Ermentrude of Orléans

Ermentrude of Orléans (27 September 823 – 6 October 869) was Queen of the Franks by her marriage to Charles the Bald, Holy Roman Emperor and King of West Francia. She was the daughter of Odo, Count of Orléans and his wife Engeltrude.

She and Charles married in 842. Their children were:

- Judith of Flanders, consort of Æthelwulf of Wessex, Æthelbald of Wessex, and Baldwin I, Count of Flanders
- Louis the Stammerer (846–879)
- Charles the Child (847–866)
- Lothar (848–865), monk in 861, became Abbot of Saint-Germain
- Carloman, son of Charles the Bald (849–876)
- Rotrud (852–912), a nun
- Ermentrud (854–877), a nun
- Hildegard (born 856, died ?)
- Gisela (857–874)
- Godehilde (864-907)

Ermentrude had a gift for embroidery and an interest in religious foundations. Her husband gave her the Abbey of Chelles. She separated from her husband after he executed her rebellious brother William in 866, and retreated to life in a nunnery. Ermentrude was buried in the Basilique Saint-Denis, Paris, France.

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Queen of the West Franks

Statue of Ermentrude in her tomb

Queen of the West Franks	
Reign	13 December 842 – 6 October 869
Spouse	Charles the Bald
Dynasty	Carolingian Udalriching
Father	Odo, Count of Orléans
Mother	Engeltrude of Paris
Born	27 September 823
Died	6 October 869 (aged 46)
Burial	Saint Denis Basilica, Paris, France

Ermentrude buried in front of Carloman I (751–771), Basilique Saint-Denis

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Preceded by **Judith of Bavaria** *First following the Treaty of Verdun*	**Queen of Western Francia** 843–869	Succeeded by **Richilde of Provence**