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Myra Ann Juneau McLain

(February 5, 1941 - December 31, 2009)

Funeral services for Myra Ann Juneau McLain of Cottonport will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church of Cottonport, beginning at 2:30pm. Visitations will take place at the Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport on Friday, January 1, 2010, beginning at 4:00pm until 11:00pm, with a rosary being cited at 7:00pm. Visitations will resume Saturday morning at 8:00am and grave side services will commence at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery #2. Myra Ann Juneau McLain, age 68, passed away at Rapides Regional Medical Center on Thursday, December 31, 2009. She is preceded in death by her; son, Tommy Murray McLain; father, Harold Juneau, Sr. She is survived by her; mother, Rena Dufour Juneau of Cottonport; sons, Barry McLain of Crowley, David McLain of Mansura, Chad McLain of Cottonport, Jonathan McLain of Baton Rouge; daughters, Felecia Soileau of Cottonport, Alyson Lemoine of Denham Springs; sisters, Geneva Rabalais of Mansura, Carolyn Francois of Cottonport, Sara Boquet of Baton Rouge, Mary Volker of Cottonport; brothers, Harold Juneau, Jr. of New Orleans, Ryan Juneau of Cottonport, Leonard Juneau of Cottonport, Ned Juneau of Cottonport. She is also survived by her 8 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Services and funeral arrangements are under the directions of Escude' Funeral Home.

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Myrtle Gauthier

(April 10, 1925 - December 31, 2009)

Services for Myrtle Marie Wilson Gauthier, age 84, of Cottonport will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday January 5th 2010 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church with Father Blake Deshotel officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Assumption Mausoleum, Cottonport under the direction of Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Ms. Gauthier passed away December 31, 2009 at her residence.

Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Myrtle was a native of Cottonport.

She was a member of the St. Mary's Assumption Church of Cottonport and served on the St. Mary's Altar Society, Catholic Daughters and was a member of the St. Mary's Church Choir.

Ms. Gauthier was preceded in death by her parents, John and Yura Wilson, brother Darryl Francois, sister Linda Vead and Husband Willard Nan Gauthier.

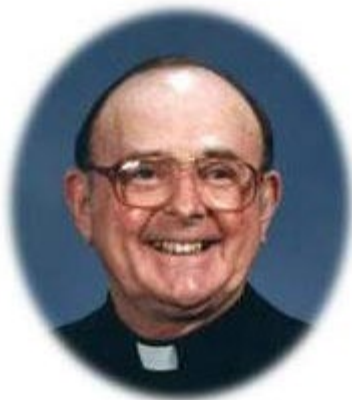
Those left to cherish her memory include nine children. Three Daughters, Sharlene Ford and husband Ed of Marksville, Myra Jeansonne and husband Joel of Cottonport and Lisa Blair and husband John of Carencro; six sons, Bryan Gauthier and wife Janis of Cottonport, Marvin Gauthier and wife Rose of Bunkie, Wayne Gauthier and wife Susan of Pineville, Willard Jay Gauthier, Jr. and wife Freda of Clinton, Rickey Gauthier and wife Debra of Canton, Georgia, and Mark Gauthier and wife Charlotte of Hessmer; 16 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 5 step grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport (554 Front Street) on Monday, January 4, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and re-open Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. A rosary will be recited at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning.

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Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. Murphy



Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. Murphy, a retired priest in the Diocese of Alexandria, died, Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at the Summit Nursing Home. He was born May 17, 1925 in County Cork, Ireland. He was 84 years old. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1950 at St. Patrick College, Carlow, Ireland. Monsignor was named a Papal Chaplain and given the title Monsignor on May 20, 1972.

Upon ordination, Monsignor Murphy's first assignment was as an associate pastor at Saint Joseph's Church in Marksville and later in Alexandria at Our Lady of Prompt Succor. He was first appointed pastor of Saint Joseph's Church, Mansfield in 1955. In addition he served as pastor in Lake Providence, Shreveport, Hodge, Bunkie, Vidalia, Bossier City, Simmesport, Cheneyville, Evergreen, Lecompte and Winnsboro. He also served in Shreveport, Bossier City and Monroe in chaplaincies. He officially retired from active ministry in 1995, but continued to serve in various capacities.

The Rite of the Reception of the Body will take place on Friday, January 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, followed immediately by the Vigil for the Deceased. Visitation for Friday evening will conclude at 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, visitation will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral from 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The Rite of Committal at Maryhill Priests Cemetery will take place at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of John Kramer & Son.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: The Priests Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Alexandria, or Monsignor Murphy Seminary Burse, P O Box 7417, Alexandria, LA. 71306.

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Pelican Footnote: Father Patrick Murphy served as pastor of Little Flower Church from June 4, 1987 to June 25, 1992

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Louis Clave Riche "L.C." Jr.

He fought the good fight of faith. Now he is with his loving Jesus. L.C. Riche was a loving husband, father, brother, friend and Paw Paw. He went to be with Jesus on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at 9:20 p.m. after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 75, a native of Evergreen and a resident of Baker for more than 50 years. Visiting at Baker Funeral Home, 6401 Groom Road, Baker, on Monday, Dec. 14, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visiting at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 5657 Thomas Road, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from noon until Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m., celebrated by the Rev. Fred Youngs. Interment in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Baker. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Peggy Diaville Riche; two daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and Eddie Reynolds and Belinda and Mark Matte; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Louis "Hoube" Riche III, and Jason and Heather Riche; grandchildren, Shaye and E.J. Reynolds, Amy and Jacob Matte, Derek and Anne-Marie Fontenot, Alyssa and Kade Riche; two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Camden; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Betty Riche, and Norris and Rita Riche; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, June Renee Fontenot; parents, Louis C. Riche Sr. and Lenora Descant Riche; sister, Beverly Riche Laborde; and brother-in-law, Robert Laborde. Pallbearers will be Hoube Riche, Jason Riche, E.J. Reynolds, Jacob Matte, Derek Fontenot and Kade Riche. Honorary pallbearers are Eddie Reynolds, Mark Matte, Randy Riche, Christopher Riche and Keith Laborde. L.C. loved to work in his garden and work on cars in his body shop. He worked for Duplessis Cadillac for 34 years. He was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Chaplain and lifetime member of Jeb Stuart VFW Post 4224 in Baker. He proudly served as a U.S. Marine during the Korean War and was the recipient of the Good Conduct, National Defense, United Nations, and the Korean service medals. Dad could never say "thank you" enough, even through this battle, so we are passing down his legacy of kindness to all who touched his life. A special thanks to all of our family and friends for your prayers and visits, and to Dr. Gravois, Dr. Castine, Dr. Grissom, Dr. Smither, the fourth floor nursing staff at Baton Rouge General Medical Center-Bluebonnet and to Jennifer with Audubon Home Health and St. Joseph Hospice. You may sign the online guestbook at www.bakerfuneralhomeonline.com.

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Helen Mae Juneau Aymond

Helen Mae Aymond of Evergreen passed away at Bunkie General Hospital on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, she was 77 years of age.

By requests of her and her family she will be cremated, any services following will be made through her family.

She is preceded in death by her; 1st husband, Allan Marcotte; parents, Curtis Juneau and Carrie Dupont; brother, Joseph Juneau. She is survived by her; daughter, Karen Kohler of Cottonport; son, Michael Marcotte of Texas and former husband, Lloyd Aymond of Hessmer.

Survivors include her 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Service and arrangements are under the direction of Escude' Funeral Home.

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Shirley Jane Armand

Shirley Jane Armand, passed away on December 1, 2009. She was born in Henderson, Texas on September 10, 1939, the youngest of three children. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother to her family. She is preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Red Armand. She is survived by her children Vicky Henley, Douglas Armand, and Stewart Armand, 4 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Visitation will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at Woodlawn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009 in the chapel at Woodlawn Funeral Home.

Posted in the Houston Chronicle on Dec. 3, 2009 and submitted by Carol Armand Pellegrin. Shirley was Carol's aunt.

Pelican Footnote: Curry "Red" Armand, EHS class of 1951, passed away on Oct. 13, 2008. His obituary is posted in the Obituary Page.

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Stephen "Poke" Slocum

Funeral services for Stephen "Poke" Slocum of Cottonport will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church of Cottonport, beginning at 10:00am, with Fr. "Raj" officiating. Visitations will take place at the Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, beginning at 5:00pm and lasting until 10:00pm. A rosary will be cited on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm, and visitations will resume the following morning at 8:00am. Burial will take place after the funeral at the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery #2. Stephen "Poke" Slocum, age 63, passed away at his home on November 1, 2009. He is preceded in death by his; parents, Ellis & Doris Slocum. He is survived by his; wife, Eleanor Slocum of Cottonport; daughter, Robin Davis of Boyce; sister, Beryl Normand of Evergreen; brother, Lacy Slocum of Eunice; step-daughters, Angela Lakvold of Baton Rouge, Gina Neck of Lake Charles; step-sons, Brett Lemoine of Monroe, Shayne Lemoine of Cottonport, Garrett Lemoine of New Orleans. He is also survived by his 2 grandchildren & 9 step-grandchildren. Services and funeral arrangements are under the direction of Escude' Funeral Home.

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Helen Gullett Howard, 79, Evergreen

Funeral services for Helen Howard will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in the chapel of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie with the Dr. Jimmy Brossette officiating. Burial will follow in the Morrow Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Howard, age 79, of Evergreen, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at her residence.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jessie Walter Howard, Jr.; daughter, Katherine Howard; and her parents, David C. and Helen Basey Gullett.

