

Amanda Gremillion Ducote

(February 3, 1930 - December 30, 2011)



Amanda Gremillion passed away peacefully on Friday, December 30, 2011 in Mansura , LA. Amanda was born on February 3, 1930 in Moreauville , LA. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen, LA. Services will be conducted by Fr. Bartholomew Ibe. Entombment will take place in Church of the Little Flower Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Amanda, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother lived in Evergreen, LA. She is survived by her five children; Richard Ducote and wife, Joy of Lafayette; Julienne Spencer and husband, Tracy of Evergreen; Wayne Ducote and wife, Susan of New Iberia; Joel Ducote and wife, Laura of Plaquemine; and Anita Gabriel and husband, Scott of Lake Mary, Florida; ten grandchildren; Andre Spruill (husband, Bill), William Spencer (wife, Becky), Aimee Duplechin (husband, Shane), Wesley Ducote (wife, Chrissy), Ryan Ducote (wife, Staci), John Ducote (wife, Brittany), Lauren Ducote, Jennifer Little (husband, Josh),

Brad Ducote, and Ann Gabriel; and seven great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Jeanette Gremillion of Baton Rouge , LA and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years, Raymond Ducote and her parents Joseph Whitney Gremillion and Isabelle Delephine Gremillion; six brothers and one sister; Harvey, Andrew, James, Raphael Gremillion, Mary Ann Laborde, Jude "Pat" and Vilge "Pete" Gremillion. Amanda grew up in Moreauville , LA and later moved to Alexandria where she worked at French Unique Cleaners. She and her husband, Raymond, moved to Evergreen in 1950, where they raised their five children. Amanda loved her family and always enjoyed getting together on holidays. She was active in her church community and taught Catechism for many years. Amanda received the Bishop's medal for her church and diocesan services. She served on the altar society, helping with the church fairs and cooking for various events. Her specialties included making little pecan pies (dozens at a time), homemade fudge, or her wonderful pecan cake. She loved working in her flower garden, and would proudly show you the blooms on her Christmas cactus and other houseplants as well. The family wishes to thank the staff of Rio Sol Nursing Home in Mansura, Hospice Compassus of Alexandria, and Avoyelles Hospital . Your loving care is greatly appreciated. Visitation will be held Friday, December 30, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday , December 31, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until time of a double funeral service with her husband, Raymond Ducote. Personal condolences may be sent to the Ducote family at www.melanconfunerals@aol.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Melancon Funeral Home of Bunkie , LA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Church of the Little Flower (P.O. Box 20 Evergreen , LA 71333).

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Raymond Joseph Ducote

(June 7, 1928 - December 28, 2011)



Raymond Joseph Ducote passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 in Mansura, LA. Raymond was born on June 7, 1928 in Cottonport, LA. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 at 11:00 am at Church of the Little Flower - 2912 Main St. - Evergreen, LA. Services will be conducted by Fr. Bartholomew Ibe. Entombment will take place in Church of the Little Flower Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Raymond, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, lived in Evergreen, LA. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Amanda Gremillion Ducote and five children; Richard Ducote and wife, Joy, of Lafayette; Julienne Spencer and husband, Tracy, of Evergreen; Wayne Ducote and wife, Susan, of New Iberia; Joel Ducote and wife, Laura, of Plaquemine; and Anita Gabriel and husband, Scott, of Lake Mary, Florida; ten grandchildren; Andre Spruill (husband, Bill), William Spencer (wife, Becky), Aimee Duplech (husband, Shane), Wesley Ducote (wife, Chrissy), Ryan Ducote (wife, Staci), John Ducote (wife, Brittany), Lauren Ducote, Jennifer Little (husband, Josh), Brad Ducote, and Ann Gabriel; and seven great grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Eloise Guillory (husband, Allen), of Mansura, LA; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John Alvin Ducote of Cottonport, LA and Winnie Moreau of Cottonport, LA, and his brother, Anthony A Ducote. Raymond was a graduate of Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Lafayette, LA in Vocational Agricultural Education and later received a Master Degree in Education from USL, in Lafayette. He began his teaching career as a vocational agricultural teacher helping veterans returning from World War II with the On the Farm Training Program; then at Evergreen High School in 1949 and at Cottonport High School for over 20 years; where he was also the F.F.A. and Beta Club Sponsor. He later taught special needs students at the Avoyelles Parish Vocational Training Center before he retired in 1979. As an active member at Church of the Little Flower, he served on several church councils, was a lector and usher. He served on the Evergreen Town Council for 27 years and was the Fire Chief for the Volunteer Fire Department in Evergreen. Raymond was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved spending time with his family, making a vegetable garden, picking pecans and enjoyed sharing the produce with neighbors and friends. The family wishes to thank the staff of Rio Sol Nursing Home in Mansura, Hospice Compassus of Alexandria and Avoyelles Hospital. Your loving care is greatly appreciated. Visitation will be held at Melancon Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 30, 2011 from 5 pm to 9 pm with a Christian Wake Service at 7 pm and Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011 from 8 am until 10:30 am. Personal condolences may be sent to the Ducote family at www.melanconfunerals.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Melancon Funeral Home - 108 N. Lexington Ave. - Bunkie, LA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Church of the Little Flower - P.O. Box 20 - Evergreen, LA 71333.

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Memorial services for Annie Dora Newman Wright will be at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Bayou Rouge Baptist Church with the Revs. Mark Crawford and Danny Wright officiating. Burial will follow the services at the Bayou Rouge Cemetery in Evergreen. Mrs. Wright, age 78, of Bunkie, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 in the family residence. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Shirley Wright; a grandson, John Ed Wright, Jr.; two brothers, James and Bill Newman and two sisters, Louise Stafford and Elaine Tauzin. Survivors include her husband, William "Bill" Daniel Wright of Bunkie; two sons, William "Dan" Wright and wife, Gail, of Marksville and John Ed Wright and wife, Tara, of Lavonia; one daughter, Cindy Wright Dauzat of Houston, TX; four sisters, Maxine Barr, Nina Taylor, Jenny Edwards and Nona King, all of the Dallas, TX area; one brother, Ronnie Newman of Dallas, TX; nine grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Visitation will be at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 from 10 am until service time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery - P. O. Box 237 - Evergreen, LA 71333.



Harvey George Riche' passed away at his home on Bayou Rouge in Evergreen on November 20 at age 70.

He is preceded in death by his parents Walter Riche', Sr. and Bessie Gremillion Riche', and wife Jacyntha Goudeau Riche'.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Marleen Armand Riche'; 3 sons, Stephen Riche' & wife Julee, and Kent Riche' & wife Roxane of Evergreen and Christopher Riche' & wife Becky of Moreauville and 1 daughter, Elizabeth R. Juneau of Lafayette; two brothers, Walter Riche, Jr. & wife Dorothy and Robert Riche' & wife Ramona, all of Evergreen. Also, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

A memorial mass will be held December 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Evergreen at the Church of the Little Flower.

