

Joseph Carmello



(May 5, 1949 - October 12, 2012)

Funeral services for Joseph Washington Carmello of Evergreen will take place at the St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church of Cottonport on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, beginning at 10:00am with Fr. Jamie Medina Cruz officiating. Visitation will be held at the Escude Funeral Home of Cottonport on Monday, October 15, 2012, lasting from 4:00pm to Tuesday morning at 10:00am. Burial service will commence at the St. Mary Mausoleum #2. Joseph Carmello, age 63, passed away at the Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital of Alexandria on Friday, October 12, 2012. He is preceded in death by his father, Cisto Carmello; brother, Phillip Carmello; and sister, Frances Robin. He is survived by his mother, Maggie Madrigal Carmello of Evergreen; brothers, Peter Carmello of Evergreen, Tebo Carmello of Gonzales, Augustine Carmello of Amelia, John Carmello of Evergreen, valentine Carmello of Bunkie, Albert Carmello of Evergreen, Harold Carmello of Panama City, FL, Paul Carmello of Cottonport; sisters, Lucille Mose of Mansura, Leona McLaughlin of Plain Dealing, LA, Cora Moreau of Evergreen, Cathy Perry of Evergreen. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Escude Funeral Home.

Source: Escude Funeral Home

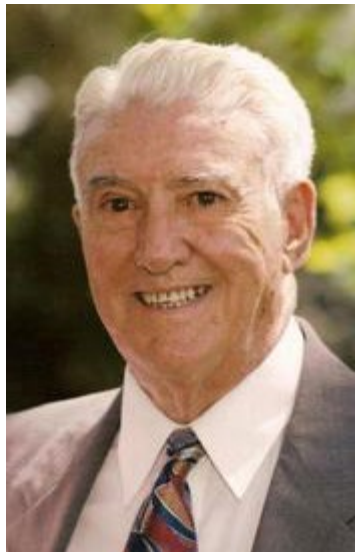
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Marvin Tanner, Sr.

(August 16, 1917 - September 13, 2012)



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Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012 at Evergreen United Methodist Church in Evergreen, Louisiana, at 11:00 a.m. for Mr. Marvin Tanner, who went to be with the Lord on September 13 at the age of 95. Visitation will be at the church one hour before the service. Burial with Military Honors will follow at the Bayou Rouge Cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Tanner was born and raised in Evergreen, Louisiana, to Willie and Flavilla Tanner. He attended Northwestern State Normal College where he graduated as class valedictorian in 1934. Following graduation, he began his teaching career at Moreauville High and later taught Biology and Chemistry at Evergreen High School until 1942. In July of that same year, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving as Communications Officer and was honorably discharged in March of 1946 from his role as Executive Officer on the USS Edison. Later, Mr. Tanner completed his Master's degree in Library Science at Louisiana State University and was

responsible for the creation of libraries in the various camps at Angola Prison. In December of 1948 he married his beloved wife, Emma Eugenia Howes in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and remained faithfully married for nearly 63 years. After serving as the librarian at Bunkie High School for ten years, he was named principal of Evergreen Elementary School in 1958 and remained there until his retirement in 1976.

In addition to his education responsibilities and raising a family of six children, Mr. Tanner was the treasurer at Evergreen United Methodist Church where he also taught Adult Sunday School for several years. He was preceded in death by his wife Emma Eugenia (Jean), his brother Willie (Dub) Tanner, Jr., and two sisters, Villa Mathieu of Evergreen, Louisiana, and Sallye Toniette of Sulphur, Louisiana .

Survivors include five daughters, Susan (Jim) Hawthorne, Sara (Roger) Cyr, Sally (Rick) Namie, Sandra (Dale) Ballew, Sherrie (Randy) Smith, and one son, Marvin (Kathleen) Tanner, along with fourteen grandchildren, Sara, Luke, Will and Ben, 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; and Daniel, Matthew, Sam, and Joe, sons of Marvin and Kathleen.

The family wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Visiting Nurses Association of Mansfield, Ohio and to MedCentral Hospice of Mansfield , Ohio. Their care, kindness, and compassion allowed his final wishes to be honored.

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Pelican footnote:

Mr. Marvin Tanner, long-time educator and Evergreen area native, became the first principal of Evergreen Elementary School when the high school was closed after EHS burned down on Valentine's Day, 1958.

[Please click here](#) for Mr. Tanner on the far left assisting with the preps of the king and queen (1990).

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Dorothy Kelley Destin

(December 24, 1923 - September 9, 2012)



Funeral services for Dorothy Kelley Destin will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 at the New Light Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Ford officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mrs. Destin, age 88, of Evergreen, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 at Bayou Vista Community Care Center .