Survivors include four sons, Donald Howard and his wife Nancy of Bunkie, Ronald Howard and his wife Cynthia of Goudeau, Kenneth Howard and his wife Kellie of Goudeau, and William "Bill" Howard of Goudeau; two daughters, Peggy Deaton and her husband Stephen of Lakeland, Tennessee, and Billie Marcotte and her husband Joseph of Big Cane; one brother, Marshall Gullett of Norwalk, California; two sisters, Jane Poole of Cheneyville and Margaret Waddell of Birmingham, Alabama; eight grandchildren, Catherine Soileau Page, Jessica Soileau Talamo, Jaclyn Soileau, Jacintha Howard, Hannah Howard, Bryant Marcotte, Lauren Marcotte, and Brittany Ryder; and three great-grandchildren, Courtney Page, Aaron Page, and Nalon Soileau.

Friends may call from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston St. Suite 200, Lafayette, LA 70503

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Dorothy McIntyre Fogleman

(October 13, 1940 - November 7, 2009)

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Funeral services for Dorothy "Dot" McIntyre Fogleman will be at 10:00 am, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009 at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church with the revs. Joe Hoover and Larry O'Dell officiating. Burial will be in the Pythian Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home. Mrs. Fogleman, age 69, of Bunkie passed away in Rapides Regional Medical Center, Alexandria. She was an LSU graduate and had taught in Lake Charles and at Evergreen and Bunkie Elementary. She was presently employed at APAS in Mansura. She was a member of the David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church and Alpha Delta Kappa. Survivors include her husband, Lynn Fogleman of Bunkie; one son, Blake Fogleman of Benton, AR; one daughter, Dana Fogleman of Bunkie; one sister, Bobbie McIntyre of Shalimar, FL; two aunts, Dorothy Abney of Corpus Christi, TX and Marjorie Clover of Dickinson, TX and seven grandchildren. Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 from 5 pm - 9pm and at David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009 from 9 am until service time. Memorials may be made to the David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church - P.O. Box 680 - Bunkie, LA 71322 or the LA United Methodist Children's Home - P.O. Box 929 - Ruston, LA 71273.



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Irene Marie Gremillion

LAFAYETTE - Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille for Irene Marie Gremillion, 72, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center.

Entombment will be in St. Mary Assumption Mausoleum in Cottonport, Louisiana.

Reverend Lloyd Benoit, Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Franklin, will be the Celebrant of the funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services. Lectors will be Kathy G. Wall and Amy Claire Bordelon.

Giftbearers will be Joan G. Broussard and Ruth G. Loving. Mrs. Jodi Bollich, organist and soloist, will sing for the services, "Amazing Grace", "Shepherd Me O' God", "Ave Maria", "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman", "Pie Jesu" and "Be Not Afraid"

She is survived by one brother, James Edgar Gremillion and his wife, Margaret "Marrain" of Lafayette; one sister, Olive Basha and her husband, Peter of Zachary, LA.; four nephews; six nieces; eighteen great nieces and nephews; and four great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilmore and Leila Gauthier Gremillion; and one nephew, Jeabert Gremillion.

A native of Cottonport, Louisiana and resident of Lafayette for over 26 years, Irene, also known to her family and friends as "Renie", was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, great-great aunt and friend to all who knew her. "Renie" was a dedicated worker and enjoyed working as a door greeter at K-mart. She also worked as a volunteer for The Alleman Center and Lafayette Association of Retarded Citizens (LARC), where she was also a client. "Renie" also worked closely with her niece at Amy Claire Clothier in Lafayette. She enjoyed life and never met a stranger. "Renie" looked forward to socializing with her family and friends, and always told those that she met, "It was nice to meet you". She enjoyed reading the newspaper, playing Bingo and was a whiz at solving word search puzzles. "Renie" loved to dance to Zydeco music and was often seen "cutting a rug" with her friends and family at Downtown Alive or Parc San Souci. She also enjoyed taking part in the Mardi Gras Festivities. "Renie" was a faithful catholic who attended Mass regularly, and was a past member of the Ladies Altar Society at St. Mary Assumption Church in Cottonport, LA. Although it was never documented, "Renie's" family believed to think she was the oldest Down Syndrome person in Louisiana. She will be dearly missed not only by family and friends, but by all of those whose lives she has touched throughout the years.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Gremillion, Phil Gremillion, Billy Gremillion, Glynn Broussard, Butch Begnaud, Don Wall, Barrett Broussard and Law Loving. Honorary Pallbearers will be Aidan Bordelon, Everett Loving, Matthew Loving, Geoff Begnaud, Donovan Wall, Charlene Broussard, Christy Dauterive, Diane Heard, Sandy Johnson, Cindy Ross and Norma Borne.

A Rosary will be recited on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6 p.m. in Martin & Castille



Funeral Home in Lafayette. A eulogy will be given by her niece, Lucy Begnaud, following the Rosary.

The family requests that visitation be observed on Monday from 11 a.m to 8 p.m. and will continue on Tuesday from 8 a.m. until time of services.

Donations may be made in Irene's name to LARC, Lafayette Association of Retarded Citizens, 303 New Hope Rd. Lafayette, LA. 70506 or Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, LA. 70503. www.HospiceAcadiana.com.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Bethany Health Care Center, for their kindness, compassion and loving care given to "Renie" during her time of need. Special thanks to her guardians and caregivers, Edgar and Margaret Gremillion and Jimmy and Amy Claire Bordelon.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com.

Martin & Castille - Lafayette, 337-234-2311.

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Kenneth Merle Jans



Tribute to Ken Jans Oct. 28, 2009

Funeral services for Kenneth Merle Jans will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen with Pastor David Trimbur officiating. Internment will follow in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Kenneth Jans, 85, of Evergreen,

passed away Monday morning October 26, 2009 at his home in Evergreen.

Following service to his country during World War II in the US Army, Ken married his bride of 62 years, Nettie Johnson of Evergreen. They moved to his home state of Iowa where he farmed, following the tradition of his father and brothers. Ken moved to Evergreen with his family and continued farming. He helped organize and manage the Avoyelles Farmers Cooperative. He retired from Southern Supply Company in 1984. He served on the Evergreen town council for 28 years and as a volunteer of the fire department for over 20 years. Ken was an active member of Bayou Rouge Baptist Church serving as deacon for almost 50 years. Ken loved his church family and supported them in many ways. His interests included woodworking, fishing, celebrating Thanksgiving and Easter with his family, a tradition at his home for decades.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Jans; brothers, Vernon and Burdette Jans, sister Viola Lauterbach.

He is survived by his loving and caring wife of 62 years; Nettie; three children, Darrel and wife Linda of West Monroe, Debbie Young and husband Steve of Baton Rouge; and David and wife Dianne of Houston, Texas; a sister, Marlys Poggimiller; six grandchildren, Chris Jans, Austin Jans, Stephen Young, Heather Young O'Laughlin, David Jans, and Tyler Jans; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie and 10 a.m. until the time of service at 2 p.m. at the Bayou Rouge

Baptist Church in Evergreen.

Pallbearers will be Chris Jans, Austin Jans, Tyler Jans, Steve Young.
Honorary pallbearers will include member of the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Bayou Rouge Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 237, Evergreen, LA 71333 or charity of choice.

Friends may extend online condolences to the Jans family at mnrducote@aol.com.

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Louisa Alice Couvillion Bordelon

(June 30, 1919 - October 17, 2009)

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Funeral services for Louisa Alice Couvillion Bordelon will be at 11:00 am Monday, Oct. 20, 2009 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Marksville with Fr. Rusty Rabalais and Fr. George officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery No. 1 Mausoleum under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Mrs. Louisa, age 90, of Marksville passed away on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 in the OakMont Estates. Mrs. Louisa, as everyone knew her, taught school for fifty years, in Cottonport, Evergreen and Marksville. She loved teaching and was known for treating everyone equally. Many of her former students have said that she was the best teacher that they ever had. She graduated from USL in 1937. She was also a Catechism teacher and was a very charitable individual, helping many people without them knowing that she had done the deed. She loved people and she never met a stranger. She will be missed by her friends and family. She is survived by her husband, Roy L. Bordelon of Marksville; one daughter, Ann McClenahan of Gonzales, LA; one sister, Patricia "Patsy" Tassin of Cottonport and one granddaughter, Molly McClenahan of Huntington Beach, CA. Visitation will be at the Rose Neath - Kilpatrick Funeral Home, Acton Road, in Marksville from 4 pm - 8 pm on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 and from 10 am - 10:45 am on Monday.



Pelican Footnote: Louise was a former Evergreen faculty member.

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Dr. Sue Lyles Eakin

(December 7, 1918 - September 17, 2009)



Sue Lyles Eakin, professor and historian, died Thursday, September 17, 2009, at her home in Bunkie, Louisiana. Author and editor of history books, she retired from her professorship from Louisiana State University at Alexandria after 25 years teaching. She spent her professional life researching and writing about local history and citizens, particularly the history of the plantation system. She is perhaps best known as editor of *Twelve Years as A Slave: Solomon Northup and* coauthor with her sister, Manie Culbertson, of the textbook *Louisiana: The Land and Its People*.

Dr. Eakin was recognized over her professional career with many grants, awards and honors, including 1970 Outstanding American History Professor of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Distinguished Faculty of the LSU System in 1987, 1985 Citizen of the Year by Bunkie Rotary Club, 1980 Distinguished Artist of Avoyelles Parish, Grand Marshall of the Festivale du Courtableau in 1995, and 2001 membership in the Hall of Fame of the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication.