Read more: AvoyellesToday.com - Harvey George Riche 70 of Evergreen

John Charles "J.C." Patrick

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A loving and devoted father and husband, John Charles "J.C." Patrick passed away at his home the morning of Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011. He was 69. A longtime resident of Prairieville, he was born in Texarkana, Ark., and raised in Raceland. Visiting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Rabenhorst Funeral Home, 825 Government St. Visitation at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, La. 73, in Prairieville, on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m., until Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Paul Gros, celebrant, and Deacon Jodi Moscona. Burial in Oak Lane Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be his godson, Lyle Boudreaux, Lance Rodriguez, Billy Cook, Fred Carter, Corey Patrick and Jimmy Carpenter. Honorary pallbearers are Milton Williams, Michael Stewart, Danny Stewart and Mark Sylvester. Survived by his wife, Sandra Jumonville Patrick, of Prairieville; son, Kelly John Patrick, of New Orleans; brother, Jim Patrick, of French Settlement; brother and sister-in-law, Charles Joseph Jumonville Jr. and Gloria Knight Jumonville, of Baton Rouge; nephew, Corey Patrick; nieces, Melissa Jumonville, Casey Blount and Amy Sibley; as well as numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, John M. Patrick and Jennie Lena Patrick, who were of Raceland. He received a B.S. and M.S. in entomology from LSU and enjoyed applying the knowledge he gained in school to his career. An active member of the Louisiana Sugar Industry for more than 30 years, he worked as a crop consultant for sugar cane farmers and also worked at Alma Sugar Mill during grinding season. He was a member of the American Sugar Cane League. In addition to his work in sugar cane, he was also a longtime pillar of the Baton Rouge area landscaping community. He was the founder, owner and president of ProScape & Agricultural Consulting Co. He was a past president and Nurseryman of the Year of the Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, and a past president and founding member of the Baton Rouge Landscape Association. Outside of his work, he was an avid horseman, and loved the rural life, caring for his horses, bush-hogging his pasture, caring for the land and helping his neighbors. He deeply loved his family friends, and colleagues, and relished in the time he spent with them. Rabenhorst Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, and condolences can be made at www.rabenhorst.com or www.theadvocate.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in J.C.'s name to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](http://www.stjudechildrens.org), Memphis, Tenn.

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Pelican Footnote: JC was a frequent visitor to Evergreen, staying at his grandfather's, Mr. Frank Lena, Sr., during the summers and for holidays. He and Ed Dugas became close friends and Ed has many fond memories of those days.

Lawrence Ellis Mayeaux

(September 29, 1939 - November 2, 2011)

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lawrence Ellis Mayeaux, Sr. will be at 12 noon, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 at Church of the Little Flower with Fr. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Burial will be in the Church of the Little Flower Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Mayeaux, age 72, of Evergreen, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 in his residence. He retired from the LA State Police after 21 years as a State Trooper. He was a US Army veteran, having served in the Military Police during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his parents, Velton and Essie Cazalot Mayeaux and his son, Mark Scott Mayeaux.



He is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Lottie Reynolds Mayeaux of Evergreen; one son, Lawrence E. "Pete" Mayeaux and wife, Agatha, of Evergreen; two daughters, Kathy Lynn Mayeaux Lemoine and husband, Billy, of Evergreen and Sheila Mayeaux Kight and husband, Blake, of Dickson, TN; one brother, Myron Mayeaux and wife, Linda, of Bridge City, TX; five grandchildren, Joshua Nugent, Holly Mayeaux, Adrienne Mayeaux, Mark Scott Mayeaux and Garrett Kight and one great grandchild, Ethan Jude Mayeaux; a special cousin, Narcille Stone of Picayune, MS; sisters-in-law, Sally Bruno of Lafayeete and Laurette Reynolds of Hessmer; brother-in-law, Wayne Reynolds and wife, Linda, of Hessmer and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 from 4 pm - 10 pm with a Vigil for the Deceased at 7 pm and on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 from 8 am - 11:30 am.

Pelican Footnote:

Please go to www.evergreenla.org > Photo Gallery > Community: James Gang for the 1999 picture of the James Gang at Georgie Gremillion's home.

Jerry B. Spencer

(September 1, 1931 - October 27, 2011)

Services for Jerry B. Spencer will be held at a later date conducted by Reverend Jimmy Koonce. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Ball, under the direction of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria.

Mr. Spencer, 80, of Alexandria, passed away Thursday, October 27, 2011, at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital.

Mr. Spencer was born in Evergreen, Louisiana on September 1, 1931. He was a member of the IBEW Electrical Union, and served in the U. S. Marine Corp.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William & Daisy Thayer Spencer, Sr.; brothers, William Spencer, Jr., Louis Spencer; sisters, Ethel S. Falls, Eugenia S. Higgins, Lerona S. James.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Mary Chapman Spencer; sons, Edward Spencer, Gregory Spencer & wife Shirley, Jerry Spencer, Jr. & wife Sandi, Thayer Spencer & wife Nancy; nieces like daughters, Margaret C. Cross & husband "Bubba", Joyce C. DeLawyer, Jeanie C. Risinger & husband Vent; sister, Dorothy Spencer; grandchildren, Gregory Lee Spencer, Kasey C. Spencer, and Andrea J. Sepulvado and numerous nieces and nephews.

To extend online condolences to the Spencer family, please visit Hixson Brothers Funeral Home at www.hixsonbrothers.com.

Pelican Footnote: Jerry was a member of the 1948 EHS Class.

Please click [here](#) for the video clip of Jerry at the Oct. 17, 2009 lunch at Prejean's Restaurant in Carencro.



Emma Eugenia "Jean" Howes Tanner

(August 16, 1926 - October 12, 2011)



Funeral services will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 at the Evergreen United Methodist Church in Evergreen, Louisiana at 2:30 p.m. for Mrs. Jean Tanner, wife of Marvin Tanner, who passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011 after a brief illness. There will be a one hour visitation at the church prior to the service. Burial will follow in Bayou Rouge Cemetery, Evergreen under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Tanner was born in August of 1926 in Ponchatoula, Louisiana to Louis and Della Howes where she was raised until her graduation from Ponchatoula High School in 1943. Following high school she attended and graduated from Southeastern University in 1946 with a B.A in Home Economics and upon completing her degree from Southeastern, Mrs. Tanner taught High School in Evergreen for two years. In December of 1948 she married her beloved husband, Marvin Tanner of Evergreen. Mrs. Tanner was active in the Evergreen Civic league for many years where she served as an officer for several years. Later in life, she learned to play the piano and became the pianist for the Evergreen United Methodist Church. Mrs. Tanner was known for her horticultural skills and her yard, as well as many of those in the community, was a testament to her talents.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Della Howes, one brother Louis, and one sister Helen Howes Heitman.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 62 years, Marvin, 5 daughters, Susan and husband Jim Hawthorne; Sara and husband Roger Cyr; Sally and husband Rick Namie; Sandra and husband Dale Ballew; Sherrie and husband Randy Smith; one son, Marvin and wife Kathleen; fourteen grandchildren, Sara, Will, Ben and Luke, children of Susan and Jim; Roger and Rachel, children of Sara and Roger; Josiah, son of Sally and Rick; Chesley daughter of Sandra; Steven and Heather, children of Sherrie and Randy; Daniel, Matthew, Sam, and Joe Willie, children of Marvin and Kathleen.