She is survived by three sons, Joe Destin, Jr. and his wife, Alice, of Evergreen, Prosper Destin and his wife, Elena, of Evergreen and Andrea Destin of Hessmer; five sisters Eugenia K. Morgan of Baton Rouge, Jessie L. Johnson of Baton Rouge, Vivian K. Robinson of Eola, Annie Bell Reynolds of Port Arthur, TX and Frankie B. Walker of Alexandria; four grandchildren Betty Wiley, Joann Destin, Michael Destin and Celestine Jones; eighteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Robinson, Derrick R. Butler, James Morgan, Arthur Wade, Jr., George R. Kelley and Lloyd Robinson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Joe Destin, Jr., Prosper Destin, Andrea Destin, Michael Destin, Robert Destin and Lionel Destin.

Visitation will be at New Light Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 from 9 a.m. until service time.

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Mike Riche

(July 24, 1949 - August 16, 2012)

Funeral services for Michael 'Mike' Riche of Evergreen will take place at the Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen on Saturday, August 18, 2012 , beginning at 11:00am . Visitations will also be held at the church Saturday morning, from 8:00am to 11:00am . Burial services will commence at the Pythian Cemetery of Bunkie. Mike Riche, age 63, passed away at the Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital of Alexandria on Thursday, August 16, 2012 . He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy & Alma Riche, Sr. He is survived by his children, Brady Riche of Walker, Michael Riche of Plaucheville, Stacey Ponthier of Denham Springs, Kristie Allen of Charleston , SC ; brothers, Roy Riche, Jr., Ken Riche, & Ike Riche. He is also survived by his six grandchildren. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Escude Funeral Home.



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Clyde Gauthier

(April 21, 1946 - July 13, 2012)



Sunday, July 15, 2012 , beginning at 2pm with Rev. Dennis Hackler officiating. Visitation will take place at Escudé Funeral Home of Cottonport on Saturday, July 14, 2012 , beginning at 5pm until time of services on Sunday.

Clyde Gauthier, age 66, passed away on Friday, July 13, 2012 .

He is preceded in death by his parents, Euris & Lillie Gauthier, one son, Ricky Gene Gauthier, one sister, Ella Mae Mitchell, three brothers, Albert Ray Gauthier, Irvin Lee Gauthier & Murphy Joseph Gauthier and three half-sisters.

He is survived by two sons Eugene Gauthier of Hessmer & Robert Gene Gauthier, one daughter, Sherry Ducote of Marksville, two brothers, Russell Gauthier of Cottonport & Marvin Gauthier of Bunkie, two half-brothers, Euris Gauthier Jr. & Phillip Gauthier both of Port Allen, two sisters, Cherlyne Armand of Cottonport & Myrtle Lemoine of Simmesport, three half-sisters Helen Garreau, Jackie Perkins & Leona Bujol all of Port Allen. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Johnny Roy

(August 1, 1957 - June 24, 2012)



Funeral services for Johnny E. Roy of Bunkie will take place at the Little Flower Catholic Church of Evergreen on Thursday, June 28, 2012, beginning at 11:00am with Fr. Edwin Rodriguez & Fr. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Visitations will be held at the Escudé Funeral Home of Wednesday, June 27, 2012, beginning at 5:00pm and will continue all night until the funeral service on Thursday morning. Burial services will commence at the Little Flower Cemetery of Evergreen. In 1998, Mr. Roy was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Avoyelles Sweet Potato Association for outstanding services in the Sweet Potato Industry. He was a board member of the Avoyelles Sweet Potato Association for 8 years (2002 -2010), 4 of those years he served as president. He also served as a board member on the Louisiana Sweet Potato Association for 8 years. He was a leader at National, State, & Parish levels in the development of the Sweet Potato Industry. Mr. Roy was also a member of the National Watermelon Association. Johnny Roy, age 54, passed away at the Bunkie General Hospital on Sunday, June 24, 2012. He is preceded in death by his father,

Earl Roy. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Roy of Bunkie; children, Jason Roy (Mary Adams) of Hessmer, Lucas Roy (Lauren) of Bunkie, Jackie Roy (Keith Guillot) of Hessmer; mother, Betty Roy of Hessmer; brothers, David Roy & Shirlene of Hessmer, Joey Roy of Mansura; sisters, Cynthia Vead & Dale, Celia Juneau & Rickey, Lisa Mose & Neil, all of Hessmer, Elizabeth Gauthier & Joey of Mansura, Kathy Smith & Scott of Hessmer; grandchild, Maggie Roy of Bunkie. He is also survived by twenty-three nieces & nephews and sixteen great-nieces & nephews. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Escudé Funeral Home.

