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James Rabalais Sr.

James Rabalais, Sr. passed away on December 29, 2008. Beloved husband of Bena Genusa Rabalais. Father of Mary Jane Rabalais Hasney and James Rabalais, Jr. Father-in-law of Joseph Hasney and Tiffany Rabalais. Grandfather of Lauren Nicole Rabalais and Hailey Marie Rabalais. Preceded in death by his parents, Elam Gustav Rabalais and Armaid Laborde Rabalais; his brothers, Jennings Lawrence Rabalais and his twin, Joseph Rabalais. He is a U.S. Army veteran, sErving his country in the Korean War and was injured in a mortar attack. He once hiked 25 miles in the snow, suffering frostbite to attend religious services. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at Mothe Funeral Home, 7040 Lapalco Blvd., Marrero, LA, on Friday, January 2, 2009 from 11 AM to 3 PM. A Funeral Mass will follow. Graveside services will be held at St. Mary Cemetery in Cottonport, LA on Saturday, January 3, 2009 for 1 PM. For further information or directions, call 504.366.4343.

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Addie Ducote Bordelon

Town Talk December 27, 2008



Services for Addie Ducote Bordelon of Plaucheville will be at 2 p.m. December 28, 2008 at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Plaucheville with Rev. Charles Morgan officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Dupont under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Addie Ducote Bordelon, 82, died in Bunkie General Hospital on December 25, 2008. She was a very devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother. She was an excellent cook. Special Thanks to Lauren Bordelon for making her final years happy ones.

Survivors include sons, Teddie J. Bordelon and Dillion Bordelon both of Plaucheville; daughter, Beverly (Tookie) Pearce of Evergreen; brother, Annis Ducote of Marrero; three special friends, P.W. and Lula Mae Guillot, Houston and Barbara Bordelon, Shirley and Mervyn Ducote all of Plaucheville; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; a host of friends, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by three sisters, Mazie Ducote Ponthieux, Frances Ducote Dauzat and Ena Jeansonne; two brothers, Alva Ducote and Elster Ducote; husband, Herman Bordelon, father, Otride Ducote and mother, Anna Bell Bordelon.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and re-open Sunday, 10 a.m. A Wake Service will be Saturday, December 27, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Active Pallbearers will be Shane Bordelon, Shad Bordelon, Ward Bordelon, Sam Pearce III, Adam Pearce, Blake Plauche, Scott Marcantel and Scott Plauche.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gill Pias, Toby Dixon and Richard Dupont.

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Eddie Joseph Jeansonne

December 19, 2008 Morning Advocate

Eddie Joseph Jeansonne, 61, was an avid LSU fan and outdoorsman, although his favorite hobby was cooking for his family and friends. A native of Cottonport, he died Monday, Dec. 15, 2008, at his home in St. Gabriel. Eddie had worked as a consultant in oil refineries both at home and abroad. At the time of his death, he was employed by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. He was also a decorated Vietnam War veteran of the U.S. Army. Visitation at Ourso Funeral Home, Gonzales, on Wednesday, Dec. 17, was from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visiting resumes at the funeral home on Thursday from 11 a.m. until service at 1 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Michael Alello. Interment in Hope Haven Prairieville Cemetery. Survived by two sons, Trevar Jeansonne and girlfriend Allie LeBlanc, and Kyle Jeansonne and wife Michelle; grandson, Collin Jeansonne; and brothers, Ronald Jeansonne, Gerald Mayeaux and Leslie Jeansonne. Pallbearers will be David Gremillion, Ben Lemoine, George Lemoine, Jeremy Easley, Chris Mitchell and Cid Dillard. Honorary pallbearer is Adam Gremillion. Preceded in death by his parents, Marshall and Quinton Jeansonne. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center Blood Bank. He always opened his door and his heart to anyone in need. He will be sorely missed by us all.

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Gale Armand



December 14, 2008 Town Talk

Gale Armand, 64, passed away Wednesday, December 10, after a valiant and courageous battle with leukemia.