She was a wonderful wife, a wonderful mother, a wonderful mother-in-law, and a special grandmother. All who knew her were richly blessed. Heartfelt appreciation is expressed to the staff and many employees of the Lexington Court Nursing Home and Med Central Hospice for their compassionate care.

Grace M. Guillory Carpenter



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Grace Mary Carpenter, 85, of Labadieville, LA entered into rest, Thursday, August 25, 2011 from a healthcare facility.

Mrs. Carpenter was born and raised in Plaucheville, LA and was a graduate of Evergreen High School. She lived in Goudeau, Labadieville and most of her adult life in Lake Charles. She retired a real estate agent, having worked for Holly Heard and Mike Bono, Century 21. Mrs. Carpenter was a devoted catholic, a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one son, Kevin P. Carpenter and wife Mary (daughter-in-law, friend and care taker) of Labadieville; two grandchildren, John and Mark and beloved dog, Dukie. She also leaves one sister, Marie Downs of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Pervis E. Carpenter; parents, Benedict and Helen Gaspard Guillory and one brother, Cournist Guillory.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Monday, August 29, 2011 in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church under the direction of Johnson

Funeral Home. Father John Huckaby will officiate. Interment will follow in Consolata Cemetery. Visitation Monday will be from 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM in the funeral home. A rosary will be recited at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to E.D. White Catholic High School, Academic Enhancement Department, 555 Cardinal Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301.

Source: AvoyellesToday.com

Pelican Footnote: Grace Guillory Carpenter was a member of the 1944 EHS graduating class.

Joseph Jenkins

Brother Joseph Jenkins was born December 13, 1948 to the late Mr. Ike Jenkins, Sr. and Mrs. Olla Washington Jenkins in Evergreen. He was baptized at an early age at Golden Chain Baptist Church.

He was called home on August 1, 2011 at the VA Medical Center in Alexandria.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Olla Mae Fields and Ora Dean Carter; and three brothers, Osten Jenkins, Johnny Jenkins and Frank Jenkins.

He was united in holy matrimony to Geraldine Sampson Jenkins for 38 years. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Geraldine Jenkins; two daughters, Shalonda Sampson and Stacey Jenkins (Travis Williams) both of Alexandria; three grandchildren, Travoris Jenkins, Tatiana Williams and Tamia Williams; three brothers, Isreal Jenkins, Sharon Hess both of Cottonport and James Jenkins (Charlotte) of Mansura; six sisters, Ophelia Jenkins, Jeanette Fields both of Cottonport, Carolyn Hegggar (Keneth) of Moreauville, Sally Shuler (Henry), Bonnie Sampson (Frankie) both of Houston, Texas and Cathy Ford of Shreveport; a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

Visitation at Greater St. Lawrence on Friday, August 12, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Golden Chain Baptist Church in Cottonport.

Source: AvoyellesToday.com August 26, 2011

Moore Louis Gauthier

(March 16, 1929 - August 22, 2011)

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A Mass of Christian Burial for Moore Louis Gauthier will be Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church with Fr. Chad Partain officiating. Entombment will be in the St. Alphonsus Mausoleum under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Gauthier, age 82, of the Bayhills, passed away on Monday, Aug. 22, 2011 at Cornerstone South Nursing Facility, Lafayette. He a retired Loan Officer with Production Credit Association for twenty-five years and the Cottonport Bank for ten years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post # 0126 and the Knights of Columbus, Hessmer Council. His hobbies included hunting, boat building and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna May Ducote Gauthier, his parents, Felician and Marie Louise Ducote Gauthier, and two brothers, Wade Gauthier and Eli Gauthier.

Survivors include a son, Michael Gauthier and wife, Ann, of New Orleans; one daughter, Joi Cangelosi and husband, Kenneth, of Lafayette and four grandchildren, Jaimie Cangelosi, Keith Cangelosi, Jacob Gauthier and Daniel Gauthier.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Cangelosi, Keith Cangelosi, Daniel Gauthier, Jerry Gauthier, Tony Gauthier and Wesley Gauthier.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 from 5 pm - 8 pm with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6:30 pm and on Thursday from 8 am - 9:30 am.

Sources: Melancon Funeral Home website, August 22, 2011



James Maison Armand



Funeral services for Mr. Maison Armand will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the Hixson Brothers Funeral Home Chapel in Marksville. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery #2 on Indian Bayou Rd. in Cottonport. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson Brothers Funeral Home of Marksville.

Mr. Armand, age 77, of the Bay Hills Community, passed away on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at Lane Regional Medical Center in Zachary. He was born May 20, 1934 in Cottonport. He served his country as a naval officer during the Korean War from 1954-1956.

He is survived by three sons, James Armand of Marksville, Joey Armand and Andrew Armand both of Mansura; two daughters, Mary Ann Armand of Marksville and Charlotte Armand of Bunkie; two brothers, Annisten (J.C.) Armand of Cottonport and Neilson (Nookie) Armand of Cottonport; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 in the Chapel of Hixson Brothers of Marksville from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. and will resume at 8 a.m. Wednesday until shortly before time of service.

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

Source: AvoyellesToday.com August 10, 2011

Sophie Mae Williams Scott

(August 27, 1929 - July 28, 2011)

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Funeral services for Sophie Mae Williams Scott will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the Little Rock Baptist Church with Bishop Melvin Jackson officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Scott, age 81, of Bunkie, passed away on Thursday, July 28, 2011 in Rocky Mount, NC. She attended Tanner Dyke School in Evergreen. In 1955, she was in the first graduating class at Rosalie Beauty School in Bunkie, having a career in the field of Cosmetology. She was very active in all aspects of the Little Rock Baptist Church until her health declined. She was preceded in death by her husband, Isreal Scott; her parents, Rev. Aaron and Hester Wilkerson Williams; son, Terry Dwight Williams and brothers, Aaron Williams, Alex Williams and Rev. Jimmy Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two children, Kenneth Wayne (Valerie) Williams of Maurice, LA and Nedra Scott Maryland (Solomon) of Rocky Mount, NC; one brother, Rev. Willie D. Williams of Bunkie; one brother-in-law, Vera Malveaux of Bunkie; six sisters-in-law, Marjorie Williams, Ester Bazile, Elnora Malveaux all of Bunkie, Mercedes Williams of St. Joseph, LA and Louberta Williams of Fresno, TX; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 9 a.m. until service time at the Little Rock Baptist Church.

Source: Melancon Funeral Home website August 6, 2011

Erica Lynn Terrell



Services for Erica Lynn Terrell, 29 will be held Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church on Trinity Road in Pineville. Visitation will be at the church from 11 a.m. until time of the service at 2 p.m. with Reverend Darryl Hoychick officiating. Music will be provided by Erica's great aunt, Tonnette Ducote. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Ball, under the direction of Hixson Brothers, Alexandria.