Sue Eakin was born in Lyles (Loyd Bridge), Louisiana, eldest child of Sam and Myrtle Guy Lyles. She graduated from Lecompte High School and Louisiana State University, marrying Paul Mechlin Eakin of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1941. They made their home in Bunkie, where Mrs. Eakin worked as a professional freelance journalist and regular columnist for the Alexandria Daily Town Talk, the Opelousas Daily World, and the New Orleans Times-Picayune. From 1957 to 1959 she and her husband owned and operated the Bunkie Record. Beginning at age 42, she commuted to LSU to earn two master's degrees, one in journalism and one in history. Then she began her teaching career at LSU-Alexandria, also doing research for her many historical projects. At age 60, she received her doctorate in history from University of Southwestern Louisiana. Though she retired as a professor, she didn't stop writing history or weekly newspaper columns until her health prevented her from continuing. She is survived by four children, Dr. Paul M. (Scottye) Eakin of Lexington, Kentucky; Dr. Sara Eakin (Stephen) Kuhn of Signal Mountain, Tennessee; Sam (Joan) Eakin of Gaffney, South Carolina; and Frank (Jan) Eakin, of The Woodlands, Texas. In addition, surviving her are grandchildren Dr. Guy (Michelle) Eakin; Libby Eakin; Dr. Susan (Jonathan) Blank; Gretchen (Jason) Burgess; Walter Kuhn; John-Paul Kuhn; Kate Eakin; Kelly Eakin; Hudson Eakin; Amanda Eakin; and Paul Eakin; and six great-grandchildren. Her six sisters survive her: Mrs. Betty McGowen, Alexandria; Mrs. Manie Culbertson, Alexandria; Mrs. JoAnn (Paul) White, Alexandria; Mrs. Grace (Ken) Uffman, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Nancy Durham, Wallis, Texas; and Mrs. Kitty (Gerry) Coleman, Laguna Niguel, California. Numerous nephews and nieces, grand-nephews and grand-nieces, and

cousins also celebrate her memory. She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Russell Lyles Eakin. Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home in Bunkie, Louisiana, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, and 10 a.m. on Monday, September 21, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Cheneyville. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal following the visitation, with burial in the church cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home - 108 N Lexington Ave. - Bunkie, LA

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Alfred Erreld "Pat" Patrick, Jr.



Funeral services for Alfred Erreld "Pat" Patrick, Jr. will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church with Revs. David Trimbur and Doug Bergeron officiating. Burial will be in the Bayou Rouge Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Patrick, age 78, of Evergreen passed away on Monday, September 7, 2009 in his residence. He was a retired Senior Engineer with Lockheed at LB Johnson

Space Center in Houston, Texas. He was an Air Force veteran, having served in the Korean War and retired from the Air Force Reserves.

He was preceded in death by his son, Alfred Erreld Patrick, III and his parents, Ward "Bubba" and B'Radie Patrick.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Pittman Patrick of Evergreen; one son, John Ward Patrick of Lafayette; one daughter, Rae Elizabeth Patrick of Morrow; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church from 10 a.m. until service time on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Please sign the online guest book and share memories with the Patrick family at www.melanconfunerals.com.

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Julie Ducote Smith



Funeral services will be held for Julie Ducote Smith, age 77, on Thursday September 10, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen. Interment will follow in Smith Cemetery in Bunkie under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Smith passed away Tuesday September 8, 2009 at her daughter Sheila's home in Lafayette.

Mrs. Smith was born April 29, 1932 in Hessmer. Prior to her illness, she enjoyed quilting, gardening, spending time with her family and friends but was happiest getting on her tractor or riding lawn mower cutting the grass on the land that she loved so much.

Julie was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Smith; her parents, Joseph and Eunice Ducote; and her brother, Houston Ducote. She was the best mother and grandmother on Earth and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheila LaBorde and her husband, Donald of Lafayette; her son, Billy Smith and his wife, Ann of Bunkie; grandchildren, Jeremy Smith, Caleb Buckley, Jake Buckley, Olivia Smith, Cain Buckley, and Christian LaBorde; her sisters, Ella Mae Bordelon (Stanley) of Marksville and Tavy Villemarette (Melvin) of Hessmer; and numerous nieces and nephews and her best friend, Anna.

The family would like to express gratitude to all of the caring doctors and nurses who helped take care of her during her illness, Hospice of Acadiana, and all the dear friends, especially Farah Guillory, Jill Blanchard, Christine Campbell, Donna Lopez, Marilyn Doucet, and Stephanie Scott, who were there for her and the family during her final days and to all the numerous family and friends who prayed for our mother during her two year battle with cancer.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home in Bunkie, La on Wednesday September 9, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation will resume on Thursday September 10 at 8 a.m. until time of service. Melancon Funeral Home of Bunkie has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

Please sign the online guest book and share memories with the Smith family at www.melanconfunerals.com.

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Cecil J. Lemoine Sr.

A native of Cottonport and a resident of Baton Rouge, Cecil J. Lemoine Sr., 76, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served in the Korean War and a retired representative of Magnolia Liquor. Visitation will be held at Greenoaks Funeral Home on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitation continues at the funeral home on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of service at noon. Interment will follow in Green Oaks Memorial Park. He is survived by two daughters, Dean Elizabeth Lemoine and Mona Lemoine Clayton and husband Clarence; sons, Joel James Lemoine and Cecil J. Lemoine Jr.; sister, Amy Lemoine; brother, Wallace J. "Oudy" Lemoine and wife Mary; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Roy Lemoine; parents, Hampton and Mona Lemoine; and brother, Hampton T. Lemoine Jr. The family would like to thank his caregivers, Annette Flowers, Shirley Flowers and Rita Turner, business associates, Walter Smith and Shuana Soper, and Hospice Care of Louisiana.

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Jerry Bernard Rabalais

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Services for Jerry Bernard Rabalais, age 70, of Cottonport will be at 11 a.m. Monday, September 7, 2009 at St Marys Assumption Catholic Church with Rusty Rabalais and Fr. "Raj" officiating. Burial will be in St Mary Assumption # 2 under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Mr. Rabalais passed away Sunday, September 6, 2009 at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herman Rabalais; mother, Lois Hughes Rabalais; wife Elaine McDonald Rabalais; son, Clifton Rabalais; daughters, Mary Rabalais and Theresa Rabalais.

He is survived by his son, Darren Rabalais and wife Matthea of Marksville; brothers, Clinton Rabalais, Ronnie Rabalais and Steve Rabalais, all of Cottonport; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport Sunday, September 6, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., with wake service at 7 p.m., and will reopen Monday, September 7, 2009 at 9 a.m.

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Dorothy Thevenot

Services for Dorothy Thevenot, age 77, of Cottonport will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 29, 2009 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church with Fr. Anthony Dhamaraj "Fr. Raj" and Fr. Rick Gremillion officiating. Entombment will be in St. Mary Mausoleum #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Mrs. Thevenot passed away Thursday, August 27, 2009 in her residence.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stuart A. Thevenot; father, Sampson Dubroc Sr.; mother, Rose Smith Dubroc; brother, Sampson Dubroc Jr.; and grandson, Jamie Dupuis.

Survivors include her daughters, Lisa Bordelon, Kay Lewis, Carlene Gauthier, Ann T. Lacombe, Gail T. Andress and Nicole Thevenot, all of Cottonport; her sons, Michael L. Thevenot of Cottonport, and Anthony Thevenot of Baton Rouge; sisters, Theresa Sue Bordelon of Marksville, and Rosalie Dubroc of Metairie; seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jeffery Thevenot, Chris Thevenot, Stephen Thevenot, Jason Lacombe, Nicholas Descant, Clay Descant, Josh Thevenot, and crossbearer Lea Rose Bordelon.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport on Friday, August 28, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a wake service at 7 p.m., and will re-open Saturday at 8 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice of Avoyelles and St. Mary's Assumption Church.

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Dennis Platt Quirk "Denny" Jr.

An operator with Air Liquide, he passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009. He was 36 and a resident of Prairieville. Memorial service will be held at Bayou Rouge Baptist Church, 133 Church St., Evergreen, on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 11 a.m. Survived by his beloved wife of six years, Joy Freeman Quirk; mother, Yvonne Self Quirk; three daughters whom he adored, Brittany, Bridgett and Makayla Quirk; and sister, Kelly Quirk Nickens. Preceded in death by his father, Dennis Quirk Sr.; and grandparents, Clothilde and William Boyd and Aileene Self.

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Pleasant McGree, Jr. (September 20, 1949 - August 4, 2009)

Funeral services for Pleasant McCree, Jr. were at 11:00 am, Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009 at the Amazon Baptist Church. Burial was in the St. John Baptist Cemetery in Evergreen, LA under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Mr. McCree, age 59, of Houston, formerly of Bunkie, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 Ben Taub General Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Betty Smith of Houston; three step-children; four brothers, McElroy McCree of Virginia, Marvin McCree of Bunkie, Ellis Washington of San Antonio, TX and Felix James McCree of Mansfield; five sisters, Rose Butler of Bunkie, Willie Simon of Bunkie, Ruby Leary of Bunkie, Betty Jones of Mansfield and Patricia Lawrence of Dallas and one grandchild. Visitation was at Amazon Baptist Church from 9 am until service time on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009.

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Daniel John Slocum

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Funeral services for Daniel John Slocum will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Hessmer with Fr. Scott Chemino officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Slocum, age 73, passed away in his residence on Thursday, July 30, 2009. His favorite past time was playing golf with all of his buddies, but especially with

his three sons. His greatest love was the time that he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was owner of Dan's Exxon in Bunkie for over 25 years. In his last years of life, he took great pride in growing the best-tasting tomatoes in Avoyelles Parish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wade and Beulah Desselle Slocum and three half-brothers, Charlie and Huey Slocum and Ernest Jermello.

Left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of fifty-four years, Barbara Hukins Slocum; three sons, Daniel Slocum, Jr. and his wife, Pamela, of Bunkie, Bobby Slocum and his wife, Betty, of Hessmer and Rocky Slocum and his wife, Jackie, of Bunkie; two daughters, Kathie Choate and her husband, Shane, of Bunkie and Sheila Slocum of Hessmer; one brother, Gerald Slocum and his wife, Allie, of Alexandria; two sisters, Marjorie Ducote and her husband, Frank, of Hessmer and Dorothy Stinson of Tioga; sixteen grandchildren, twenty three great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2009 with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. and from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Share sympathies, condolences, and memories with the Slocum family at www.melanconfunerals.com.