Gale was born in Cottonport, on January 8, 1944 and lived in Metairie with his cherished wife of 40 years, Delia (Suzie). Gale graduated from University of Southwest Louisiana and earned his Masters' from Loyola University. He worked for 37 years for the Jefferson Parish School Board, predominately as a Guidance Counselor at Grace King High School. Following retirement, Gale volunteered with the Friends of the Jefferson Parish Library.

Gale was pre-deceased by his parents, Verlin and Allen Armand.

In addition to his beloved wife, he is survived by his brother, Terry and wife Tina and their two children and grandchildren; his sister, Marleen Riché and husband Harvey; his brother, Ronald and wife Kris and their three children; and his sister-in-law, Connie Knight. Gale and Dee, with their dog Mushroom, loved to travel.

The family would like to thank the Oncology group at Ochsner Clinic together with the 11th floor staff at Ochsner Hospital for their care and compassion during the past difficult 18 months.

Family and friends are invited to a Memorial Service at L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2929 Metairie Rd. on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 11 a.m. with visitation starting at 10 a.m. A Mass will be held in Cottonport on January 10, 2009.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society, 2405 River Rd., New Orleans, LA 70121.

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Bobby "Errol" Bonnette

Services for Bobby "Errol" Bonnette will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 12, 2008 in Bayou Rouge Baptist Church, Evergreen with Reverend David Trimbur officiating. Burial will be in Belledeau Baptist Church Cemetery, Belledeau. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home of Marksville.

Mr. Bonnette, age 69, of Hessmer passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy Bonnette of Hessmer; son, Keith W. Bonnette and wife Melissa of Effie; step-son, Keith Manuel and wife Cynthia of Marksville; brother, Harold Bonnette of Fifth Ward; sister, Ina McWey of Boston, Massachusetts; four grandchildren, Brittany Bonnette, Keith Bonnette, Jr., Bethany Bonnette, Derek Manuel; four step - grandchildren, Katrina Thomas, Chris Bryant, Jessica Larimore, Julian Laborde.

Visitation will be in the Hixson Brothers Funeral Home of Marksville Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 5 p.m. all night until shortly before time of services at the Church.

To extend online condolences to the Bonnette Family, please visit our website at www.hixsonbrothers.com.

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James "Ken" Best



Town Talk November 6, 2008

Services for Mr. James "Ken" Best will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008 in the Chapel of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Marksville with Pastor Clois Cole officiating. Burial will be in the Vick Baptist Cemetery in Effie.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Marksville. Mr. Best, 77, of Cottonport, passed away at his residence Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

He was a native of Kentucky, resident of Cottonport, former teacher and coach in Rapides Parish for many years, as well, as teacher, coach, counselor and principal of Cottonport High School from 1973-1987 and principal of Plaucheville Elementary for 8 years in Avoyelles Parish. He was an avid outdoorsman and civic leader. He served as President and Secretary of the Cottonport Service Club, President of Alexandria Area Football Officials Association, Avoyelles Sportsman League, Spring Bayou Bass Club, Director of Cottonport Boys and Girls Softball League and member of the Cottonport Industrial Development Board and American Legion Post. He was a United States Air Force Pilot, selected to the All Air Force Football and Baseball Teams and All Southeastern Conference Football Team.

Survivors include his wife, Johnnie Best of Cottonport, and daughter, Dawn Best-DesJardins of Baton Rouge, two brothers, Gene Best of Glasgow, Kentucky; Gay Best of Independence, Kentucky, numerous nieces, nephews, one cousin.

Visitation will be on Thursday, November 6, 2008 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until time of services in the funeral home.

To extend online condolences to the Best, please visit our website at www.hixsonbrothersfh.com

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William Pearson

October 31, 2008

Services for William (Bill) Pearson will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Salem Baptist Church in Bunkie with Rev. John Calbert officiating. Burial will be in Salem Baptist Church cemetery under the direction of Progressive Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Williams (Bill) Pearson, 87, died in Rapides Regional Medical Center on Friday, October 24, 2008.