Erica's life ended far too soon in a highway accident in Pineville on July 31, 201. She was born in Alexandria on July 24, 1982 and attended St. Francis Cabrini Elementary School. She was a graduate of Aiken High School in Alexandria and attended LSU-A. Erica attended The North Boulevard Family Church. She loved playing the piano and was musically gifted. Erica was a loving and compassionate person to all, and she loved her children deeply. She enjoyed family gatherings, friends, and helping those in need.

She was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandparents, Milton and Clara Conrad, Wheeler Thomas and Edith Bell Terrell; her maternal great-grandparents Mondell and Ola Ducote and Herman and Grace Richie and her maternal grandfather James "Jackie" Ducote.

Those left to mourn her loss and cherish her memory include one son Landon Michael Terrell; one daughter Gracelynn Mae Shockley; father Harry Lynn Terrell; mother Cynthia Cespiva and her husband Brian; three brothers, Jason Conrad Terrell, Brian Cespiva II and Brandon Cespiva; paternal grandparents Harry and Melvalyn Terrell; maternal grandmother Shirley Richie; one special cousin Braden Ducote; two special friends David Ducote and Brandon Shockley; and several aunts and cousins.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Jason Terrell, Brandon Shockley, Jody Rasch, Scott Terrell, Ken Cox, Terry Riche, Camille Gravel and Josh Nessmith.

Eternal rest granted unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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

Source: AvoyellesToday.com August 3, 2011

Pelican Footnote: Erica's maternal grandmother, Shirley Riche, was a 1956 graduate of EHS.

Ryan Paul Aymond, Jr.

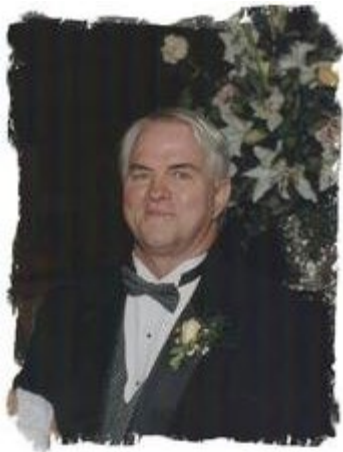
(April 17, 1979 - July 16, 2011)

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ryan Paul Aymond, Jr. will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with Fr. Jack Michalchuk officiating. Burial will be in Pythian Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Ryan Aymond, age 32, of Bunkie, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center. Ryan was an IT computer technician at Bristow Corporation in New Iberia. He was a 1997 graduate of Bunkie High School, received Associate Degrees from LSUA in Criminal Justice and Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree from UL in Office Management Technology. He is survived by his parents, Ryan and June Marcotte Aymond of Bunkie; one brother, Brent Aymond and wife, Tabitha, of Bunkie; one sister, Michelle Young and husband, Ronald, of Alexandria; paternal grandmother, Lela Bordelon Aymond of Bunkie; nieces and nephews, Mackenzie and Avery Aymond and Nicole and Logan Young and a Godchild, Elizabeth Ducote. Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie, from 4:30 p.m. until on Monday, July 18, 2011 with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6 p.m., with a rosary to follow and on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Please share sympathies, memories and condolences at www.melanconfunerals.com.



Pelican Footnote: Lela Bordelon Aymond is a daughter of Dicken Charles Bordelon and Odelia Ducote Bordelon, who were long-time residents of Evergreen. Click [here](#) for Mable Bordelon Aymond's Memories and [here](#) for Ollie Bordelon Redmon's memories, both sisters of Lela.

Robert Howard "Coach" Benton, Sr., age 71, of Bunkie



Funeral services for Robert Benton will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2011 in the chapel of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie with Phil Rayburn officiating. Burial will follow in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery in Evergreen. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Benton, age 71 of Bunkie, passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital. Coach was a retired school teacher and football coach. One of his favorite things to do was fishing with his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph Homer and Viola Breeland Benton.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Joann Hall Benton of Bunkie; one son, Robert "Bubba" Benton and wife Amy of Baton Rouge; three daughters, Tracy Rayburn and husband Phil of West Monroe, Tammy Spencer and husband Troy of Bunkie, and Paige Douzart and husband Jody of Bunkie; one brother, Homer Benton of Summit, Mississippi; two sisters, Marjorie McDaniel of McComb, Mississippi, and Norma Bowlin of Summit, Mississippi; 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. Online condolences may be sent to www.hixson-ducote.com

Read more: AvoyellesToday.com - [Robert Howard Coach Benton Sr age 71 of Bunkie](#)

Frank Lena, Jr.

(July 7, 1923 - July 18, 2011)



Frank Lena, Jr. age 88, of Evergreen passed away on Monday, July 18, 2011 at Bunkie General Hospital . He was a sugar cane farmer in Evergreen and had been elected King Sucrose of 1963 for the Sugar Cane Festival in New Ibeia but had to decline the honor due to family illness. He was also a US Army veteran of World War II, serving in the African Theater, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and the Philippine Liberation. He was a past mayor of Evergreen and a member of the Knights of Columbus for sixty-two years. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Vincent Lena, Jenny Lena Patrick, Francis Lena Hatcher and Josephine Lena Wheat.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-two years, Darnella Bowman Lena of Evergreen; one daughter, Frankie Jo Dichiara and husband, Anthony, of Evergreen; one son, Frank Lena, III and wife, Cindy, of Dallas , TX and three grandchildren, Sunny Christie Lena, Blake Vincent Lena and Casey Elizabeth Lena. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Vincent Lena, Jenny Lena Patrick, Francis Lena Hatcher and Josephine Lena Wheat.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 from 5 pm - 7 pm with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6 pm .

Source: Melancon Funeral Home website, July 19, 2011

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Ryan Paul Aymond, Jr.
(April 17, 1979 - July 16, 2011)

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ryan Paul Aymond, Jr. will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with Fr. Jack Michalchuk officiating. Burial will be in Pythian Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Ryan Aymond, age 32, of Bunkie, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center. Ryan was an IT computer technician at Bristow Corporation in New Iberia. He was a 1997 graduate of Bunkie High School, received Associate Degrees from LSUA in Criminal Justice and Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science Degree from UL in Office Management Technology. Ryan was also a Louisiana State Licensed Pharmacy Technician.



He is survived by his parents, Ryan and June Marcotte Aymond of Bunkie; one brother, Brent Aymond and wife, Tabitha, of Bunkie; one sister, Michelle Young and husband, Ronald, of Alexandria; paternal grandmother, Lela Bordelon Aymond of Bunkie; nieces and nephews, Mackenzie and Avery Aymond and Nicole and Logan Young and a Godchild, Elizabeth Ducote. Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie, from 4:30 p.m. until on Monday, July 18, 2011 with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6 p.m., with a rosary to follow and on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Please share sympathies, memories and condolences at www.melanconfunerals.com.

Keith Alfred Morrow, age 72, of Cottonport

Funeral services for Keith Alfred Morrow will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church with Father Blake Deshauntel officiating. Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Community Center in Cottonport on June 20, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Escude Funeral Home.

Keith Alfred Morrow, age 72, of Cottonport passed away Friday, June 17, 2011 at his residence.