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Sam Gullett

July 31, 2009 Town Talk



Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 2 p.m. in Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen for Sam Gullett, 87, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at his residence in Lafayette. All who knew and loved Sam are invited to attend.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 31 years, Bea Gullett of Lafayette; two children, Suzanne Gullett Stearns of Lake Charles and Michael E. Gullett of Lafayette; nine grandchildren, Dr. Jennie Lynn Stearns, Deborah O' Connor, Theresa James, Katie Stearns, Dr. Carrie Faulk, Lesley Icenhour, Samuel Gullett, Matthew Gullett and Eamon Gullett; twelve great grandchildren; Asher, Piper, Madeline, Zoey, Olivia, Peyton, Sandra, Benjamin, Thomas, Matthew, Sage and Rylee; and three siblings, Tom Gullett, Fred (Buck) Gullett and Mabel Beckler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Luke and Florence Whittington Gullett; and three siblings, Y.D. Gullett, Rodney (Beau) Gullett and Betty Gullett Goudeau.

Sam Gullett was born on October 21, 1921 and died on July 29, 2009 at his home in Lafayette. He was raised in Evergreen, Avoylles Parish. He joined the Army in W.W.II on November 13, 1942 and served as a TEC 5 engineer, Company D 363rd, which helped build the Burma Road. Sam was chosen from Company D to guard the entry door in Tehran, Iran for the World Allied Summit that included, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt, Stalin and Chang Kai-Shek. After the war he returned to his farm in Avoylles Parish until moving to Houma and then to Lafayette, where he worked for Jones Laughlin, Dresser Industries. In 1965 he became part owner of Reamco, Inc. with Charles Milan and Aubrey Guidry. After retirement Sam joined the Coffee Club at Mel's Diner (thus the gift of gab and coffee).

The family would like to thank each and every person who cared for him, with special thanks to Heart of Hospice, especially his nurse, Sonya as well as Sarah Dominique and Nikita Harper of First Name Basis Agency. The care, respect and love shown not only to Mr. Sam but also to his wife was invaluable.

The family requests that memorials be sent in Mr. Sam's name to, Bayou Rouge Baptist Church, P.O. Box 142, Evergreen, LA. 71333 or Heart of Hospice, 201 W. Vermilion St. Lafayette, LA. 70501.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com
Martin & Castille-Lafayette, 337-234-2311

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Byron "PeJoe" Lloyd

The Town Talk, July 16, 2009



Services for Mr. Byron "PeJoe" Lloyd will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Antioch Baptist Church in Goudeau with Rev. W.D. Williams officiating. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church.

Mr. Byron "PeJoe" Lloyd, 77, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in Goudeau.

Survivors include his wife Hilda Lloyd of Goudeau; four sons, Michael Lloyd (Jacqueline) of Port Arthur, Bryan Lloyd, Jr. (Mary) of Lecompte, Steven Lloyd of Houston, Texas, and Darren Lloyd (Stephanie) of Palmetto; one daughter, Doris Fontenot (Eunice) of Houston, Texas; sisters, Mercedes Jones of Goudeau and Mary Washington of Houston, Texas; sixteen grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Luscious and Alma Lloyd, one brother, Emile Lloyd, two sisters, Velma Lloyd, Louise Jackson.

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Thomas Eric Bordelon "Tommy" Sr.

An employee of Theriot's Heating and Air in Walker, he died Monday, July 13, 2009, in Denham Springs. He was 40, a resident of Denham Springs and a native of Baker. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Survived by his wife, Dena Staples Bordelon; parents, Philip Ray and Loretta Ann Bonds Bordelon; children, Thomas Eric Bordelon Jr., Chelsee Michelle Bordelon and Austin Riley Bordelon; grandson, Michael Colin Bordelon; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Philip Glen and Belinda Bordelon, Lannie Charles Bordelon, Randal James and Angie Bordelon and Timothy Ty Bordelon; maternal grandmother, Edna Mae Mathis; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Arrangements by Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs.

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Pelican Footnote: Tommy's dad, Philip Ray Bordelon was a 1957 EHS graduate and an outstanding athlete.

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Sylvia Bordelon Peavy



SIMMESPORT - A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Simmesport for Mrs. Clarence (Sylvia) Peavy, 89, who passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at Lafayette General Hospital.

Internment will be at the Christ the King Mausoleum.

The celebrant for the funeral mass will be Father George Krosfield and con-celebrated by Father James Nellikunnel.

The family requests visitation in Christ the King Church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. The rosary will be at 12 noon.

Survivors include her daughters, Sylvia Ann Peavy McQuillin of Lafayette, Wanda Peavy Cumella and her husband, Frank of Louisville, Kentucky; 3 grandchildren: Roxanne Breaux and her husband, Edward of Lafayette, Mark Allen Cumella and his wife, Joan Dugas of Louisville, Kentucky, and Myka Cumella Pearce and her husband, Justin of Louisville, Kentucky; 9 great grandchildren: Christopher Peavy Breaux, Edward Flynn Breaux, Jr., Lauren Elize Breaux and William Edgar Breaux of Lafayette, Gage Anthony Nicholas Cumella, Zachary Paul Joseph Cumella, Cole Francis Paphinutius Cumella, Kennedy Lynn Pearce and Baylee Renee Pearce of Louisville, Kentucky. She was survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis Oliver Bordelon of Goudeau and Eliza Couvillion Bordelon of Cottonport, her sister Lucille B. Pepiton and her husband Peter Pepiton, a brother, Robert Bordelon, Sr. and her granddaughter, Stacey Lynn Cumella.

A native of Simmesport, Sylvia graduated salutatorian of the class of 1937 from Simmesport High School and attended the Baton Rouge Business College. She married Clarence Allen Peavy, of Plaquemine in 1938 and enjoyed 53 years of marriage. She was very active in her much loved community and church. She served as a member of the St. Ann Circle, the Blue Army Catholic Organization, Christ the King Altar Society and the

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Woodman of the World Organization.

She worked as the Secretary to the Mayor of Simmesport for 22 years and became the City Clerk until the time of her retirement. She then worked in the offices of Central Pecan Shelling Company and Gulf Oil in Mansura. She served as a Notary Public for over 30 years.

Pallbearers will be Frank Cumella, Dr. Edward Breaux, Mark Cumella, Christopher Breaux, Edward Breaux, Jr., William Breaux and Gage Cumella.

Honorary Pallbearers are Justin Pearce, Zachary Cumella, Cole Cumella, Peter Pepiton II and Paul Pepiton.

Music will be provided by the nieces and nephews of the Peavy family.

The family would like to thank her many lifelong friends, the staff and friends that supported her so lovingly at Rosewood Assisted Living, the staff at Lafayette General Hospital and Dr. Michael Alexander for his kindness, care and friendship.

In lieu of flowers, she requested donations to St. Judes Hospital in memory of Stacey Lynn Cumella: St. Judes Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 or to Christ the King Church, P.O. Box 186, Simmesport, Louisiana 71369.

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George V. "Pickle" Terry



Funeral services for George "Pickle" Terry will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2009 at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church with the Revs. David Trimbur and Gary Purvis officiating; music provided by David Townsend and Margaret Purvis.

Mr. Terry, age 88, of Evergreen, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Rapides Regional Medical Center.

He was a member of the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen and chairman of the Cemetery Committee. Mr. Terry was a member of the Jerusalem Temple of the Scottish Shrine,

a 50 year member of Masonic Lodge #326, Bunkie; and a 32nd degree Mason. He is a World War II veteran of the Army-Air Force sErving in the 90th Bomber Group.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Lula Clark Terry; four brothers, Adolphus J. Terry, William Brunson Terry, Jr., Dana "Mike" Terry, and Mervyn D. "Cotton" Terry; and two sisters, Lula Mae Terry O'Neal, and Rachel Terry Craig.

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Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Mercedes Abney Terry of Evergreen; two daughters, Peggy Terry Pourciau and her husband George, and Carol Terry Shively and her husband Ken; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and many much loved nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home and 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Friday at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery, P.O. Box 236, Evergreen, LA 71333

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Pelican Footnote: "Pickle" was a member of the EHS graduating class of 1940. Click here to review the list of his classmates <http://www.evergreenla.org/Education/Students/40s.htm>
Click here to view his graduating class at the 1983 Reunion <http://www.evergreenla.org/PhotoGallery/Reunions/1983/EHS%20Class%20of%201940.JPG>

Our condolences are extended to the Terry family.

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Betty Descant Gagnard

Funeral services for Betty Gagnard will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2009, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Michalchuk officiating. Burial will follow in the Pythian Mausoleum. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Gagnard, age 77, of Bunkie, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Bayou Vista Nursing Home in Bunkie.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Hurry P. Gagnard; her parents, Elster and Eva Cullen Descant; and her brother, E.J. Descant, Jr.

Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Gagnard Lemoine and her husband Ralph of Bunkie; and her grandchildren, Leslie Claire Lemoine and Adam Michael Lemoine.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. on Thursday at Hixson-Ducote

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Lula Mae Terry O'Neal

June 16, 2009



Funeral services for Lula Mae Terry O'Neal will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church of the Bro. David Trimbur and Gary Purvis officiating and David Townsend providing the music. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. O'Neal, 94, of Evergreen, passed away Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Bayou Vista Nursing Home, Bunkie.

She was a member of the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church for most of her 94 years where she was a Sunday school teacher. She was a loving wife and homemaker. Love and laughter with her family and friends made her be loved by all.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn V. O'Neal; her parents, William B. and Lula Maude Clark Terry; four brothers, Adolphus J. Terry, William Brun Terry, Jr., Dana "Mike" Terry, Mervyn D. "Cotton" Terry; and a sister, Rachel T. Craig.