He was a member of the First St. Paul Baptist Church of Bayhills, La. and served as Deacon Board Chairman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sim and Mattie Patterson Pearson, three brothers, two sisters.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ruth McGlory Pearson of Bunkie; two daughters, Janis P. Alfred of Bunkie, Stephanie P. Butler and husband Alvin of Alexandria; one son, Donaldson Juneau of Opelousas; one sister, Betty Jamerson of Bunkie; six grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Viewing will be from 9 a.m. until time of services.

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Mary Onida Pittman Rhorer

October 27, 2008

Graveside services for Mary Onida Pittman Rhorer will be at 1 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2008 in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Adams officiating, with arrangements under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Rhorer passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Bailey House Assisted Living. Ms. Mary was born in Winsboro, Louisiana, August 11, 1910, to Mary Sullivan Pittman and John L. Pittman.

She traveled extensively with her late husband, J.W. Rhorer and developed many lifelong friendships. She embraced new adventures throughout her life. She enjoyed playing the organ and the guitar and mastered numerous crafts.

Mary touched many lives in her 98 years and never lost her zeal for learning. An avid reader, she was continuously on the lookout for new books to broaden her horizons and she was always the trivia champ.

She was a strong willed, true Southern lady, loving neighbor, trusted friend and generous member of the community.

Ms. Mary is survived by numerous nephews and nieces whom she loved dearly. Special thanks to her dear friend, Monica Hernandez and the staff at the Bailey House. Online condolences to the Rhorer family may be emailed to melanconfuneral@aol.com.

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October 23, 2008

Services for Serafine Gauthier, of Cottonport, will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008 at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport. Burial will be in St. Marys Assumption Catholic Cemetery #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Serafine Gauthier, age 86, died in her residence on October 21, 2008.

She was preceded in death by her father Hilary Armand, mother Beatrice Bowman, husband Willis Gauthier, son, Donald Gauthier.

Survivors include son, Ronald and wife Florence Gauthier of Marksville; four grandsons, Brady Gauthier, Jason and wife Celeste Gauthier all of Marksville, Doni and wife Margaret Gauthier of Moreauville and Michael and wife Jessica Gauthier of Bordelonville; nine Gauthier great-grand children, Katie, Kasey, Bailey, Dawson, Lane, Tylin-Amaya, Emily, Kaise, Hannah Rose.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Escude

Funeral Home of Cottonport. A Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

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Helena M. Joffrion

October 17, 2008 Town Talk



Services for Helena M. Joffrion of Cottonport will be at 10 a.m. on October 18, 2008 at St. Marys Assumption Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Marys Assumption Mausoleum in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Helena M. Joffrion, age 81, died at Bayou Vista Nursing Home on October 15, 2008.

Survivors include daughter, Linda Lemoine of Bunkie; son, Breck Juneau of Prairieville; thirteen grandchildren; seven

great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by father, Dennis Joffrion, mother, Marie Ducote, three sons, Keane A. Juneau, Barry J. Juneau and Mathew P. Juneau.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home in Cottonport from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 17, 2008 and re-open the following day at 8 a.m.

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Ollie Bordelon Redmon

Funeral services for Ollie Redmon will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 17, 2008 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Mickalchuk officiating. Burial will follow in the Pythian Mausoleum. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Redmon, age 89, of Bunkie, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Bayou Vista Nursing Home in Bunkie.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Redmon; a son, Carl Redmon; a grandson, Chad Redmon; her parents, Dickens and Odelia Ducote Bordelon; nine brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Ronnie and his wife Jan Redmon of Bunkie; a daughter, Martha Saylor and her husband Larry of Hilton Head, South Carolina; one brother, Barlin "Toss" Bordelon of Baton Rouge; four sisters, Lela Aymond, Mable Aymond, Pearl Normand all of Bunkie, and Dorothy Sehon of Baton Rouge; eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. on Friday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. A WakeService will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

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Pelican Footnote: Ollie was a member of the EHS class of 1936. Some of her Evergreen memories are posted in the Memories page of this website.