He is preceded in death by his father, George Morrow, and mother, Tevis Ducote.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Morrow of Cottonport; two sons, Jude Morrow of Jacksonville, Florida and John Morrow of Mandeville; two daughters, Jill Gauthier of Sugarland, Texas and Jo Bond of Mandeville; two sisters, Phyllis Lemoine and Marlene Thevenot both of Cottonport; and one brother, George Morrow; and five grandchildren.

Source: AvoyellesToday.com

Pelican Footnote: Keith followed Marvin Tanner as principal of Evergreen Elementary School.

Michael Kane Gremillion,

(January 25, 1960 - July 15, 2011)



MICHAEL KANE GREMILLION

Funeral services for Michael Gremillion will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 18, 2011 at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen with the Rev. David Trembur officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Gremillion age 51 of Houma, passed away on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the Terrebonne General Medical Center. Mike was employed as a field representative for Major Equipment and Remediation of Morgan City. He was an avid duck hunter and active member of Duck Unlimited.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Larry and Carmen Abney Gremillion.

Survivors include his daughter; Danielle Gremillion of Kaplan; his loving girlfriend, Paula Porche of Houma; his brothers, H.E. Pete Gremillion of Denham Springs, and Duke Gremillion of Houma; his sister, Jill Ross of Keller, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home in Bunkie and 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 10:00 a.m. on Monday at Bayou Rouge Baptist Church in Evergreen.

Source: July 18, 2011 AvoyellesToday.com



Noamie Rabalais Clopton

(April 10, 1931 - June 5, 2011)

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A Mass of Christian Burial for Noamie Rabalais Clopton will be at 11:00 am, Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen. Burial will be in Bayou Rouge Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Noamie Rabalais Clopton, 80, beloved wife and mother and long time resident of Evergreen, succumbed in death after an arduous illness on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at Grace Home Hospice in Alexandria.

Noamie was preceded in death just ten short weeks ago by her life-long sweetheart and husband of sixty years, Clarence L. Clopton. She is also preceded in death by her parents, Moise and Annie Bamber Rabalais; her sisters, Laura Hattre, Pearl Firmin, Ethel Stark , and Edola Firmin; her brothers, Henry Pierce, and Frank Rabelais; her daughter, Sharon Clopton Montalbano, and her grandson, Brandon Clopton.

She is survived by three daughters, Sheila Clopton Richard of Baton Rouge, Dawn Clopton of Evergreen , and Karla Clopton-Jones of Laplace; two sons, Terry Clopton of Folsom and Joel Clopton of Hessmer; and one sister, Mae Rose Poret of Mansura. They were blessed with fifteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Noamie will be most remembered for the fervent care giving she showered on her family and friends. We were all blessed by her loving comfort and as her life-long sweetheart once said, "She is the wind beneath our wings."

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home on Monday, June 6, 2011 from 5 pm - 9 pm with a Vigil of the Deceased at 7 pm and on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 8 am - 10:30 am. Please share sympathies, condolences and memories at www.melanconfunerals.com.

Pelican Footnote: Noamie was a member of the 1948 EHS graduating class.

Rudy Lacombe, Sr., age 77, of Cottonport



Funeral services for Rudy Lacombe, Sr. of Cottonport will take place at the St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church of Cottonport on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, beginning at 11 a.m. with Fr. Blake Deshautelle officiating. Visitations will be held at the Escudé Funeral Home of Cottonport, prior to the funeral service, beginning at 8 a.m. Burial services will commence at the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Rudy Lacombe, Sr., age 77, passed away at the Bayou Vista Nursing Home of Bunkie on Sunday, June 5, 2011. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lamley and Odelia Galland Lacombe; and one sister, Mary Ellen Lacombe.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce St. Romain Lacombe of Cottonport; two sons, Rudy Lacombe, Jr. and wife Karen of Cottonport; and Randy Lacombe and wife Annette of Cottonport; two daughters, Karen and husband Bobby Gisclair of Cottonport, and Patty Scallan of Cottonport; two sisters, Jo Ann Goudeau of Pineville, and Joyce Price of Pineville. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the funeral service will include; Brandon Gisclair, Joey Lacombe, Luke Bordelon, Micah Bordelon, John Lacour and Madison Bernard as the cross bearer.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of Escudé Funeral Home.

Source: AvoyellesToday.com

Pelican Footnote: Joyce St.Romain Lacombe was a member of the EHS class of 1952.

Pansy Armand Goudeau Bonadona

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Pansy Bonadona

Services for Mrs. Pansy Bonadona, age 85, of Evergreen will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at St. Mary Assumption #2. Burial will be at St. Marys Cemetery #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Escude Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bonadona passed away Friday, May 27, 2011 at Grace Home Hospice.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lehman Armand; mother, Theodise Armand; husband, Joe Bonadona; brothers, Stanley "Lum" Armand, Alvina "Puna" Armand, Gerard "Old Boy" Armand, James "Sweets" Armand and Lehman Armand, Jr.; first husband, Marion Goudeau.

Survivors include her sisters, Margaret Medica and husband Peter J. of Baton Rouge, Theodise Armand of Cottonport, Mary Ann St. Clergy of Winnsboro and brother, Phillip "Peach" Armand and wife Barbara of Cottonport.

Pansy Armand Goudeau Bonadona was one of the most loving souls to ever grace this planet. She was kind to everyone she met and was active in her religious community.

She had the love of many nephews and nieces and had a child-like wonder of the world which made it fun to be around her. We all loved to visit Aunt Pansy because she lived in the "country". We could feed her sheep, pick pecans and persimmons, and look through her fabulous collection of costume jewelry which was always like a treasure hunt. You never left Pansey's house empty handed. She always loaded you up with all kinds of wonderful trinkets.

Pansy was a loving, caring and generous person. Pansy loved her family and community. She loved to mow her own lawn. She loved her sheep. She loved life. She will be sadly missed but the joyful thoughts of her will remain in our hearts forever, especially her fun, loving free spirit.

We love you Pansy.

Escude Funeral Home
Mansura, LA 318-964-2441

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Moses Bouie, Jr.

(October 23, 1960 - May 6, 2011)

Funeral services for Moses Bouie, Jr. will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Christian Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J.L. Sampson officiating. Burial will be in Magnolia Cemetery in Evergreen under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie. Mr. Bouie, age 50, of Violet, LA, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the LSU Medical Center in New Orleans. He was an automobile mechanic. He is survived by two sons, Marcus Bouie of Bunkie and Jaden Bouie of Violet; his fiancée, Andrian Braud of Violet; his mother, Carrie W. Bouie of Bunkie; his maternal grandmother, Ella Washington of Bunkie; three brothers, Arthur James Bouie of Duluth, GA, Jerald "Jake" Bouie, Sr. of Slidell and Jerome Bouie of Cincinnati, OH. Visitation will be at the Christian Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 10 a.m. until service time. Please share sympathies, memories and condolences at www.melanconfunerals.com.