Survivors include her brother, George "Pickle" Terry and his wife Mercedes of Evergreen and many nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie and 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery, P.O. Box 237, Evergreen, LA 71333.

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Lewis "John" Channey

(February 21, 1933 - June 12, 2009)

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Funeral services for Lewis "John" Channey will be at 11:00 am, Sunday, June 14, 2009 in the Chapel of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Burial will be in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery, Evergreen under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home. Mr. Channey, age 76, of Bunkie passed away on Friday, June 12, 2009 in his residence surrounded by family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ellie Townsend and his step-father, Frank Townsend. .



Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Pam Channey of Bunkie. Their friendship started early in grammar school. John proudly served his country in Korea, as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. When he returned home after his tour was over, Pam and Johnnie married. He began working in the oilfield industry, where he and Pam traveled to foreign countries. When he retired, he and Pam settled back home in Bunkie and began a dry cleaning business, "Channey Cleaners". John is also survived by one son Mike Channey and his wife, Kathy, of Bunkie; one daughter, Christine Hewerdine and her husband, Lonnie, of Gulf Breeze, FL. Mr. Channey was also blessed with four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, five sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law that he considered his own siblings. Pallbearers will be Matthew Casbon, Buddy Chenevert, Brandon LaCombe, Brent LaCombe, Ronald McGuire and Andrew Rachal.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home from 4:30 pm - 9 pm, Saturday, June 13, 2009 and from 9 am - 10:45 am on Sunday, June 14, 2009.

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Frida Lemoine Firmin

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Services for Mrs. Frida L. Firmin of Cottonport will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Escude Funeral Home-Cottonport. Burial will be in St. Marys Cemetery #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home, Cottonport.

Survivors include two sons Heward Firmin, Jr. of Cottonport, Ricky Firmin of Kinder; two daughters, Sue Ann Moore of Alabama, Debra Ferguson of Cottonport; three brothers, Cubert Lemoine of Moreauville, Steve Lemoine of Evergreen and Arthur Lemoine, Jr. of Bunkie; four sisters, Ethel Bacon, Judy Daigrepoint of Prairieville, Bernice Gauthier of Cottonport, Janice Gauthier of Marksville; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by husband Heward Firmin, Sr.; mother, Mable Aymond Lemoine; father Arthur Lemoine, Sr.; two brothers, Huston Lemoine, Burton Lemoine; sister, Ruth Armand.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport from 4 p.m to all night. A Wake Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday.

Source: Town Talk, June 12, 2009.

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Mary Brown Armand

(February 13, 1939 - May 29, 2009)

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Funeral services for Ms. Mary Brown Armand, 70, will be held 1PM Sunday May 31, 2009 at Our Lady Queen of all Saints Catholic Church with burial to follow in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Father Mario Romero will officiate.

Ms. Brown a resident of Alexandria formerly of Ville Platte passed away Friday May 29, 2009 at her residence. A loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother she will be sadly missed by her husband Alton Roy Armand of Alexandria; son Kevin Viga of Whiteville; daughters Angela Viga Burke of Alexandria; Lisa Marie Ortego of Ville Platte; brothers Allen Brown and wife Betty of Lacombe; Leonard "Chunk" Brown of Whiteville; sisters Laura Hensel of Alexandria; Zetta Lafleur of Alexandria; 8 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and is preceded in death by her parents Jean Baptiste and Edna Fontenot Brown; brother Lawrence Brown; and sister Lorena Brown Andrus.

Visitation will be held Saturday May 30, 2009 from 2PM-9PM with a rosary being recited at 6PM, and will resume again Sunday from 8AM until the time of services .

Source: LaVille Funeral Home Website May 29, 2009

Information provided by Laura Hensel, who included that Mary Brown Armand was a 1957 graduate of Bunkie High School.

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Carl Paul Ducote

(June 8, 1946 - May 30, 2009)

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Funeral services for Carl Paul Ducote will be at 11:00 am, Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church with Fr. Edward Rodriguez-Hernandez officiating. Entombment will be in the St. Alphonsus Mausoleum under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Mr. Ducote, age 62, of the Bayhills of Bunkie, passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Lafayette General Hospital. He was a retired sweet potato farmer, having farmed for over 40 years.

He was a member of the Avoyelles Sweet Potato Association, Lake Pearl Hunting Club, Woodmen of the World and the Bayhills Supper Club. He was an avid duck hunter and enjoyed camping, traveling, NASCAR and casinos.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Sybil Ducote. Survivors include his wife of forty years, Beverly Saucier Ducote of the Bayhills; one son, Blake Ducote and his wife, Christe, of Baton Rouge; two daughters, Keisha Ducote Bergeron and her husband, Joey, of Lafayette and Carla Ducote Juneau and her husband, Ned, Jr., of Plaquemine; two sisters, Mary Louise Villemarette and her husband, Donald, of Baton Rouge and Darnell Clark of Alexandria and six grandchildren, Sara and Jack Ducote, Allison and Ellie Bergeron and Landon and Jaci Juneau. The family would like to thank Dr. Henry Kaufman, IV and Dr. Gene Brierre, whom Carl trusted so dearly, for their care and concern for Carl. They would also like to extend their sincere appreciation to St. Joseph Hospice of Alexandria, Hospice of Acadiana and the caring staff of the Oncology Unit at Lafayette General Hospital. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Hospice of Alexandria - 1308 Dorchester Dr. - Alexandria, LA 71303 or Hospice of Acadiana - 2600 Johnston St. - Suite 200 - Lafayette, LA 70503.

Visitation will be at MELANCON FUNERAL HOME, Bunkie from 5 pm - 10 pm on Monday, June 1, 2009 with a Rosary at 7 pm and the visitation on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 will be at ST. ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, Hessmer from 8:30 am - 10:45 am.

Source: www.melanconfunerals.com May 31, 2009

Pelican Footnote: Carl was in the sixth grade when EHS burned in February, 1958. He was a member of the first class to graduate from the new EES in May, 1960 and graduated from BHS in 1964

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Anita Himel Thayer

Funeral services for Anita Himel Thayer will be at 11:00 am, Monday, June 1, 2009 in the David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church, Bunkie, with the Rev. Joe Hoover officiating. Burial will be in the Pythian Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Thayer, age 90, of Bunkie passed away in her residence on Saturday, May 30, 2009. She was a retired Assistant Vice-President of the Bunkie Bank and Trust Company. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Thayer and a grandson, Brant Thayer Martin.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Randy W. Thayer and his wife, Susan, of Baton Rouge and Tommy

Thayer and his wife, Debbie, of Bunkie; one daughter, Sheryl T. Martin and her husband, Gary, of Grand Prairie, TX; one brother, Vanoy Himel of Memphis, TN; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the David Haas Memorial United Methodist Church from 9 am until service time on Monday, June 1, 2009. Please visit our website at www.melanconfunerals.com to offer online condolences to the Thayer family.

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Claude Duane Yates

(April 18, 1944 - May 23, 2009)



Funeral services for Claude Duane Yates will be held Wednesday May 27, 2009 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Forest Lawn Funeral Home with the Reverend Jim Lofton officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Ball.

Mr. Yates, 65, entered eternal rest Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Rapides Regional Medical Center, Alexandria. He was born April 18, 1944, the third of four sons of the union of Johnny C. and Jessie V. George Yates. Duane was best known for his gifted talents as a musician and vocalist. He was a 1962 graduate of Pineville High School. He fell in love with music at an early age and it became his life's passion. As a teenager he helped organize and performed with a small band called The Capris and later performed many years with the Fabulous Boogie Kings. He wrote lyrics,

produced CDs and established his own website at www.DuaneYates.com. For his talents and accomplishments he was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 1994, Texas Music Hall of Fame in 2001, and founded the Louisiana Music Commission. Duane was a loving father to his son Marcome and a devoted and loving son to his mother Jessie.

Mr. Yates was preceded in death by his father, Johnny C. Yates and one brother, Jerry C. Yates.

He is survived by his 90-year-old mother, Jessie George Yates of Montgomery; one son, Marcome Iram Yates; two brothers, Clark G. "Corky" Yates and wife, Sandy, and Johnny F. Yates and wife, Karen, of Pineville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers to serve will be Corky Yates, Jr., Jon Yates, Charles George, Claudie Johnson, Manuel Henry, Keith Bradford and Ronnie Sellers.

Friends may visit from 6 pm until 9 pm Tuesday and from 9 am until time of services Wednesday in the funeral home.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the Yates family by visiting www.forestlawn-pineville.com.

May 25, 2009 Forest Lawn website

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Margaret "Peggy" Bordelon Waguespack


(June 25, 1951 - April 18, 2009)

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MARGARET "PEGGY" BORDELON

WAGUESPACK Funeral services for Margaret "Peggy" Bordelon Waguespack will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at Rabenhorst Funeral Home, 825 Government St., Baton Rouge with the Rev'd Elizabeth R. Ratcliff officiating.

Visitation will be at Rabenhorst Funeral Home on Monday, April 20, from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. and Tuesday, April 21, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. Burial will be at a later date. Margaret "Peggy" Bordelon Waguespack, age 57, of Baton Rouge, a native of Marksville and a former resident of Alexandria, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 in her residence. Peggy is survived by her husband, Wally Waguespack, of Baton Rouge; her mother, Marilyn Bordelon of Bunkie; one sister, Marjorie B. Melancon and her husband, Danny, of Bunkie; one brother, Filmore P. Bordelon, III and his wife, Sara, of Lake Charles; seven nephews, Leigh Gilly, Martin Gilly, Andrew Gilly, Stuart Gilly and Paul Bordelon of Baton Rouge and Daniel Melancon, Jr. and David Melancon of Bunkie and one niece, Lori Bordelon Broussard of Lake Charles; two step-sons, John Waguespack and his wife, Desiree, of Gonzales and Thomas Waguespack and his wife, McKenzie, of St. Amant and her mother-in-law, Mary Waguespack of Gonzales and 5 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, F.P. Bordelon, Jr. and a sister, Marilyn "Lynn" Gilly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Baton Rouge Eye Bank - 7777 Hennessy Blvd - PMB 163 - Baton Rouge, LA 70808 or St. Jude's Children Hospital - Memphis, TN. Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie in charge of arrangements.