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Curry "Red" J. Armand

CURRY J. ARMAND passed away on October 13, 2008. Affectionately known as "Red" to friends and "Pop" to his family was born in Evergreen, Louisiana on May 13, 1933. After sErving 4 years in the Air Force, Red moved to Houston where he met and married his wife, Shirley. He retired from Cameron Iron Works after 40 years of service. Red enjoyed painting, woodworking, fishing, and doting on his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Shirley; his children Vicky Henley, Douglas Armand, and Stewart Armand, 4 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Visitation will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Woodlawn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2008 in the chapel at Woodlawn Funeral Home.

Pelican Footnote: Curry "Red" Armand was a member of the 1951 EHS Class. A accomplished pitcher in baseball, he attempted to show me the various grips used by successful pitchers. When he and three other young men from Evergreen came to Lackland AFB for their basic trainging, they were periodically guests in the home of my sister and her husband, Ruth and Bill Albritton. Bill was sErving in the Air Force at that time.

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Betty Ann Ducote Coco

October 9, 2008 Town Talk



Services for Betty Ann Coco of Cottonport will be at 1 p.m. on October 10, 2008 at St. Marys Assumption Catholic Church in Cottonport with Fr. Paul Kunnumpuram officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Assumption #1 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Betty Ann Coco, 76, died in her family residence in Cottonport on October 8, 2008 with her family at her side.

She graduated from SLI (Southwestern Louisiana Institute) in 1955 in elementary education. She was a teacher in the public school system for 21 years. She enjoyed retirement for 4 years but resumed her love for teaching at St. Marys Catholic School where she finished her teaching career in 2001. In her spare time she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, fishing and reading, however she always had time for and lived for her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Adras Ducote, mother, Aline Riche Ducote, brother, Donald Ducote and sister, Mae Rose Fernandez.

Survivors include her husband, Louis K. (Bucky) Coco, Sr. of Cottonport; two sons, Louis K. Coco, Jr. and Dwayne B. Coco both of Lafayette; three grandchildren, Cameron Coco, Joey Coco and Natalie Mayon; one great grandchild, Alexander Mayon.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport on October 10, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.. A Rosary will held at 12 noon Friday, October 10, 2008. Special thanks to Avoyelles Hospice for their services.

Pallbearers will be Jonothan Mayon, Joey Coco, Scotty Scott, Lars Ducote, Chris Ducote, Donnie Ducote. Honorary pallbearers will be Ricky Fernandez and Ian McClelland.

Altar servers will be Cameron Coco, Charlie Mayeaux. Organist will be Mary Ann Coco and Soloist Betty Mayeaux.

Family requests donations be made to St. Marys Assumption Catholic School.

Pelican Footnote: Betty Ann Ducote Coco is a former faculty member of Evergreen High School/Evergreen Elementary School

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Donald Ray Spears

September 30, 2008

A memorial service for Donald Ray Spears will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Backston - Pyeatte Funeral Home in Siloam, Arkansas.

Mr. Spears was born on June 10, 1937 in Evergreen, LA to Henry and Gladys Spears. He was a retired USAF veteran. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Rhonda Spears Fischer.

Mr. Spears passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in his home.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Faye Spears, two sons, Michael Spears (Elizabeth) and Anthony Spears of Siloam Springs and two stepdaughters, Donna Andries (Dale) of Boyce, LA and Carol Johnson (Gary) of Gainesville, VA. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

Pelican Footnote: Donald Ray Spears was a member of the EHS class on 1955.

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Lee Joseph Thevenot

September 23, 2008



Services for Lee Joseph Thevenot of Cottonport will be at 1 p.m. on September 24, 2008 at St. Marys Assumption Catholic Church, Cottonport with Father Russel Lemoine officiating. Burial will be in St. Marys Assumption Mausoleum in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Lee Joseph Thevenot, 74, died in Cottonport on September 22, 2008.