Clyde Joseph Turner

May 2, 1936 - May 4, 2011



A native of Cottonport, LA. and a resident of Baton Rouge, he passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at his residence. He was 75 years old and a retired Construction Estimator. Visiting will be at Resthaven Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Highway, on Thursday, May 5, 2011 from 5pm until 8pm. Visiting will resume at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 12424 Brogdon Lane, on Friday, May 6, 2011 from 10am until Mass of Christian Burial at 11am, conducted by Rev. Jerry Martin. Burial will be in Resthaven Gardens of Memory. He is survived by his wife, Audrey L. Turner; a daughter, Greta Rivers, her husband, Gordon and their daughters, Brittney and Lesley Rivers of Baton Rouge; sisters-in-law, Ina Veillion of Port Allen and Erline Moras of Marksville; brothers-in-law, Ervin LaCombe of New Iberia and Daniel LaCombe of Hessmer; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elden Turner and a son, Carey Paul Turner. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish.

Elliot James Riche

(December 8, 1935 - April 27, 2011)

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A Mass of Christian Burial for Elliot "Yannie" James Riche will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen with Fr. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Entombment will be in the Church of the Little Flower Mausoleum under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Riche, age 75, of Riche Road -Bunkie, passed away on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at Bunkie General Hospital. He had been employed by Alexandria Seed and Gold Kist and was a retired farmer. He loved to farm, raise sweet corn and fish. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Grace Riche and his brother, J. H. Riche, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Sandra Goudeau Riche of Bunkie; four sons, Terry Riche and wife, Patty, of Bunkie, John Allen Riche and wife, Tamara, of Cottonport, Elliot James Riche, Jr. and wife, Susan, of Madisonville and Scott Riche of Bunkie; two daughters, Rae Ellen Riche of Bunkie and Angie R. Pastor and husband, Heath, of Moreauville; two sisters, Shirley Riche of Pineville and Barbara Roberts and husband, Charles, of Bunkie; twelve grandchildren, Rodney Riche, Amelia Riche, Jackson Riche, Will Riche, Natalie Riche, Lucas Riche, Kyle Riche, Noah Riche, Adam Riche, Ben Michel, Kannor Pastor and Emma Rae Pastor and two great grandchildren, Ellie Riche and Landen Loughman.

Pallbearers will be Rodney Riche, Will Riche, Lucas Riche, Kyle Riche, Ben Michel and Heath Pastor. Honorary Pallbearers will be Rusty Lemoine, Craig Riche, Earl Carmouche, James Roy and grandsons.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Friday, April 29, 2011 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. and at Church of the Little Flower on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. until service time. Please share sympathies, memories and condolences at www.melanconfunerals.com

Pelican Footnotes: Elliot was a 1954 graduate of EHS and arguably the best all-around athlete of the 1950s.

Raymond Redmond

(October 20, 1938 - April 25, 2011)

Funeral services for Raymond Redmond will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Church of the Little Flower with the Rev. Ebe officiating. Burial will follow in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Redmond, age 72 of Mobile , passed away on Monday, April 25, 2011 at Providence Hospital in Mobile .

He is preceded in death by a son, Marty Redmond; and a granddaughter, Charie Billiot.

Survivors include his wife; Margaret Redmond of Mobile, AL; three sons, Kevin Redmond of Houston, Gary Redmond of Pine Prairie, and Casey Redmond of Alaska; three step-sons, Chuck Billiot, Chris Billiot, and Johnny Cox; one daughter, Jackie Redmond of Houston; two step-daughters, Cindy Patton and Kerri Bodden; three sisters, Merline Pickett of Bunkie, Evelyn Johnson of Harvey, and Lucille Doize of Metairie; 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. on Thursday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. A wake service will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.hixson-ducote.com

Source: AvoyellesToday.com - [RAYMOND REDMOND age 72 of Mobile](#)
April 27, 2011

Jacqueline "Jackie" Ann Ducote Belko 72



Services for Jacqueline "Jackie" Ann Ducote Belko 72, of Cottonport will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday April 2, 2011 at St. Mary Assumption Catholic Church, Cottonport with Father Blake Deshautelle officiating. Burial will be held at St. Mary #2 cemetery under the direction of Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport.

Jacqueline was born August 8, 1938 in Cottonport, Louisiana where she was a life long resident. She died March 30, 2011 at her daughter's home in Mandeville, Louisiana. She was a homemaker, wonderful mother and wife.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Joseph Belko; her sons Robert Patrick Belko, Joseph Robert Belko, Paul J. Belko; her parents Camille and Ily Juneau Ducote, her sisters Genevieve Chenevert and Beverly Parent, and her brother Geoffrey Ducote.

She is survived by her daughters Katherine Elizabeth and husband Charles Reid DeJean of Central, Louisiana; and Natalie Wanda Belko and partner Eileen Creel of Mandeville, Louisiana; four grandchildren Jonathan Reid DeJean, Joshua Robert DeJean, Lillian Sofia Mast and Geoffrey Mast Belko; sister Mercier Grant and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held at Escude' Funeral Home of Cottonport Saturday April 2, 2011 from 11 a.m. until departing for services

Read more: AvoyellesToday.com - Jacqueline "Jackie" Ann Ducote Belko 72 lifelong Cottonport resident

Clarence L. Clopton

(September 5, 1931 - March 29, 2011)

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Clarence L. Clopton, 79, beloved husband of Noamie R. Clopton and a long-time resident of Evergreen, died on Tuesday evening, March 29, 2011 at the Hessmer Nursing Home. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Oma Fisher Clopton; his brothers, Havard, Carroll and Vance Clopton; his sister, Fay Clopton Rabalais; his daughter, Sharon Clopton Montalbano and his grandson, Brandon Clopton. He is survived by his loving wife of sixty years, Noamie Rabalais Clopton; two sons, Terry Clopton of Folsom and Joel Clopton of Hessmer; three daughters, Sheila Clopton Richard of Baton Rouge, Dawn Clopton of Evergreen and Karla Clopton-Jones of LaPlace; two sisters, Gloria Clopton-Kihnemann of Metairie and Violet Clopton Mitchell of Bayou Chicot. He was blessed with fifteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren with three on the way!! Clarence worked for Western Electric/AT&T as an installer for 38 years until he retired in 1991 as a senior installer. He was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew him. Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Friday, April 1, 2011 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. with funeral services at 7:15 p.m. Please share sympathies, memories and condolences at www.melanconfunerals.com



Pelican Footnote: Clarence was a member of the 1948 EHS class.

Marjorie Rabalais Attales
January 23, 1923 - March 15, 2011



Funeral services will be held for Marjorie Rabalais Attales, 88 of Ville Platte, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte at 4 p.m., today, March 17. Burial will follow in the Old Ville Platte Cemetery.

A native of the small rural community of Goudeau in Avoyelles Parish, Ms Attales died at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011, after a long and fruitful life. Like many people born during the Great Depression, her early life was spent in hard work as she helped her family maintain their small cotton farm. That hard work would continue throughout her life.

She graduated from Evergreen High School, where she played shortstop on the softball team. After high school, she moved to Alexandria, where she met a young soldier who would become the love of her life, Wilson Attales, while working at a department store lunch counter. They fell deeply in love and married before he shipped out to serve in World War II. When he returned from service, they moved to his hometown of Ville Platte, and together, they raised nine children, Yvonne, Sheila, Gerard, Janet, Craig, Beth, Lola, Mark and Suzanne.