Please share sympathies, condolences and memories of Peggy with her family and friends at www.melanconfunerals.com.

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Ronnie Fontenot

April 17, 2009 Town Talk

Services for Ronnie Fontenot will be at 12 noon, Saturday, April 18, 2009 in New Light Baptist Church, Evergreen with Rev. John Calbert officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery under the direction of Progressive Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Ronnie, 46, of Bunkie, passed away at his residence Saturday, April 11, 2009.

He is preceded in death by his father, Wesley Fontenot and brother, Ernest Fontenot.

Ronnie is survived by: son, Wesley Williams, daughter, Constance Williams and mother, Murlin Fontenot all of Bunkie; six brothers, Larry Fontenot of Lecompte, McKinley, Harry and Anthony Fontenot all of St. Francisville, Lonnie Fontenot of Cheneyville and Melvin Fontenot of Bunkie; six sisters, Sharyl Smith of Pineville, Linda Fontenot of Alexandria, Eula Clark of Lecompte, Catherine Jones of Moreauville, Patricia Fontenot and Ida Louise Lucas both of Mansura.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009, at Progressive Funeral Home and 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the church.

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David "Spanky" Armand Barton

April 16, 2009 Town Talk

Services for David "Spanky" Armand Barton will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church with Rev. Gerald Burns officiating. Burial will be at St. George Mausoleum.

Visitation will be at St. Aloysius Catholic Church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

David "Spanky" Armand Barton, 54, a railroad engineer, of Baton Rouge, died Saturday, April 11, 2009 in Baton Rouge.

He was a member of BLET 531, Vice President of the Pack Backers Association, a member of Baton Rouge Corvette Club.

Survivors include wife Marion Armand; mother, Jeanette Armand; two sons, Joshua and Jeremy Armand; one grandchild, Noah Armand;

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold P. Armand, brother, Craig Armand, Sr.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Armand, Jeremy Armand, Craig Armand, Jr., Gary Chelette, Danny Rabalais, Todd Joffrion, Dale Guillot, Hank Cap. Honorary pallbearers will be Noah Armand, Ryan Joffrion and Aaron K. and Greg Blades.

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Danny Keith Thomason

(March 16, 1957 - April 12, 2009)

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Graveside memorial services for Danny Keith Thomason will be at 10:30 am, Saturday, April 18, 2009 in the Bay Springs Cemetery in Chopin, LA. Arrangements are under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Mr Thomason, age 52, of Evergreen passed away in his residence in Evergreen on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. He was a retired painter. He was preceded in death by his parents, A.G. and Elnora Thomason, sister, Mary Dell Roberts, three brothers, Horace, Allen and Dewey

Thomason and his grandparents, Tommy and Vellie Thomason and Dewey and Blanche Evans. He is survived by his wife, Linda Pruitt Thomason of Evergreen; three sons, Danny Paul Thomason of DeRidder, Scotty Thomason of Bunkie and Rusty Thomason of Alaska; four sisters, Ella Mae Ballard and Cathy Peeler of San Antonio, TX, Blanche McNeal of Effie and Sally Russell of Albuquerque, NM; one step-son, Shane Fontenot of Eunice; two step-daughters, Christine Trosclair of Slidell and Crystal Trosclair of Angleton, TX and 16 grandchildren.

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Coral "Hula" Fredrick Francois

A Memorial Service for Coral "Hula" Fredrick Francois will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 2009, at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Coral "Hula" Fredrick Francois , 70, of Lake Charles, died Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in his residence.

His parents, Freddie and Alice Armand Francois, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two brothers, Jerry and Roy Francois of Cottonport; two nieces and two nephews.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport Saturday, April 4, 2009, from 9 am until time of service.

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Pelican Footnote: Coral was a member of the 1956 EHS Class.

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Roderic A. (Buster) Rozas

Town Talk March 26, 2009

Roderic A. (Buster) Rozas, 83, passed away Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at his residence surrounded by his wife and children. He was a member of Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Plaquemine, past member of the Avoyelles Parish School Board, served his country during WWII in the Army Medical Corps, and was a lifelong cattleman and farmer.

Beloved husband of 60 years to Mary Lou Ducote Rozas; loving father of Lawrence Rozas and his wife Donna Gauthier of Sunset, Walter Rozas and his wife Peggy of Cottonport, Margaret Juneau and her husband Ronald of Cottonport, Ric Rozas and his wife Becky of Cottonport, Becky Rozas of Baton Rouge, Beverly Fitzgerald of Las Vegas, Peter Rozas of Plaquemine, Johnny Rozas of Plaquemine, Tommy Rozas and his wife Didi of Baton Rouge, Amy Juneau and her husband Clay of Sunset; Texas; six grandchildren, thirty three great - grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Gene Rozas and his wife Mary Frances of Baton Rouge, Paul Rozas and his wife Em of Baton Rouge, and Ken Rozas and his wife Trudy of Austin, Texas, and his sisters, Barbara Reid, Alice Ducote, and Joan Thevenot all of Cottonport.

He was preceded in death by his son Patrick, his sister Rachel Gaspard, his parents, Walter and Elnora Rozas.

A memorial mass will be held at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church in Plaquemine at 11am Friday, March 27, 2009. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to either the Alzheimer's Association, the American Heart Association, or Hospice Care of Avoyelles.

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Ben Christopher Juneau

March 23, 2009 Town Talk

Services for Ben Christopher Juneau will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2009 the Chapel of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria with Father Steve Brandow officiating.

Mr. Ben Christopher Juneau, age 45, of Alexandria passed away Friday, March 20, 2009 at his residence.

He was a lifelong New Orleans Saints fan and avid music lover. He was currently employed at Shaw Industries. He was employed at Cleco for 19 years, the majority of that time as a Systems Protection Maintenance Specialist. Ben had an interest in history, especially the Civil War, and participated in reenactments of battles across the South.

Ben was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with friends and family at Grand Lake.

He is preceded in death by his faithful dog of 16 years, Misha.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Robert Juneau; son, Peyton Benjamin Juneau; and parents K.B. and Ethel Juneau. Three brothers, Marc Spencer and his wife Sylvie and their children, Leah, Victor, and Sam; Jeffrey Paul Juneau and his wife Brenda and daughter Lydia; James Luke Juneau, wife Cherie and children Jacques and Pierre. Two sisters, Mary Susan Riche and husband Elliot "Pookie" and children Kyle, Noah, and Adam; Julie Ann Dunbar and husband David, and children Isabella and Claire.

Friends may call Monday at Hixson Brothers, Alexandria from 8 a.m. until service time.

To extend online condolences to the Juneau family, please visit us at www.hixsonbrothers.com.

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Peggy Brouillette



March 22, 2009 Town Talk

Services for Peggy Brouillette, age 60, of Cottonport will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009 at St Marys Assumption Catholic Church with Fr. Anthony Dhamaraj "Fr. Raj" officiating. Interment will be in St Marys Assumption Mausoleum under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Mrs. Brouillette died Friday, March 20, 2009 in M D Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd Jerome "Jerry" Welch and mother, Doris Welch.

She is survived by her husband, Dale Brouillette of Cottonport; son, Dr. Beau Brouillette and daughter-in-law, Gina Brouillette of Pineville; daughter, Dodi McKey and son-in-law, James McKey of Cottonport; sisters Konny Zajac of Cottonport and Angie Welch of Baton Rouge; brother, Luke Welch of Cottonport; grandchildren, Max McKey of Cottonport, Ben Brouillette of Pineville, Will Brouillette of Pineville and Mia Brouillette of Pineville.

Visitation will be at St. Mary's C Y O Center, Cottonport on March 23, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Billie Hayes

March 25, 2009 March 8, 1931 - March 19, 2009

Memorial services for Mrs. Billie Hayes, 78, of Sulphur will be held Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 3 pm in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 710 Walnut Street, Bunkie, La. Brother Paul Randolph will officiate.

Billie Hayes passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2009 in Sulphur. She was born in Oklahoma March 8, 1931 and was a long time resident of Bunkie. Billie graduated from Bunkie High School in 1949, and then attended Business School in Shreveport. In the spring of 1958 Billie began to study the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses and on October 4, 1958 she dedicated her life while attending an assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Sulphur. On December 12, 1959 Robert Hayes married Billie and the two of them along with her four children settled in the Bunkie area. Bob and Billie added two additional children to their family by 1968. As she worked diligently caring for her family, Billie developed a sincere love for teaching people some of the wonderful truths that she had learned from the bible. By 1984 she volunteered to devote nearly 100 hours per month to this ministry, an activity she continued right to the end. In addition to regularly teaching God's word she likewise volunteered her time to assist building Kingdom Halls, houses of worship for fellow servants of Jehovah. Her favorite area to assist on these projects was in the cafeteria, preparing meals for her fellow volunteers. Billie Hayes faithfully served her God for more than 50 years at the time of her death. She was a loving mother will be dearly missed by;

Survivors include husband, Robert Hayes; three sons, Michael Reynolds, Evergreen, Tommy Reynolds, Baton Rouge, Rusty Hayes and wife Sheila, Evergreen; two daughters: Patricia Pearce and husband Steve, Bunkie, Mila Goudeau and husband Brent, Sulphur; brother: Don Fletcher, Bunkie; eight grandchildren.