He was the Assesor of Avoyelles Parish for 16 years. He was a farmer, cattleman, businessman, an avid hunter and fisherman, a member of St. Marys Assumption Catholic Church, and former owner of Lees Night Club in Cottonport.

He was preceded in death by father, Henry J. Thevenot, mother, Carrie Moreau Thevenot, and brother, Bert Thevenot.

Survivors include three sons, Kemp D. Thevenot and Nicky J. Thevenot both of Cottonport and Skip S. Thevenot of Houston, Texas; four daughters, Carla T. Lemoine of Red Lodge, Montana, Brenda T. Juneau of Bunkie, Tamara T. Riche and Coralie T. Robert both of Cottonport; former wife, Joan Rozas Thevenot of Cottonport; aunt, Lily T. Couvillion of Cottonport; twenty two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and re-open the following day Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Wake service will be September 23, 2008 at 1 p.m.

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Clifford J. (Frosty) Couvillion

September 21, 2008

Services for Mr. Clifford J. (Frosty) Couvillion, age 84, of Cottonport were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 20, 2008 at St. Marys Assumption Catholic Church with Anthony Dhamarajh officiating. Burial was in St Marys Assumption Mausoleum in Cottonport under the direction of Escude' Funeral HHome of Cottonport.

Mr. Couvillion died in Baton Rouge on Thursday, September 19, 2008.

He was a retired Postmaster at Cottonport Post Office, a U.S. Army Veteran of World War 11, and recipient of the Purple Heart, he served in several Pacific Campaigns during the war.

During his illness he was being cared for by daughter-in-law Kathy and son Cornell.

Mr Couvillion was preceded in death by his father, Henry H. Couvillion; mother, Gladys Cappel Couvillion; and brother, Daniel Couvillion.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Couvillion of Cottonport; son Cornell Couvillion and wife Kathy of Baton Rouge, two sisters, Pat Tassin of Cottonport and Louisa C. Bordelon of Marksville; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Family requests donations be made to St. Joseph's Hospice, 8923 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

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Ura Mae Moses Richardson

Town Talk, September 19, 2008

Services for Ura Mae Moses Richardson of Cottonport will be at 2 p.m. on September 19, 2008 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church with Father Raj officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Ura Mae Moses Richardson, 69, died in her residence on September 18, 2008.

She is preceded in death by her father Elton Moses and mother Eola Gauthier Moses.

Survivors include two sons, Edward "Frog" Richardson and wife Aimee, Robert "Jamie" Richardson and wife Melissa all of Cottonport; two daughters, Lee Richardson Alpha and husband Danny of Cottonport, Angela Richardson Sayes and husband Patrick of Center Point; three brothers, Kenneth Moses of Evergreen, Bobby Moses of Mansura, Aaron Moses of Cottonport; four grandchildren, Nicholas Richardson, Alexis Alpha, Brett Richardson and Colby Richardson all of Cottonport.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a Rosary at 1 p.m.

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Linda Aymond Descant

September 5, 2008

Funeral services for Mrs. Linda Aymond Descant will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 5, 2008 in the Chapel of Rush Funeral Home, Pineville. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Ball, under the direction of Rush Funeral Home, Pineville.

Mrs. Descant, 57, of Ball, entered eternal rest on Monday, September 1, 2008, at The Oaks Care Center, Pineville. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Tioga.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Descant is survived by her husband of 37 years, Joe Descant of Ball; one daughter, Trenda Guillotte and husband Jamie of Ball; three grandchildren, Dylan Guillotte, Bradley Guillotte, Blake Guillotte all of Ball.

Friends may call at Rush Funeral Home, Pineville on Thursday, September 4, 2008 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and on Friday, September 5, 2008 from 8 a.m. until time of service at 10 a.m.

Friends may post online messages of condolence for the Descant Family by visiting www.rushfh.com.