Marjorie lost her husband in 1969. At the young age of 46, she was left with the responsibility of raising her children alone. While many people search for their life's purpose, her purpose was always clear, her children.

She devoted herself to raising these children to love God and to take care of each other. She always believed her greatest job was to get her children to heaven. She was a longtime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and later a member of Our Lady Queen of All Saints Catholic Church.

The last 10 years of her life were spent at Magnolia Estates Nursing Home in Lafayette. During this time, she was very much loved by the staff and patients. She spent many hours praying her beloved rosary for her children and for anyone else in need of prayer. She often wrote letters of encouragement and hope to staff members who were going through a difficult time. She endeared herself to everyone with her sharp sense of humor.

Although she care for everyone, Marjorie's main source of pride and joy was always her family. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were always on her mind and in her heart. She prayed for them endlessly. She will be greatly missed by them.

In addition to her nine children, survivors include 20 grandchildren, Michelle McCarty, Edward Bergeron III, Tara Ribera, Chase Long, Stephanie Ritter, Laura Attales, Melissa McDermot, Jennifer Duff, Rob Dupuis, Monica Dupuis, Naomi Quebedeaux, Katelyn Laughlin, Maggie Fontenot, Sara Fontenot, Ryan Attales, Jordon Attales, Kelli Attales, Tyler Attales, Ava Stutes and Aaron Stutes. She is also survived by 18 great-grandchildren, Megan McCarty, Michael McCarty, Ashley Bergeron, Ryan Bergeron, John Fontenot, Jacob Fontenot, Wyatt Leger, Chloe Leger, Olivia Ritter, Thomas Quebedeaux, Jacob Quebedeaux, Preston Williams, Brett Williams, Malcolm Williams, Sha'nae Williams, Michael McDermot, Tyler McDermot and Victoria McDermot.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Bertha Rabalais; her husband, Wilson Attales; and

two grandchildren, Monica Long and Tish Fontenot.

Ardoin's Funeral Home of Ville Platte will be in charge of arrangements.

Source: EvangelineToday.com

Pelican Footnote: Marjorie was a member of the EHS Class of 1940.

Russell James Tanner, 63, of Goudeau

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Memorial mass for Russell Tanner will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Goudeau with the Rev. James Nellekunnel officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Tanner, age 63 of Goudeau, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at his residence. He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

He is preceded in death by his father, Willie Dub Tanner.

Survivors include; his mother, Gloria Tanner of Goudeau; one son, William Tanner of Goudeau; two step sons, Terrence Salsbury and wife Amber of Mansura, and Sidney Salsbury and wife Billie Jean of Marksville; two daughters, Brandi Chambless and husband Bob of Dallas, and Ava Hebert and husband Christopher of Lafayette; his sister, Laurie Tanner of Goudeau; two grandchildren, Eli Cambless and Annie Hebert; and three step grandchildren, Hailey, Cameron and Wyatt Salsbury.

He will be missed dearly by his two dogs, Nuttie and George.

Friends may visit with the family from 10:00 a.m. until the rosary at 10:30 and mass at 11:00 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Goudeau.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be sent to the St. Charles Catholic Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 20 , Evergreen , LA 71333 .

Online condolences may be sent to www.hixson-ducote.com

Source: AvoyellesToday.com

Pelican Footnote: Russell Tanner completed the 8th grade of EES in 1961.

Marjorie Mae Baillio

(Sept. 1, 1923 - Feb. 20, 2011)

Marjorie M. Baillio, age 87, of Alexandria LA, passed away February 20, 2011, in Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, LA.

She is survived by the following: One sister, my mom, Rita Louise Baillio-Riche' and her husband, Norris J. Riche', her niece, Stephanie M. Riche', all of Alexandria, LA.

Date of birth, September 1, 1923. Date of Funeral service was February 25, 2011. Time of Service was 10 am. Place of Service was, Greenwood Memorial Park, in Pineville, LA. Type of service was "graveside."

Service was performed by: Fr. David Ker Texada, relative of the family.

Arrangements were made under the direction of John Kramer & Son.

Submitted by Christopher Riche'

Georgia O. McCormick

(Dec. 19, 1925 – Feb. 8, 2011)

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, she passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at 9 a.m. Born Dec. 19, 1925, in Evergreen, she was a longtime resident of Baton Rouge. She was a graduate of LSU in education and a member of University Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lowell L. McCormick; son, Alvin McCormick and wife Annette, of Baton Rouge; daughter, Linda McCormick, of Denham Springs; sister, Mary V. Webb; brother, T. "Borue" O'Brien; grandchildren, Lauren Gray and husband Brian, of Walker, Joshua Stevens and wife Lauren, and Corey Cudd, all of Denham Springs, and Sara McCormick, of Baton Rouge; and great-grandchildren, Peyton Gray, Briley Gray and Aubrey Stevens. Special thanks to Lily and St. Joseph Hospice for their loving care. Visitation at University Baptist Church on Friday, Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. until the service at noon. Interment in Resthaven Gardens of Memory. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to UBC or the LSU 4-H Foundation. Arrangements are being handled by Rabenhorst Funeral Home, 825 Government St.

Published in The Advocate on February 10, 2011

Pelican Footnote: Submitted by Dale Ducote, EHS Class of 1941, for his friend, Georgia, a member of the class of 1942.

John “Barland” Bordelon

A retired loan officer and resident of Baton Rouge, he died at 11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, at Baton Rouge General Medical Center-Mid City. He was 79, a native of Evergreen and veteran of the [U.S. Air Force](#). Visiting at Jefferson Baptist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until religious service at 11 a.m. Interment in Port Hudson National Cemetery. Survived by his wife, Hazel C. Bordelon; and four sisters. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jefferson Baptist Church or a charity of choice. Please visit the online guestbook at www.resthavenbatonrouge.com. Arrangements by Resthaven Funeral Home, (225) 753-1440.

Published in The Advocate on February 7, 2011

Pelican Footnote: Barland John Bordelon was a member of the 1951 graduating class of EHS. Click here for his class listings <http://www.evergreenla.org/Education/Students/50s.htm> and scroll down.

Click here for a picture of the 1945-46 7th grade class at EHS.
<http://www.evergreenla.org/PhotoGallery/School/7thgrade.main.html>

Click here for his family information in the “B” Family Connections
<http://www.evergreenla.org/Education/Community/FamilyConnections/B.htm>

Tommy "Elvis" Matthews, age 58, formerly of Bunkie

Born 10-18-1952 Died 2-4-2011

Mount Airy, North Carolina - Tommy Matthews was born on October 18th in 1952 and died on February 4, 2011 at the age of 58 years old. He was formally a Bunkie resident, but at the time of his passing, he and his wife Peggy were living in Mount Airy, North Carolina . He will be laid to rest in a veteran's cemetery in Mount Airy.

