Orleans , LA 70125

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I miss you so much marktavia you was one of a kind always smiling happy & supportive in everything I love you mark continue resting In loving memory 🥺

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**sarentataylor** - September 14, 2024 at 08:12 AM

CD

“ Mark will truly be missed with that loving spirit and warm smile.

*Cousin Dawnmarie & Family  
Seattle, WA*

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**Cousin Dawnmarie** - February 18, 2023 at 07:55 PM

SR

“ Mark was a jack of all trades I can picture him singing in the choir for the spirit of channel 4 commercial wasn't much he couldn't do sorry I didn't get a chance to personally tell him I loved him (he knew tho) heaven has truly gained a real angel 🙏 Mark Da Great

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**Shelita Risin** - February 17, 2023 at 01:44 AM

VS

*Mark was truly a remarkeable young man. I remember him full of energy mixing and mingling with everybody. He was one of the best choir directors. He was patient and kind. He was love*

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**Vanessa Sawyer** - February 18, 2023 at 10:57 AM

LH

*Mark will be remembered for the bright light he was. He was gifted, talented and blessed with a charisma that could not be matched. He blended well with everyone and carried an undeniable smile and playful sarcasm. He was gracious, loving, helpful and pleasant to be around. I remember him well in the days of St Monica's Church and with the New Orleans Gospel Soul Children. RIP Mark until we all meet again. Prayers to you, Kenneth and the entire family.*

*Lyle Henderson  
Oakland, CA*

**Lyle E Henderson** - February 19, 2023 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ *Timothy Bordenave purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark David Bazile.*



**Timothy Bordenave** - February 15, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mark David Bazile.*



February 14, 2023 at 11:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark David Bazile.*



February 14, 2023 at 04:17 AM

VL

“ Sending my condolences to the Bazile family and friends.

Vanessa Labyzon - February 14, 2023 at 04:01 AM

GS

“ Sending love and condolences to Mark Family And Friends" I Have So Many Memories Of Mark 'He will definitely be missed by all who knew him, Rest Easy My GSC Brother and Dear Friend!!!



Geraldine Shorts - February 13, 2023 at 07:13 PM

JD

*Sending condolences to Mark family. You will be missed by all you touched while here on earth. Rest in God's loving arm.*

*Judith Dabney  
Hiram, GA*

Judith Dabney - February 13, 2023 at 08:40 PM

JT

*To You Bro Kenneth And Other Members Of The Barzil Family My DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. PRAYING For You All. Unfortunately I Won't Be Able To Attend The Service, Living In Emeryville, CA. @ Present. But ! I'm All In IN SPIRIT & DEFINITELY PRAYING For YOU & The FAMILY STRENGTH, LOVE & PEACE In The MIGHTY MATCHLESS NAME of JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD & SAVIOR. GOD'S POWERFUL UNLIMITED BLESSINGS ! THANKS Bro Kenneth For REACHING OUT & SHARING.*

Jackie Tolbert - February 14, 2023 at 09:53 AM

CG

*Rest in peace Mark!*

Cynthia Gallo - February 17, 2023 at 11:16 AM

WW

“ Sorry for your loss 🙏 praying for the family. Mark is missed and forever will be in my heart. Rest in the Lord my dear friend.

Wilson Williams - February 13, 2023 at 01:17 PM

CC

“ Cordell Chambliss lit a candle in memory of Mark David Bazile



Cordell Chambliss - February 13, 2023 at 12:40 PM

SW

“ My Condolences to the Family.  
Mark as said before you could introduce Mark and he welcomed them as he knew them all his Special Life.  
To the Family and his many Friends sorry will pass but God will let us all remember Mark with a lot of much much love, laughter and so much fun to be around.  
Any Mark you could wear a hat.  
God has spoken He called you home