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Ray Anthony Ducote

Funeral services for Ray A. Ducote will be held 11 a.m. Friday, September 5, 2008 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church with Father Anthony Dhamaraj, "Father Raj" officiating. Burial Will be in St. Mary's Assumption Cemetery #2 under the direction of Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Mr. Ducote died at his home on September 1, 2008.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in July 1941 at the age of 17. He served in the Navy for 6 years, 3 ½ of those aboard the Carrier U.S.S. Enterprise. He was awarded numerous medals & citations, including the Presidential Unit Citation. He was discharged in 1947 with the rank of Aviation Machinest's Mate First Class.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles C. Ducote and Eva Callegari Ducote; three brothers, Charles Ducote, Arthur V. Ducote and Stuart Ducote; two sisters, Irene Gremillion and Constance Juneau.

Survived by his wife of 54 ½ years Shirley Lacour Ducote; three children , Randy Ducote and wife Jeanne of Parker, Colorado, Lorraine D. Jennings and husband Rex of Vernal, Utah and Paula D. Thompson and husband Kerry of Columbia; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, September 4, 2008 with a rosary at 7 p.m. The Funeral Home will re-open at 9 a.m. Friday until departing for services.

Please visit www.escudefuneralhome.com to leave condolences online for the family.

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Maynard John Firmin

September 5, 2008

He was the retired president of the Southern region of U-Haul and retired with J.E. Merit Industrial Contractors. He was a resident of Greenwell Springs and a native of Evergreen. He died at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at Sunrise Assisted Living at age 74. Maynard served in the 2nd and 3rd U.S. Marine Corps Air Wings as a sergeant during the Korean War. Visitation at Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, 11000 Florida Blvd., on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8:30 a.m. until religious service in the chapel at 11 a.m., conducted by the Rev. Don Hoy. Interment in Grace Memorial Cemetery, Plaquemine. He is survived by two daughters, Linda Bergeron and husband Ray and Tessie Kelley and husband Chris; four sons, Robert Firmin, Michael Firmin and wife Kelli, James Firmin and wife Donna, and Douglas Firmin and wife Connie; four brothers, Ronnie Firmin and wife Faye, Danny Firmin and wife Wanda, Randy Firmin and wife Roxanne, and Bryan Firmin and wife Julie; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Maynard was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Jeanette Bourgoyne Firmin; parents, Esley Leo and Lillian Thibodeaux Firmin; and brother, Charles Brent Firmin. Pallbearers will be Brad, Matthew, Shane and Todd Firmin, Chad, Derick and Trey Bergeron, Trent Kelley and Reneé Vernon. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

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LAFAYETTE - A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 11 a.m., at Fountain Memorial Funeral Home, for Robert L. "Bob" Laborde, 73, who passed away peacefully at home amongst his family on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

Interment will follow in Fountain Memorial Cemetery in Lafayette.

The Rev. Monsignor DeRouen, pastor of Cathedral of St. John Evangelist, will conduct the funeral service.

Mr. Laborde was born August 6, 1935, and was raised in Bunkie, La. R. L., as he was known there, moved to Lafayette in 1957, where he was a teacher at Hamilton Training School. In 1958, he started working as a sales manager for Acme Brick Company, where he retired after 47 years. He was a member of Acadian Home Builders Association and ushered at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Bob's greatest joy was having his family at his home for meals. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and watching television.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda LeBlanc and her husband, C. J., and Cindy MacDonald, all of Youngsville; one son, Keith Laborde and his wife, Irene, of Exton, Pa.; and three grandsons, Lee and Kyle MacDonald, both of Youngsville, and Phillip Laborde, of Exton, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Riche' Laborde; and his parents, Dauthier Laborde, of Mansura, and the former Anita Watts, of Hessmer.

The family requests that visiting hours at Fountain Memorial Funeral Home be observed from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday and continue at 8 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday.

A rosary will be recited Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., by Rosa Richard in the Fountain Memorial Funeral Home Parlor.

Active pallbearers will be Lee MacDonald, Kyle MacDonald, C. J. LeBlanc, Randy Richie, Gerald Guilbeau and Gill Bergeron.

Honorary pallbearers are Phillip Laborde and Ken Richard.

To view online obituary and guestbook, go to www.fountainmemorialfuneralhome.com.

