



# Bright Light Foundation

## **Alice Guidry Hue**

*2011 BLF Recipient*



Alice Guidry Hue was born in the small community of Dularge, La., on November 28, 1952. She was the eldest daughter and middle child of Beulah and Lester Guidry, Sr. At the young age of 13, she met her future husband, Calvin, at Houma Junior High School. Three years later, they married and welcomed their first son, Calvin Jr., nine months later. They added a second son, Craig, to their family five years later. Though Alice never had a daughter, she grew close to Amanda, the little girl she got to know through babysitting starting at two weeks old.

Alice loved children. She was very involved in her sons' lives – volunteering at school, attending the many games the boys played, and even coaching if needed. The boys often joked that she followed the bus to away games so closely that her car had marks from the bus exhaust on the hood. As her boys got older, the jobs she held usually centered around working with kids. Whether it was serving as a sitter, a religion teacher or as a Headstart teacher, each child had a special place in her heart. She especially loved spending time with her three grandchildren, Kersti, Zander and Layne.

Alice was first diagnosed with colon cancer in September 2006. After surgery to remove the tumor and several rounds of chemotherapy, Alice enjoyed three cancer-free years. She made the most of those three years – volunteering at her grandchildren's schools, helping with their baseball teams in the summer, getting involved in her church community and taking family trips. In August 2009, she received the news that her cancer was back and immediately began treatments. Both times, she accepted the news with strength and grace. In May 2011, Alice made a trip to M. D. Anderson to explore further treatment options after hearing that her current treatments were no longer working after 18 months. The decision was made to install a port and administer her chemo medications over a 46-hour period through a pump. Unfortunately, Alice was already very frail, and her small body could not handle the stress of the treatment. After a five-day hospital stay, she was released but never recovered. On July 5, 2011, Alice passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

In Alice's final months, Calvin was approached by one of his supervisors at Cameron about the Bright