Shirley Wilfed - February 13, 2023 at 12:12 PM

MD

My heart is saddened from a selfish stand point because of missing him here on earth. Mark was my boy. Love me some Mark. ❤️ Always the same no matter how long it was from the last time you might have seen each other. Just God given nature creativity. Loved being around him. Just a good individual. He was our Billy Porter of New Orleans before we knew who Billy Porter was. God needed you more to do some breathe taking designs in Heaven. My condolences to his family and adopted family. Forever loved Michele 🙏❤️

Michele Davis - February 13, 2023 at 11:08 PM

RT

*To the family and friends of Mark my heart felt prayers are with you.  
Hold on and love one another. Keep faith  
Rosiland Jones*

Rosiland Jones Todd - February 14, 2023 at 10:34 AM

KG

“ *Kevanlynnette Griffin lit a candle in memory of  
Mark David Bazile*



kevanlynnette Griffin - February 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM

KG

*Forever LOVE you friend  
you were truly a Hidden jewel, a Diamond in the rough* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️  
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kevanlynnette Griffin - February 13, 2023 at 11:11 AM

NB

“ *Mark, you definitely made your 'Mark' on this  
earth. You were one of a kind and the mold  
has been broken. Your an 'ANCESTOR' now.  
Take your rest peacefully. I will miss you  
friend.*



Nettie Boo - February 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM

YW

“ My Friend with tears of JOY i write this ...  
It could be months & days when we didn't see each other but when we did it's was like there were no days in between  
You decorated for All of My Family Events & especially for my wedding I was blown away.  
From Back in the Day from back in the day Our Friendship was Always REAL  
I can said today YOU was My FRIEND  
I'm at PEACE because Our Conversation about the Good Lord Ohh Jesus !!  
RIPARADISE Job Well DONE  
Yomera (ur Lenore ) 💔💔💔🙏

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**yometa williams** - February 13, 2023 at 10:14 AM

GL

“ Sending condolences to the family of Mark. The Magnolia Housing Project Reunion committee are beyond grateful for his selfless gesture to always show up for our events with his gift of decorating. His heart illuminated through his work and dedication. Rest in peace Mark, you will truly be missed.

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**Gwendolyn Lee** - February 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

GS

“ I can only imagine how vibrant your spirit man is right now. You truly let your light shine here on earth. Not giving two cares of what anyone thought or said, living your best life. Get your rest Mark. Save a spot in that tenor section for me 🌸💙

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**Greg Fortenberry, Sr.** - February 13, 2023 at 12:48 AM

WW

“ *Mark sister lucrece and I have known each other for years, whenever I go to new Orleans to visit her we would hangout with him. He was always kind and fun to be with. Rest in peace mark you will always be missed.*



Winella weaver - February 13, 2023 at 12:37 AM

SB

“ *Sending my condolence and Prayers of Comfort!*

Sherise Brown - February 12, 2023 at 11:23 PM

DK

“ *Dear Brother Mark take your Rest Our Heavenly Father called you home. You will be missed, but not forgotten. You were a friend and brother to many and a part of many families. Everyone knew and dearly loved you. You never met a stranger. Now, you are singing and praising God in that heavenly choir! I love you and will missed. Your Sister Monja and Brother-in-law Jeff*

Dr. Monja Kelson - February 12, 2023 at 09:28 PM

AS

*Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Mark's family. Mark was extremely talented and it seems like whatever he touched turned to gold. I can remember when he decorated the New Orleans City Council Receptionist Area for Mardi Gras, everyone came to admire and take pictures its was breathtaking!!! Take your well deserved rest. "May the Work He Done "....."Speak for Him ".  
Lena Stewart & Family*

Alena Stewart - February 12, 2023 at 09:45 PM

LP

“ My condolences to Mark family also his baby  
that really really going to miss him



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**Lynette Parkway** - February 12, 2023 at 09:19 PM

LJ

“ Bubble, Joppa& Yvette loved you dearly ❤️❤️  
🙏💜 rest peacefully



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**lequechia jackson** - February 12, 2023 at 08:56 PM

CB

*Loved my best friend!*

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**Clarence Brown** - February 12, 2023 at 09:31 PM