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Newton Paul Guillory



Services for Newton Paul Guillory, 84, of Cottonport, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at St. Marys Assumption Catholic Church with Fr. Anthony Dhamaraj "Fr. Raj" officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Mausoleum #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Mr. Guillory died at Avoyelles Hospital in Marksville on March 10, 2009.

He is preceded in death by his father, Andress Guillory and mother, Lily (Roy) Guillory.

Survivors include his wife Audrey Guillory of Cottonport; son, David P. Guillory and wife Liese of Bunkie; four daughters, Judy Ann Rodridge and husband Scott of Baton Rouge, Mary Carolyn Bolner and husband, Larry of Covington, Annette M. Bertrand and husband Dempsey of Palmetto and Patti Jo Di Capo of Cottonport; brother, Ruvian Guillory of Mansura; eight grandchildren - Robert Guillory, Ingrid Gauthier, Ryan Gauthier, Gabrielle Bolner, Crystal Bolner, Stephanie Simoneaux, Jeremy Simoneaux, Hali Di Capo all of Mansura and nine great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport, 554 Front Street, Cottonport on March 11, 2009 Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. and re-open Thursday 8 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. A Rosary will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Raymond Paul Ducote

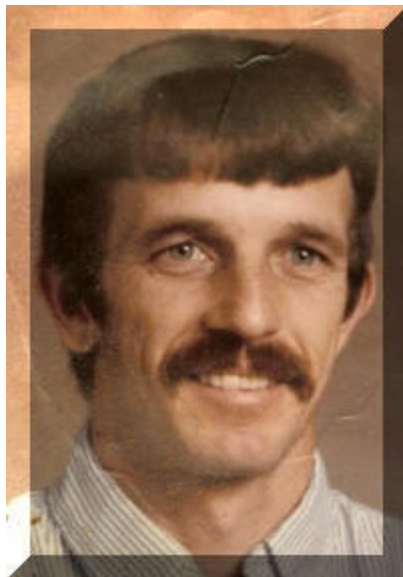
Raymond Paul Ducote, 78 years old, passed away in peace with his family by his side on Wednesday, February 25th, 2009. Survived by his wife of 56 years, Marie Katie (Catherine) Vicknair Ducote. Father of Robert Ducote and wife Terri, William Ducote and wife Rebecca, David Ducote and wife Debra. Grandfather of Jennifer, Ashely, Matthew, Andrew, Jeffrey, Jacob and Dylan. Great Grandfather of Alex, Grace and Brennan. Son of the late Resaire Ducote and Winnie Mayeux Ducote. Brother of Doris Ducote Corcoran and the late Riley Ducote Sr., Cecile Ducote Dauterive and Joseph Ducote. A native of Cottonport, La and a resident of Marrero, La for 41 years. Recently relocated to Ponchatoula, LA where he greatly enjoyed his last three months. Retired from I.B.E.W. Local 130 which he joined in 1966. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 6, 2009 at St. Peter Cemetery, 1550 Highway 44, Reserve, Louisiana. The Ducote family would like to extend their deepest and heartfelt thanks to the I.C.U. staff and doctors at North Oaks Hospital in Hammond, LA for their concern and care.

March 4, 2009 Times Picayune

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Christopher Paul Armand



Posted in the Town Talk February 26, 2009

Funeral services for Christopher "Chris" Paul Armand will be at 1 pm today, Feb. 26, 2009 in St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with Fr. Jack Michalchuk officiating Burial will be in Griffin Hill Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Armand, 49, of Lone Pine, formerly of Bunkie, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009, as the result of an automobile accident in Evangeline Parish.

Survivors include his wife, Bridgette Gray Armand of Lone Pine; two sons, Jeremy Armand and Casey Armand of

Lone Pine; two daughters, Ashley Moses and her husband, Jason, of Chicot and Kimberly Armand of Lone Pine; his parents Felix and Betty Aymond Armand of Bunkie; one brother, Monte Armand and his wife, Mary, of Bunkie; two grandchildren, Lacey and Kyle "Bubba" Moses.

Visitation will be from 8 am - 12:45 pm today, Feb. 26, 2009 at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

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Hypolite Guy Riché Jr. M.D.

A retired physician and a lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, he died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, at his home. He was 94 and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of LSU and Tulane Medical School and was widely involved in the medical and Greater Baton Rouge community. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. Survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Lou Caradine Riché; two sons, H. Guy Riché III and Robert R. Riché and their wives, Mimi Barnum Riché and Bobbie Arceneaux Riché; three grandchildren, Andrew B. Riché and wife Mary, Barbin R. Lewis and husband Matt, and Taylor L. Riché and wife Carrie; three step-granddaughters, four great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren. Visitation at Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, 11000 Florida Blvd., on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. until service at 11 a.m. Burial at Roselawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of choice.

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Lucy Donna Scruggs LaBorde

Lucy passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2008, at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. She was a native of Memphis, Tenn., born to Donald Grant Scruggs and Pearl Elizabeth Clark Scruggs. She grew up in New Orleans, was raised by her uncle, Josiah Higgason Scruggs, and his wife, Elsie Daly Scruggs, and attended Ursuline Academy. She was a resident of Baton Rouge for more than 60 years. She worked her way up from an entry-level clerical position to eventually head the School Lunch Employees Retirement System for the entire state of Louisiana. She always recalled fondly her earliest childhood memory of holding her father's hand in the early morning dew of the Tennessee mountains and picking blueberries with him. She participated in several political campaigns and was an active member of Zonta Club for many years. Her favorite hobby was reading, but she was also an avid stamp and coin collector. She loved to play poker with her friends, work crossword puzzles and enjoyed china painting. She was known throughout the area as "the best cook in town" and could make anything taste like a gourmet meal. Her love for animals was unmatched. Any creature that wandered into her life could count on love, food and protection forever. They were treated like royalty and were often the recipients of her gourmet cooking. She loved music, loved to sing and most of all loved to laugh. Once she got started, it was not unusual for the entire room to fill with laughter. Her greatest quality, however, was her capacity to love and her unending desire to give to others. She simply wasn't happy unless she was giving to someone else. She loved, above all things, God and her family and this was exemplified every day in the way she lived her life. With her extreme intelligence and quick wit, there was never a dull moment around her. She faced life's challenges with a steadfast faith in Christ and an inner strength which served as a beautiful example to so many others. She always found the good in other people even when most could not. Her love for her grandchildren was unsurpassed and gave her many years of joy and delight. She is survived by her daughter, Lura L. Wight, M.D., her son-in-law, Robert John Wight, and two grandchildren, Britton Robert Wight and Kristin Lucy Wight, all of Baton Rouge; six stepgrandchildren, Myron A. "Chip" LaBorde, of Tallahassee, Fla., Randy LaBorde, of Los Angeles, Michael LaBorde, of Alexandria, Tammy LaBorde Anderson, of Leesville, and Robert A. Wight and Stephen E. Wight, both of Minnesota; and two nephews, Douglas Crockett, of North Carolina, and David Crockett, of South Carolina. Preceded in death by her husband, L.W. LaBorde; stepson, Rayworth James LaBorde; sister, Frances Anna Crockett; and brother, Donald Scruggs Jr. Visitation at Rabenhorst Funeral Home East, 11000 Florida Blvd., on Friday, Feb. 20, was from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visitation resumes at the funeral home on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., when a Catholic service will be said. Interment in Greenoaks Memorial Park immediately following the service. We would like to give special thanks to Dr. Bryan Griffith for taking a great risk in operating on Lucy when nobody else would. It resulted in her freedom from severe arthritic pain and made the last 10 years of her life completely pain-free. She could not have made it without you, Bryan. Special thanks to Lucille Butler for caring for Lucy tirelessly for so many years; also thanks to Betty Richardson for the special care you gave. A very special thanks to Dr. Stephen Hosea and Dr. Ron Fields for giving us that precious time we needed to say goodbye. Last, but not least, we would like to thank the physicians and staff of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center Emergency Department and MSCC. Your care, as always, was excellent and superb, but we are humbled and overwhelmed by the love we were shown

and the protective wings placed around one of your own who was wounded. God bless each and every one of you. In particular we would like to thank Melissa Pulliam, R.N., Susan Chapman, R.N., April, R.N., and Maggie Finley, APRN, as well as Dr. Rohit Adi, Dr. Shannon Alwood, Dr. Derrick Brooks, Dr. Stephen Hosea, Dr. Shammi Kataria and Dr. Jim Rhorer. You guys have given the greatest gift of all. Lucy loved St. Jude's and the work they do. In lieu of flowers, please make charitable donations in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Clothilde Mounger Quirk

Clothilde Mounger Quirk, age 83, died on February 11, 2009 in her home in Greenwell Springs, LA. She was a native of Evergreen, LA and long time resident of East Baton Rouge Parish. She graduated from Evergreen High School in 1942 and from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in Ruston, LA in 1945. She was a charter member and vice president of Alpha Chi Omega. She was a school teacher for EBR Parish Schools from 1956-1975 and taught eight grade science at Glen Oaks Junior High most of her career.

She is survived by her two sons, William Boyd Quirk, Jr. and his wife Diane and Daniel Glen Quirk; two daughters, Sally Quirk Pugh and her husband Lamar III, and Debbie Quirk Harper and her husband Danny, thirteen grandchildren, Lisa Priest, Robyn Lockwood, Bill Quirk, Heather Martin, Lamar Pugh IV, Melissa Pugh, Michelle Hunter, Marty Quirk, Jenae Quirk, Denny Quirk, Kelly Quirk, Becky Harper, and Billy Harper, seventeen great grandchildren, and sister, Eloise Mounger, and two brothers, Wilmer (Bill) Mounger and Ralph Mounger.