Tommy attended and graduated from Bunkie High School. He then enlisted in the United States Navy, where he would serve his Country proudly. He spent most of his military time on the water, as he was a Lieutenant aboard the air craft carrier, USS Saratoga, during the Vietnam War. Matthews worked as a detention officer in the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service in Oakdale, after his return from the U.S. Navy. He worked in USINS for six years.

Tommy would often perform legendary Elvis songs at charity events, nursing homes, for the elderly and in hospitals for people of all ages. His biggest thrill as an Elvis Presley impersonator was when he competed in a National Elvis impersonation contest, which he won, and the prize for winning the event landed him a part in the movie "The Firm" that was created in 1993. The movie featured Tom Cruise, as its main actor. Tommy's character name in the movie was "Elvis Aaron Hemphill."

He was preceded in death by his mother Madie Matthews of Bunkie, and his sister, Geneva Matthews East of Evergreen.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Matthews of Mount Airy, North Carolina; and three sons, Joshua Matthews of Pineville, Tommy Matthews Jr. of North Carolina and Trevor Matthews of Mamou.

Source: Avoyellestoday.com Feb. 6, 2011

Sadie Charrier Armand, 70, of Marksville



Sadie Charrier Armand

MARKSVILLE - Funeral services for Sadie Armand will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Escude Funeral Home of Mansura.

Sadie Armand, age 70, of Marksville, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Grace Home Hospice.

She is survived by her three sons, James Armand of Marksville, Joey Armand of Mansura and Andrew Armand of Marksville; two daughters, Mary Bernard of Marksville and Charlotte Armand of Bunkie; husband, James "Maison" Armand of Jackson; mother, Dez Laborde Charrier of Hessmer; seven grandchildren.

Source: Avoyelles Today, Feb.2, 2011

Pelican Footnote: Sadie was a member of the 1958 EHS graduating class.

Geneva Matthews East



Geneva "Jenny" Matthews East

(January 7, 1942 - January 9, 2011)

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Fountain Memorial Funeral Home in Lafayette for Mrs. Geneva M. East, 69, who passed away Sunday, January 9, 2011 at her home in Maurice.

Pastor Terrell Reed, Pastor of Amana Christian Fellowship Church in Maurice, officiated.

Mrs. East was born January 7, 1942 in Evergreen, LA and was a long-time resident of Bunkie and the Acadiana area. She was a member of Amana Christian Fellowship Church in Maurice.

Geneva was an antique dealer and enjoyed crafting jewelry and other arts as well as hunting. She was an avid shopper and did commercials in the past for Kost Cot Cosmetics, where she met several celebrities. Geneva was a survivor of pancreatic cancer for over eleven years. Most of all, Geneva was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who adored her family. She will be most deeply missed.

Mrs. East is survived by her beloved husband of 39 years, Juris East, of Maurice; seven sons, Carol Berzas of Schriever, LA, Keith Berzas of Chackbay, LA, Tony East and his wife, Paulette of Erath, Kobe East and his wife, Anita of Baton Rouge, Billy East and his wife, Cindy of Lafayette, Jerry East and his wife, "Nita" of Houston, TX, and Joey East of Lake Charles; nine grandchildren, Travis, Lauren, Paige, Madie, Lyndsay, Andrew, Shelby, Tori and Jacob; two great-grandchildren, Seth and Ayden; and one brother, Tommy Matthews and his wife, Peggy, of North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill Matthews and the former Madie Descant, both of Evergreen, LA; and one grandson, Devin Michael Smith.

Pallbearers were Mrs. East's sons, Billy East, Joey East, Jerry East, Tony East and Kobe East, and one Grandson, Travis Berzas.

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

" My Mother was a fighter, who through the grace of God, beat all odds in surviving years beyond what medical experts say that could ever be possible after her pancreatic cancer surgery performed, in 1998'. She loved her kids, grandchildren and all her many friends. We will miss her deeply, but one thing is for sure, all her pain is now over, as she rests in the protective and loving arms of God, our Father in heaven. To all her family and friends in the Avoyelles area, know that she talked of many of you kindly in her last days. She would have wanted us all to be happy as she is now. She's finally home."

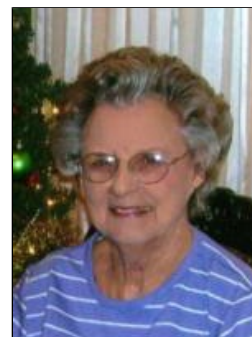
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Wittie Belle Newton Didier
(July 24, 1921 - January 15, 2011)

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A Mass of Christian Burial for Wittie Belle Newton Didier will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with Fr. Scott Chemino officiating. Burial will be in the Pythian Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Didier, age 89, of Bunkie passed away on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011 at Bayou Vista Manor Nursing Center. She was born in Marksville on July 24, 1921 to Frederick and Bessie Bordelon Newton. Her family moved to Bunkie in 1927 and she graduated from Evergreen High School in 1937. She attended SLI, now known as University of Louisiana at Lafayette for one year. She was a parishoner of St. Anthony Catholic Church for more than sixty years, and a long-time member of the Catholic Daughters of America and the St. Anthony Altar Society. She was a Eucharistic Minister for the Bayou Vista Nursing Center and the home-bound for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband, E.A. Didier, Jr.; a son, Steven James Didier; her parents; a sister, Earline Newton Gibson Keener and brothers, Marvin and Durwood Newton.



She is survived by two sons, Newton Robert Didier and wife, Maria, of Denver, CO and John Mark Didier and wife, Catherine, of Dalton, GA; one daughter, Linda Didier Todd and husband, Daniel, of New Orleans; three brothers, Fred "Pete" Newton and wife, Doris Nell, of Bunkie, Lloyd Newton and wife, Nancy, of Bunkie and Burton Newton and wife, Estelle, of Bunkie; two sisters-in-law, Bernice Newton and Margaret Newton of Bunkie; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. with a Vigil for the Deceased at 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011 from 8 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Please share sympathies, memories and condolences at www.melanconfunerals.com.

Wintis P. Jeansonne, Jr.

(April 17, 1930 - January 2, 2011)

Funeral services for Wintis Jeansonne will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Michalchuk officiating. Burial will follow in the Church of the Little Flower Cemetery in Evergreen. Arrangements are held under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Jeansonne, age 80 of Bunkie, passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at Grace Home in Alexandria. He is preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Ducote Jeansonne; parents, Wintis and Edimos Aymond Jeansonne; sisters, Alice Ducote and Earline Lambert; and a brother, Milburn Jeansonne.

Survivors include three sons, Chris Jeansonne of Bunkie, George Jeansonne of Evergreen and Larry Jeansonne of Bunkie; four daughters, Jennifer Daigrepoint of Bunkie, Connie Daigrepoint of Opelousas, Catherine Blood of Lone Pine and Lisa Richard of Big Cane; three sisters, Anna Belle Blanchard of Evergreen, Cynthia Gremillion of Moreauville and Burnell Rabalais of Plaquemine; one brother, Lawrence Jeansonne of Bunkie; 21 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Monday and 8:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. A vigil for the deceased will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be may be www.hixson-ducote.com.