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Betty Dufour Scallan

(August 12, 1942 - June 13, 2012)



Funeral services for Betty Jean Scallan of Plaquemine will take place at the Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church of Plaquemine on Friday, June 15, 2012, beginning at 10:00am with Father Louis Scalar officiating. Visitations will be held at the Escudé Funeral Home of Moreauville on Thursday, June 14, 2012, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm and will resume Friday morning at 8:00am at the church. Burial services will commence at the Mater Dolorosa Catholic Mausoleum. Betty Scallan, age 69, passed away at her home on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. She is survived by her husband, Kermit Scallan of Plaquemine; children, Eric Scallan & wife Roxanne of Plaquemine, Lisa Lemoine & husband Eddie of Plaquemine, Hope Clark & husband Dale of Deville; brother, Elton Dufour of Evergreen; sister, Mary Thibodeaux of Hessmer; grandchildren, Holliann Delapasse of Erwinville, Lindiann Scallan, Gavin Lemoine, both of Plaquemine, Luke Clark & Chase Clark, both of Deville; great-grandchild, Cameron Delapasse; step-grandchildren, Tonya Blake of Baton Rouge, Lacey Lemoine of Simmesport, Meagan Lemoine of Fifth Ward; step-great-grandchild, Cayden Davison, Taylor Blake, Brycen Blake, & Jaylyn Barron. Pallbearers will include: Jeremy Bordelon, Mark Bordelon, Norris Kimble, Mark Valois, Spencer Scallan, & Colby Scallan. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Escudé Funeral Home.

Pelican Footnote: Betty is the daughter of 'Bud' Dufour, Evergreen merchant and bus driver. She attended EHS and BHS and can be found in the 1960 class listing.

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Albert Goudeau

(September 13, 1936 - May 8, 2012)

Funeral services for Albert Goudeau will be Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 11:00 am at the Ville Platte Church of Christ Church with Rev. Kelly Mills officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Mr. Goudeau, age 75, of Evergreen, passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 in his residence. He retired as Director of the Public Works Dept. of Riverside, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Goudeau of Evergreen; two sons, Vernon Miller (Darnail) of Opelousas and Cortez Harris of Chicago, IL; six daughters, Nijha Goudeau of Evergreen, Linnie Perry (George) of Huntsville, AL, Alece Perry of Parchment, MI, Alicia Hawkins of Arkansas, Crystal Jones of Lafayette and Leah Howard of Chicago, IL; two brothers, Frank Goudeau and Lester Goudeau both of Chicago, IL; one sister, Ellen Goudeau of Bunkie and ten grandchildren.



Visitation will be at the Ville Platte Church of Christ Church on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 10 am - 10:45 am .

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Olive Rachel Armand

September 10, 1921 - April 23, 2012



Funeral services for Olive Armand will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Church of The Little Flower in Evergreen. Burial will follow at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Armand, age 90 of Bunkie, passed away on Monday, April 23, 2012 at her residence. She was born September 10, 1921 to Mary Gaspard and Olezim Rachal of Cottonport and was raised in Evergreen. She then met Ellis Armand, Sr. and married September 26, 1939. Upon this union three children were born; Ellis, Jr., Diane and Glin. She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ellis (Dub) Armand, Sr.; her parents, Mary and Olezim Rachal; three brothers, Willis, Raymond and Felix Rachal; and two sisters, Mildred Robson and Della Gaspard.

Survivors include her two sons; Ellis "E.J" Armand, Jr (Barbara) and Glin Armand (Debra) all of Bunkie; and her daughter, Diane Onishea of Bunkie; eight granddaughters, Mojave (Clay) Suitt of Horseshoe Bay, TX, Tonya (Frank) Guillory of Cottonport, Lisa Onishea of Bunkie, Nicole Armand of Horseshoe Bay, Tx, Yolanda (Leo) Ferguson of Bunkie, Felicia Brodnax of Alexandria, Kim (Leon) Ferguson of Bunkie, and Cheraka Montalvo of Bunkie; two step-grandsons, David (Deena) Pipes of Cottonport and Jamie (Celeste) Pipes of Morgan City; 12 great-grandchildren, 5 step-great-grandchildren, 9 great-great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday until 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. A wake service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

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Irvin Lee Gauthier

(April 7, 1940 – April 3, 2012)



Funeral services for Irvin will take place at the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church of Evergreen on Thursday, April 5, 2012, beginning at 10:00am with Rev. David Trimbur officiating. Visitations will be held at the Escudé Funeral Home of Cottonport on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, beginning at 5:00pm and will last until services on Thursday morning. Burial services will commence at the First Baptist Cemetery of Cottonport.