She was preceded in death by her husband of sixty years, William Boyd Quirk, Sr, parents, Young Allen Mounger and Ethel Lee Gill Mounger, son Dennis Platt Quirk, and five brothers and four sisters. Pallbearers will be Lamar Pugh IV, Denny Quirk, Bill Quirk, Billy Harper, and David Smith. Honorary pallbearers Wilmer "Bill" Mounger, Ralph Mounger, Gill Mounger, Tommy Mounger, Paul Lacour, Richard McCormick, and Glen Priest.

Visitation will be at Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen, Louisiana, on Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. followed by a religious service and burial under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Evergreen Methodist Church, Bayou Rouge Baptist Church, or Bayou Rouge Cemetery. The family would also like to give special thanks to Dr. Vincent Tumminello and his staff for the many years of extraordinary care given to their loved one and also to Pinnacle Home Health and Clarity Hospice for their excellent care and support. Online condolences to the Quirk family may be emailed to melanconfuneral@aol.com.

Pelican Footnote: Appreciation is expressed to Margie Melancon of Melancon Funeral Home of Bunkie and Bayou Rouge Baptist Church for the pictures and Dale Descant, www.EvergreenLa.org webmaster, for creating the collage.

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Dorothy "Dot" A. Abney

January 29, 2009 Town Talk



Dec. 16, 1941 - Jan. 25, 2009

Funeral services for Dorothy Abney will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen with the Rev. David Trimbur officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Ms. Abney, 67, of Bedford, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at her residence.

Dot was a graduate and one of the valedictorians of Bunkie High School and LOMA Insurance. She retired from the insurance business after working 50 years and was a consultant for LSW of Dallas, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Horace and Eleanor Abney; sisters, Joyce A. Bateman and Carmen A. Gremillion-Parent; a brother, S.A. "Buddy" Abney. Survivors include; three sisters, Mercedes A. and George Terry of Evergreen, Nedra A. and Bob Rivers of Bunkie, and Elaine A. and Bud Reed of Baker and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie and 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen.

Memorials may be made to the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery, P.O. Box 237, Evergreen, LA 71333

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William Andrew Albritton Sr.

Services for Mr. William "Bill" Andrew Albritton Sr. will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, January 15th, 2009 at Melancon Funeral Home in Bunkie with Chaplain Jason Woodward officiating. Mr. Albritton was born on October 14, 1926, in Bogue Chitto, Lincoln County, Mississippi, the sixth of ten children to Jacob Caully Albritton and Annie Lenora Moak.

Bill Albritton, 82, of Evergreen, LA passed away on January 13, 2009 at his residence. Visitation and funeral will be at Melancon Funeral Home with interment at the Little Flower Catholic Church Graveyard in Evergreen with a full military burial. Serving as honorary pall bearers will be grandsons, John Carter of Savannah, GA, Brad Ferguson of Madison, MS, Jake and Matt Manda of Lawrence, KS, Lee Albritton of Plaquemine, LA, and Taylor Albritton of Alexandria, LA.

Mr. Albritton was a 22 year veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a past member of the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church. He was initiated into the Bayou Chico Lodge #430 in 1963, raised to Master Mason in 1964, and received the Master's Award in 2000 for service above the realm of duty. He was also an honorary member of the Bunkie Masonic Lodge #326 F & A.M. Organizations included Lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, having served as commander of the Avoyelles Chapter, Mansura # 47; lifetime member of the American Legion of Bunkie; and lifetime member of the VFW, Alexandria Post.

In June, 1975, he became fully retired and pursued his passion for fishing.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jacob Cauley and Annie Lenora Moak Albritton, one sister, Eva Rae Redmond and brothers, Charles, Ulysses, Claudia, Jacob, Jr., Luther, and Bennie Albritton. He is survived by one brother, Junior Moak Albritton and wife Shirley of Kansas City, Missouri and one sister Martha A. Johnston of Denham Springs LA.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ruth Dugas Albritton, of Evergreen; one son, William "Billy" Andrew Albritton, Jr. and wife Vallery of Alexandria; three daughters, Donna Jean Ferguson of Madison, MS, Katherine "Kathy" Manda and husband Ed of Lawrence, KS, and Mary Carolyn Thoman and husband John of Baton Rouge; eight grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and a special niece, Karla Albritton of Evergreen.

Visitation will be held at Melancon Funeral home from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday January 14th and from 9:00 A.M. on Thursday January 15th until time of service.

Additional information on William Albritton and his family can be found on www.EvergreenLa.org. On line notes of condolences may be emailed to melanconfuneral@aol.com

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Robert "Bob" Belko



Services for Robert "Bob" Joseph Belko, 71, of Cottonport will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2009 at St. Mary Assumption Catholic Church, Cottonport with Father Anthony Dharmaraj officiating. Burial will be St. Mary #2 cemetery under the direction of Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Bob was born October 2, 1937 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, he was resident of Cottonport. He died January 10, 2009 at his residence. He was retired from Cleco Corporation after 33 years of service. He served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force

Reserve.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph J. and Wanda Alicki Belko; sister Joan Belko Erickson; sons Robert Patrick Belko, Joseph Robert Belko, Paul J. Belko.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline Ducote Belko of Cottonport; daughters Natalie Wanda Belko of Mandeville and Katherine Elizabeth and husband Charles Reid DeJean of Central LA; four grandchildren Lillian Sofia Mast, Geoffrey Mast Belko, Jonathan Reid DeJean and Joshua Robert DeJean; brother Joseph Patrick Belko of Lebanon, New Jersey and sister Arlene Belko Davis of Acworth, Georgia.

Visitation will be held at Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport Wednesday, January 14, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. Thursday until departing for services. A wake service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

To leave condolences for the family online please visit www.escudefuneralhome.com

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Perry Mayes

EVERGREEN - Services for Perry Mayes were held on Friday, January 16, 2009 12:00 p.m. at Jerusalem Baptist Church. Burial was held at Jerusalem Baptist Cemetery, Cottonport. Arrangements were held under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Mansura.

Perry Mayes, age 49 of Evergreen, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2009 at Bayou Vista Nursing Home.

Survivors include his four sons, JaCoby Mayes, Cody Mayes, JaCory Mayes and Perry Vorhies all of Eunice; four daughters, Patricia Mayes of Eunice, Rosemary Vorhies of Eunice, Lisa Thomas Fruge of Ville Platte and Laura Thomas of Ville Platte; and a brother, Roosevelt Mayes of Evergreen.

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Willis Carter

January 7, 2009

Services for Willis Carter, of Morrow will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Bayou Jacque Baptist Church. Burial will be in Church of Christ Cemetery in Plaquemine under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Mansura.

Willis Carter, 73, died in Goudeau on January 5, 2009.

Survivors include his wife Janie Lachney Carter of Morrow; three daughters, Darlene Carter of Plaquemine, Vickie Guillot and Cindy Dupuis both of Cottonport; three sons, Danny Carter of Plaquemine, Russell Carter of Cottonport and Dennis Carter of Goudeau; brother, Dalton Carter of Big Cane; two sisters, Lone Doucet of Goudeau, Willomena Ruth of Dupont; two step-daughters, Kathy Dixon of Plaquemine, Kerrie Elliott of Texas; fourteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Euell Carter, mother, Corine Meadows Carter, grandson, Dexter Carter.

Visitation will be open all night at Bayou Jacque Baptist Church from 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2009 to 11 a.m. Wednesday.

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Donald Anthony Scallan Sr.



Services for Donald Anthony Scallan, Sr. of Cottonport will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Plaquemine.

Burial will be in Mater Dolorosa Mausoleum, Plaquemine under the direction of Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Donald Anthony Scallan, Sr., 83, died in his residence on January 4, 2009.

Mr. Scallan owned and operated his own pharmacy in Simmesport which he later sold and opened another

pharmacy in Dupont.

He is preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Scallan and his parents, Bennett J. and Adelle (Gremillion) Scallan.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Brassette Scallan of Cottonport, three sons, Donald Scallan, Jr. of Mobile, Alabama, David Scallan of Alice, Texas, O'Keefe Scallan of Heath, Texas; daughter, Yvette Sprague of Cypress, Texas; nine grandchildren; two great-grand -children.

Visitation will be at Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and re-open Wednesday at 8 a.m. A Wake Service will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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Ralph Paul Moras, Sr., 64, of Bunkie passed away on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 at Bunkie General Hospital.

Funeral services for Ralph Paul Moras, Sr. of Bunkie will be at 10:30 am, Monday, January 5, 2009 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Hessmer with Father Edwin Rodriguez-Hernandez officiating. Burial will be in the St. Alphonsus Mausoleum under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Moras, age 64, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at Bunkie General Hospital. Mr. Moras was a member of the Teamsters Union and was a freight delivery driver for forty years, served in the LA Army National Guard, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and a member of the Bayhills Men's Supper Club. Most days since his retirement in 2001, he could be found working in his yard on some sort of project. Most notable were his wood duck and purple martin boxes which can be found in numerous Avoyelles Parish yards and ponds.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bradford Moras and Mildred Laborde Moras Descant and one sister, Sandra St. Romain.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Patsy Roy Moras of Bunkie; two sons, Ralph Moras, Jr. and his wife, Vicki, of Lafayette and Rodney Moras and his wife, Vicky, of Pine Prairie; two sisters, Judy Charrier of Hessmer, Carol LaBorde of Vinton; six grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

SErving as pallbearers will be Craig Charrier, Brad Charrier, James Villemarette, Scott Ducote, Harold St. Romain Randall Deshotel.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie today, Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 from 2 pm - 8 pm with a Christian Wake Service at 5 pm and from 8 am - 10 am Monday, Jan. 5, 2009.

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

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Pelican Footnote: Ralph's wife, Patsy Jane Roy, was a 1961 graduate of Evergreen Elementary School and a 1965 graduate of Bunkie High School.