

**46th Louisiana Association of the Deaf Conference
Embassy Suites
Baton Rouge, LA.
June 6, 2009**

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Necrology

After June 2007:

**Shirley Babin
Claude DeCuir
Margaret Cannon
Douglas Fuselier
Shirley Rome
Archie Kuyrkendall
Mildred McAllister**

**Dale Breaux
George Fraychineaud, Sr.
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2008:

**Evelyn Scott
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Claudia Southwell
Cheryl Broussard Bass**

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