Irvin Gauthier, age 71, passed away at Rapides Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. He is preceded in death by his parents, Euris & Lillie Redmon Gauthier. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Hukins Gauthier of Cottonport; children, Christine & husband David Campbell of Sunset, Sheila & husband Dwight Juneau of Baton Rouge; step-children, Chad & wife Sherry Hukins of Hessmer, Sheila & husband Jamie Aymond of Marksville; sisters, Myrtle & husband B.F. Lemoine of Simmesport, Shirlene Armand of Cottonport; brothers, Marvin & wife Lou Ann Gauthier of Bunkie, Russell & Pam Gauthier of Cottonport, Gene Gauthier of Hessmer; also fourteen grandchildren & two great-grandchildren.

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

Source: Escude Funeral Home

Pelican Footnote:

An original member of the James Gang, Irvin's family lived across from EHS (Hwy.29) for many years. Everyone knew his dad as a first-class mechanic and Irvin followed in his dad's footsteps.

Until we built our home on the Burns Road in 1946, we lived on the side of our store (corner of Hwy. 29 and Rabbit Lane, across Rabbit Lane from Mr. Ford Robert's store).

Being close in age and location, he and I became friends prior to entering school. It was some of the best of times and our friendship continued through the years.

[Click here](#) for Irvin with his first grade classmates in 1946-47. This class became the last class to graduate from EHS in 1958.

[Click here](#) for a picture of five of the original James Gang members at the home of Georgie Galland Gremilion Dautat. The picture included a certificate (spoof) presented to our host by gang members. It read as follows: James Gang - WANTED in Evergreen, Louisiana since the early 1950s for crimes of youth and innocence - CAPTURED by the warm hospitality of Georgia Gremilion on Jan. 31, 1998. DOCUMENT of SURRENDER confirmed by Carolyn, Clerk of Records, Federal Sanitarium.

[Click here](#) for the entry of his repair shop in the Evergreen Business Page. It includes information and several pictures and is dated Oct. 15, 2008.

[Click here](#) for www.evergreenla.org Gains Visibility Through Tag Lines - pictures of locations of tag lines taken in June/July, 2009, including the one installed at his shop.

[Click here](#) for a story and picture of one of my last visits to his shop in October, 2010. When I repeated my graves preparations in 2011, I visited with him at his home in Cottonport - his shop had been closed.

[Click here](#) for Ed giving eulogy at Irvin's funeral service at Bayou Rouge Baptist Church – April 5, 2012 (turn up volume).

Remarks include what life was like in Evergreen – Dorsey Williams, Billy West...The Great Train Robbery – God, Church, Family, School, Community.

I will miss my friend. The fond memories of him will remain forever with us.

My condolences to his family at this time of sorrow.

Peace, Ed Dugas

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Joan Rita Firmin

(September 7, 1938 - March 24, 2012)



A Mass of Christian Burial for Joan "Joann" Rita Firmin will be at 10:00 am on Monday, March 26, 2012 at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Cottonport with Fr. Jamie officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery #2 in Cottonport under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Ms. Firmin, age, 73, of Bunkie, passed away in her residence on Saturday, March 24, 2012 surround by her loving family. She was an avid gardener, a parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and was a member of the Bunkie Garden Club, Ladies Altar Society and BGH Silver Society. Before retirement she worked for the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elster and Cleophine Firmin. Survivors include her five children, Patti (Malcolm) Bordelon of Prairieville, Connie (Buddy) Redmon of Bunkie, Todd (Angela) Cullen of Evergreen, Mark (Lynn) Cullen of Crowley and Celesia (Greg) Bullitt of Pineville; one brother, Kenneth Firmin of Baton Rouge; one sister, Joyce Gaspard of Mansura; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Kristopher Bordelon, Casey Redmon, Jason Redmon, Kyle Cullen, Ross Cullen and Jon Cullen.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie on Sunday, March 25, 2012 from 5 pm - 9 pm with a Vigil for the Deceased at 6:30 pm and on Monday, March 26, 2012 from 8 am - 9:30 am. Please share condolences with the family at www.melanconfunerals.com.

