

Marjorie Escude Wright

(October 09, 1915 - December 22, 2015)



A Mass of Christian Burial for Margie Wright will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen with the Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino, V.G. officiating. Burial will follow in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Cemetery in Evergreen. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Wright was born on October 9, 1915 in Mansura , LA , the daughter of Arthur Julius Escude and Martha Aurora Regard. She grew up in Mansura and attended Catholic Schools there. After high school she went to Northwestern State College in Natchitoches , graduating with a degree in physical education and French.

Margie, as she was called, had an older sister, Constance Escude (deceased). Their mother died when they were quite young and later their father, who was mayor of Mansura for a while, married Erline Alma Ramsey. This marriage produced three more children; Faye Escude Truex (deceased), Alma Rose “Weazie” Escude Perron, and Arthur J. Escude “Old Man” (deceased).

Margie was a teacher at Bunkie High School until her marriage to Henry Clay Wright of Evergreen on December 23, 1939 . They lived in Baton Rouge for five years during World War II before returning to the Wright family farm in Evergreen.

Margie was a homemaker and a fabulous cook. Her cooking skills led her to become the head dietician at Bunkie Hospital for several years.

Clay and Margie had five children; Martha Kay Wright McDonald (Don), Constance Lynn Wright, Kathryn Ann Wright Juneau, Henry Clay Wright, Jr. (deceased) and John Arthur Wright (Deanna Barrere Wright).

These children have given Margie 11 grandchildren (2 deceased) and 11 great-grandchildren.

Margie’s interests over the years include cooking, needlepoint, water color painting, reading, crossword puzzles, fishing and gardening.

In September of 2000, her husband of 60+ years died and she decided to move into the Bailey Place in Bunkie where she passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at the age of 100.

Pallbearers will include; Cody Juneau, Henry Clay Wright, William Daniel Wright, Thomas Wright, Russell McDonald, and William Odom. Honorary pallbearers are Stebo Pearce, Don McDonald, Larry Chenevert and James Turner.

Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 with family visiting at 4:00 p.m. and then again from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie. A rosary will be recited at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

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ROGER SCOTT MCDANIEL, SR.

(March 19, 1939 - December 10, 2015)



MANSURA- A Memorial service for Roger Scott McDaniel, Sr. will be held on Saturday, December 19, 2015 , from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Christian Family Worship Center in Mansura, with Pastor Mark Crawford officiating.

McDaniel, age 76, of Marksville, passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2015 , at his residence. Roger was born on March 19, 1939 , in Winnfield, to Herschel McDaniel and Evelyn Tanner McDaniel. The family later moved to Evergreen where he graduated from Evergreen High School in 1957. Shortly after graduating he married, Janis Ann Lemoine form Cottonport. The couple them moved to Venice , where Roger accepted a position as a Butcher working for what is now Kroger Froods. He worked hard and became a District Meat Supervisor and retired in 1986.

The couple had two sons, Roger “Scott” McDaniel, Jr., and Richard “Ricky” Brady McDaniel. Roger was a great family man, loving father, and devoted husband. He and his wife Janice were married for 49 amazing years.

Roger was a self-taught painter, he enjoyed painting wildlife and nature scenes in his retired years. Roger and Janis also loved to travel and spent many vacations with their children and grandchildren at Disney. His family and friends will always remember him as the life of the party, hardworking, caring, and a motivator. He was preceded in death by his wife Janis Ann Lemoine McDaniel; one son, Richard Brady McDaniel, Sr.; one brother, Herschel “Buddy” McDaniel; and his parents Herschel and Evelyn McDaniel.

He is survived by one son, Roger “Scott” (Dot Aymond) McDaniel, Jr., of Marksville; five grandchildren, Nicole McDaniel Schuyler of Mansura, Michelle McDaniel (Robert) Cruz of Bunkie, Richard “Brady” McDaniel of Georgia, Arthur St. Romain of Marksville, and Tabitha St. Romain of Marksville; five great-grandchildren, Gage Schuyler of Mansura, Mckenzie Schuyler of Mansura, Drake Richard of Bunkie, Alyssa Richard of Bunkie, and Riley Dauzat of Marksville; three sisters, Dianne McDaniel, Sharon McDaniel of Texas, Pat (Jack) McDaniel Baker of Texas.

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Marie Orgeron Dawson

(DOD December 6, 2015)



OPELOUSAS - A memorial service will be held for Marie Orgeron Dawson, age 67, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2015, in the Lafond-Ardoin Funeral Home Chapel with visitation beginning at 12:00 p.m. Deacon Dwayne Joubert will conduct the service. Ms. Dawson, a resident of Arnaudville, LA, died on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at Opelousas General Health System.

Marie did exquisite knitting and needle work and was a wonderful cook. She graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart School in Grand Coteau, LA and later graduated Suma Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Political Science from Oklahoma City University. Marie will be greatly missed by her family, her friends and all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane Dawson, of Burbank, CA; Peggy Rambosk of Havana, FL; Camille Dawson Moore and husband, William, of Sunset, LA; her sister, Jacqueline Orgeron Landrum and husband, Terry, of Arnaudville, LA; her brother, Douglas Orgeron and wife, Colleen, of Youngsville, LA and three grandchildren, Gabrielle Dawson, Tyler Rambosk and Kaitlyn Rambosk. She is also survived by 5 nieces and 5 nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Edmond Orgeron and Louise Arnould Hartiens.