Fountain Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery of Lafayette, (337) 981-7098, 1010 Pandora Street, Lafayette, is in charge of arrangements.

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Pelican Footnote: Beverly Riche' Laborde was a member of the EHS graduating class of

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Emma Dee Milligan Clark

June 21, 2008

Funeral services for Emma Dee Clark will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22, 2008 in the chapel of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home with the Revs. David Trembur and David Ragland officiating. Burial will follow in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery in Evergreen. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Clark, 78, of Evergreen, passed away Friday, June 20, 2008, at Bayou Vista Nursing Home in Bunkie.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Claude S. Clark; her parents, Emile and Celise Gauthier Milligan; and a brother, Lester Roy, Jr.

Survivors include her son, Steven D. Clark and his wife Monica of Evergreen; a brother, Earline J. "Red" Milligan and his wife Joyce of Bunkie; three grandchildren, Michael Clark of Lafayette, Daniel Clark and his wife Veronica of Alexandria, and Kimberly Clark of Evergreen and one great-grandson expected.

Friends may call from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Emily Sue Hood Normand

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February 2, 2008

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Funeral services for Emily Sue Hood Normand were at 3 pm, Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church, Cottonport with Fr. A. Dharmaraj officiating.

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Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery #2 under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

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Mrs. Sue, 67, of Cottonport passed away on Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 in Opelousas General Hospital.

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She was survived by her husband, Stephen "Buddy" Normand of Cottonport; two sons, Glenn and his wife, Faye Normand of Cottonport and George Normand of Hessmer; four daughters, Elizabeth Painter of Cottonport, Gayla Mayeux of Alexandria, Monica Normand of Houston, Texas and Charlene and her husband, Mark Tigner of Cottonport; three brothers, Leopold "Paul" and his wife, Joann Hood of Portland, Texas, Gordon and his wife, Teeny Hood of Denham Springs and Stephen and his wife, Mary Helen Hood of Bunkie; two sisters, Louise Johnson of French Settlement, Lois and her husband, Keither Bryan of Port Arthur, Texas; sixteen grandchildren, Crystal Mallett, Benjamin Painter, Michael Normand, Stephen Mallett, Lane Painter, Paige Brouillette, Jake Juneau, Lance Normand, Chantell Normand, Johnathan Normand, Dean Mayeux, Grace Bordelon, Bailey Warren, Hailey Tigner, Jude Normand, Hayden Tigner; three great grandchildren, Brooklyn Johnson, Stephen Mallett, Ryan Brouillette.

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Online condolences to the Normand family may be emailed to melanconfuneral@aol.com.

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FAYE ESCUDE TRUEX

January 18, 2008

Faye Escude Truex, a native and longtime resident of Mansura, was born in the family home April 28, 1927 and died peacefully at the family home January 18, 2008, at the age of 80. She died with grace and dignity from lung cancer.

She is survived by six daughters; three sons-in-law; one son and daughter-in-law, Marian and Gary Winsper of Naples, Itlay; Claire and Wayne Reason of Mansura/Riyad Saudia Arabia; Mary and Jim Nolan of Shreveport; Ann Martin of West Virginia; Elizabeth Truex of Mansura; Laura Roy of Youngsville; and Joe and Mihoko Obunai Truex of Atlanta, Georgia. She is also survived by one sister Alma Rose Perron of Lafayette, and one half sister, Marjorie Wright of Evergreen; eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased in death by her husband, Leonard J. Truex, her parents Arthur Julius and Erline Ramsey Escude; one brother, Arthur "Old Man" Escude and one half sister, Constance Escude.

She was a parishioner of St. Paul Catholic Church. A legendary icon in the Parish, she was a retired teacher who touched the lives of countless young people and was an exemplary mentor and friend to so very many. Her love for children and young adults is evidenced daily in the lives of thousands of children who are now productive adults. Her civic and cultural contributions included membership in La Commission des Avoyelles, Theatre des Bon Temps, Arts and Humanities Council of Avoyelles, and Avoyelles Commission of Tourism.