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DON PATRICK DESCANT

(December 21, 1948 - March 22, 2012)

A funeral mass for Don Pat Descant will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with the Revs. Scott Chemino, Jack Michalchuk, and Bartholomew Ibe 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. Descant, age 63 of Bunkie, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Metreades Dwight and Anna McDonald Descant.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years; Becky Newton Descant of Bunkie; his three children, Annie Catherine Descant Schmitt and her husband Jeffrey of Ponchatoula, Patrick Newton Descant of Mandeville, and Megan Rebecca Descant of Bunkie; three brothers, Dwight Descant and his wife Brenda of Bunkie, Trent Descant and his wife Gwen of Sunset, and Chuck Descant and his wife Melinda of Bunkie; his sister, Kay Descant Lee and her husband Jim of Bunkie; his grandchildren, Dane Descant Schmitt, Jonah Newton Schmitt, Sebastian Peter Lemoine, and Nora Ophelia Lemoine; his step-mother, Vivian Laprairie Descant of Bunkie; his father and mother-in-law, Fred Peter and Doris Nell Blakewood Newton of Bunkie; and many additional loving family and friends.

Mr. Descant was a native of Bunkie where he graduated from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School and Bunkie High School. He then went on to attend Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe and McNeese State University in Lake Charles. He served in the United States Army Reserves; he was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church where he served as a lector and Eucharistic Minister and he was also a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in the Bunkie chapter.

Mr. Descant was chairman of the board of M.D. Descant, Inc. which was established 48 years ago by his father. Earning the rank of Eagle Scout was a personal goal in his formative years, followed by service as an elected member of the Bunkie City Council. Mr. Descant served on the Bunkie General Hospital Board of Commissioners for 24 years. He was past president of Louisiana Associated General Contractors and served on the organization's legislative council. He was also a former member of the Louisiana Licensing Board of Contractors, and was chairman of the Avoyelles Parish Planning Commission. Mr. Descant was a member of the Hancock Holding Company and served on the compensation committee. He was recently named to the Board of Directors of Whitney Bank.

Friends may call from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. on Saturday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. A wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.

In lieu of flowers; memorials may be sent St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, 116 S. Knoll, Bunkie, LA 71322; St. Joseph Catholic School, 175 North 8th St., Ponchatoula, LA 70454; Miles Perret Cancer Services, 2130 Kaliste Saloom Rd., Suite 200, Lafayette, LA 70508; and St. Jude Children's Reserarch Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

Source: AvoyellesToday.com March 24, 2012

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Barbara Rozas Reid, age 84, retired Avoyelles Parish high school teacher



Memorial services for Barbara Rozas Reid will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, March 23, 2012, at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Cottonport. A brief memorial reception will be held immediately after in St. Mary's Community Center.

Mrs. Reid, age 84, of Longbridge, passed away at her home Saturday, March 17. She was retired from Avoyelles Parish School Board as a high school teacher and lunchroom supervisor. She was a life-long member of St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornelius LaFonn Reid. She is survived by 3 daughters: Katherine Finstad and husband Gary of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; Monica Sprinkle of Cottonport; and Toni Stevens and husband TJ of Plain City, Ohio; one son, Maxwell Reid and wife Sheila Sanders of Marksville; two sisters: Joan Thevenot and Alice Ducote of Cottonport; two brothers: Paul Rozas of Baton Rouge and Kenneth Rozas of Winter Park, Colorado. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Source: AvoyellesToday.com , March 19, 2012

Pelican Footnote: Mrs. Reid was a faculty member of EHS during the mid-late 1950s, along with her husband, Cornelius Reid. .

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William "Billy" Cullen, age 72, of Evergreen



EVERGREEN - Funeral services for Billy Cullen were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2012 in the chapel of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie with the Rev. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Burial was in the St. Mary's Mausoleum #2. Arrangements were under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Cullen, age 72, of Evergreen, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at Rapides Regional Medical Center.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mabel Ducote Cullen.

Survivors include two sons, Todd (Angela) Cullen of Evergreen, and Mark (Lynn) Cullen of Crowley; three daughters, Patti (Malcolm) Bordelon of Prairieville, Connie (Buddy) Redmon of Bunkie, and Celesia (Greg) Bullitt of Pineville; two brothers, Robert "Bob" Cullen of Baton Rouge, and Keith Cullen of Gulf Breeze, Florida; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-

grandchildren.

Posted Feb. 23, 2012 in AvoyellesToday.com

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Rita Baillio Riche'

September 30, 1926 - January 12, 2012

Graveside services for Rita Riche' will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 19, 2012 at Greenwood Memorial Park, Pineville under the direction of John Kramer & Son.

Rita Riche', 85, of Alexandria, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012 in her residence.

Mrs. Riche' is survived by her husband Norris J. Riche'; daughter, Stephanie "Sis" Riche'; and son, Chris Riche'.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family online at kramerfunerals@aol.com.

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

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