She received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, and her Master's degree from Southern Mississippi College, in Natchez, Mississippi.

A Christian Mass to celebrate her life will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church in Mansura, with interment at the St Paul the Apostle Mausoleum.

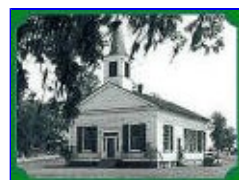
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In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



Granny's House
Mrs. Pierre Descant

Footnote: IT IS WITH A MOST HEAVY HEART THAT I INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF MRS. FAYE EXCUDE TRUEX WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) AT 4:30 P.M. AT HER MANSURA HOME WITH SOME OF HER CHILDREN AT HER SIDE.

MRS. TRUEX TRULY DID NOT FEAR DEATH AS SHE LIVED A LONG MEANINGFUL LIFETIME RAISING A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY OF SEVEN CHILDREN, GIVING 38 YEARS TO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AS A WONDERFUL HISTORY TEACHER.

I CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP NEAR THE MIDNIGHT HOUR LAST EVENING NOT FOR MY DEAR FRIEND FAYE TRUEX BUT FOR MYSELF AND HER FRIENDS WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE EVER AGAIN TO SHARE THE JOY OF HER COMPANY IN THIS LIFETIME. I WILL MISS THOSE BACKPORCH CHATS LIKE THE ONE WE EXPERIENCED ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AT HER MANSURA HOMESTEAD.

JUST OFF THE PHONE WITH DAUGHTER MARION T. WINSPER THIS MORNING WHO REPORTS THEY ARE ALL STILL NUMB OVER THEIR SPECIAL MOM'S PASSING SO QUICKLY. MRS. FAYE CHOSE TO BE CREMATED AND A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL PROBABLY BE HELD ON TUESDAY IN MANSURA.

PLEASE KEEP MRS. FAYE AND HER FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AS THEY GET THRU THIS DIFFICULT TIME. AND ONCE AGAIN, I SAY THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO TOOK A LITTLE TIME/EFFORT IN SENDING HER A NOTE/CARD THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO HER IN HER FINAL DAYS.

MAY GOD BLESS MRS. FAYE ESCUDE TRUEX, HER FAMILY, AND EACH OF YOU AS WELL!!!!

PETER L. COUVILLON, MHS '70

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Lillie Egloff Brown

January 11, 2008

Funeral services for Lillie Daisy Egloff Brown will be at 12 noon on Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Bunkie with Rev. Jim Lofton officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Pineville under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Brown, age 91, of Bunkie passed away on Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at her daughter's residence in Evergreen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Wesley Brown; her parents, Herbert and Bertha Egloff; four sisters, Edna McGinty, Kitty Hoots, Bonnie Mulvihill and Eva Mae Egloff and three brothers, Herbert, Causey and Anthony Egloff.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bunkie. She was a charter member of Bunkie Belles Chapter of America Business Women's Association and held several offices in that organization. She was also a past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star - Eureka Chapter # 65. She retired Senior Administrator Secretary of CLECO after twenty years in Bunkie.

She is survived by her four children; daughters, Patsy Brown Dunbar of Pasadena, Texas and Deborah Brown Lemoine and her husband, Dr. John E. Lemoine of Evergreen and sons, Harold Wayne Brown of Covington, and Terry Wade Brown and his wife, Norma Kirk Brown of Seabrook, Texas; along with ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; with numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her two sisters, Wanda Mulvihill of Natchez, Mississippi and Doris Stringer of Phoenix City, Alabama.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons, Rusty Ray, Tim Brownlee, Kyle Marchive, Keith Brown, Samuel Ray, Jacob Brownlee and Kirk Brown.

Visitation will be at the First Baptist Church of Bunkie from 10 a.m. until service time on Monday, January 14, 2008. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home - P.O. Box 4196 - Monroe, LA 71211.

Online condolences to the Brown family may be emailed to melanconfuneral@aol.com

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