Family and friends are invited to sign and view the online guestbook at www.lafondardoin.com.

LaFond-Ardoin Funeral Home of Opelousas, 2845 South Union Street, Opelousas, LA 70570, (337-942-2638) has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theadvertiser/obituary.aspx?n=marie-orgeron-dawson&pid=176899493&fhid=12386#sthash.1Fcu9AMY.dpuf>

Pelican Footnote by Ed Dugas:

Marie and her family lived in Evergreen (Burns Road) during the 1950s. Both of her parents were active in the Little Flower Church – Joseph was the choir leader and Louise was the organist.

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George Jude Normand



(July 1, 1969 - November 23, 2015)

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for George Jude Normand on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cottonport with Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez officiating. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery #2 under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Visitation will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Normand, age 46, of Cottonport, passed away on Monday, November 23, 2015 at his residence. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a carpenter. He was preceded in death by his mother, Sue Hood Normand.

He is survived by his fiancée', Margaret Daire of Cottonport; his daughter, Grace Katherine Bordelon of Cottonport; his son, Jude Anthony Normand of Brusly; Margaret's two children, Emily Madrigal and Austin Madrigal of Cottonport; his father, Stephen "Buddy" Normand of Cottonport; four sisters, Elizabeth Normand of Cottonport, Gayla Mayeux of Alexandria, Monica Normand of Cottonport and Charlene Tigner and husband, Mark, of Cottonport and his brother, Glenn Normand and wife, Faye, of Cottonport.

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Elmore "Joe" Dufour

(DOD - October 20, 2015)



Funeral services for Elmore "Joe" Dufour, age 73 of Mansura, will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Paul Catholic Church of Mansura. Visitation will be held at the Escude Funeral Home of Mansura on Wednesday, October 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will resume Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. Elmore "Joe" Dufour passed away at his home in Mansura on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis "Bud" Dufour, Jr.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 49 years, Dianne Dufour of Mansura; daughter, Glynis (Randy) Quebedeaux of Mansura; son, Bryan Joseph Dufour of Gonzales; mother, Ida Francois of Cottonport; sisters: Kathi (Larry) Lachney of Cottonport, Lorraine Chauffepied of Cottonport, & Elaine (Van) Michel of Prairieville; brothers, Bobby (Donna) Francois of Cottonport & Terry (Christine) Francois of Bunkie. He is also survived by three granddaughters: Rebecca Francis Scioneaux, Ashley Elizabeth Scioneaux, & Camille Catherine Quebedeaux. Those honored to serve as pallbearers: Rodney Jeansonne, Kenny Jeansonne, Randy Quebedeaux, Larry Lachney, Todd Jeansonne, & Bobby Francois.

Joe served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 6 years as an automotive & body repairman. After serving his country, he worked in the banking industry for 45 years in Avoyelles Parish. He was a member of the Bunkie J.C.'s and held local, regional, & state positions. Joe was also a member of the Bunkie Knights of Columbus serving as secretary & president. He also served in the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce and the Parish Counsel for St. Anthony. Joe was always willingly and ready to volunteer for his community, parish, or any event to help others. He was a friendly and kind hearted person who never met a stranger. Joe will be missed dearly by his family & friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Joe's name to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](http://www.stjude.org) 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN

Pelican Footnote by Ed Dugas:

Joe graduated from Cottonport High School in May 1960, after completing his first 10 grades at Evergreen High School

Click below for Joe in the 1952-53 Altar Boys picture

<http://www.evergreenla.org/Churches/LilFlower/Churches/Images/Evergreen%20Altar%20Boys%20Outside-corrected3.jpg>

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Harold Richie

(December 17, 1927 - October 6, 2015)



Harold Richie, 87 passed away October 6, 2015 at his residence in Prairieville , LA. He was born December 17, 1927 in Evergreen, LA.

Mr. Richie was an Auto Body Mechanic at Duplessis Cadillac. Mr. Richie was a Navy Veteran of WWII, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved hunting and fishing. Mr. Richie was a member of St Mark Catholic Church.

Survivors: His wife of 60 years, Mrs. Betty M. Richie of Prairieville, La.

2 sons- Randy Richie and spouse (Annette) of Pierre Part and Mike Riche of San Diego, CA

Sister-in-law- Peggy Riche of Baker, LA

2 Grandchildren---Matthew Richie of Watson, LA. and Ashley Major and spouse (Derek) of Denham Springs , LA

1 Great Grandchild-Charli Richie of Watson , LA.

Many nieces and nephews

Preceded in death by his parents Louis and Lenora (Descant) Riche

2 daughters-- Tammy and Cynthia

2 sisters Beverly LaBorde & spouse Bob LaBorde and Audrey Manuel.

2 brothers L C Riche and Norris Riche & spouse Rita.

Pallbearers will be Barry Zito, Artie Hudson, Matt Richie, Jason Riche, Hoube Riche and George Braud

The family would like to express a special thanks to his personal care takers Laurie Scott, Lynda Hills and Ruby Varise.

Visitation will be from 8:45 am to 10:30am Friday, October 9th, 2015 at St Mark Catholic Church a Rosary at 9am, and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Fr. Joseph Sanjay Kannasseril will officiate. Burial will follow at St. George Catholic Church Mausoleum in Baton Rouge , LA.

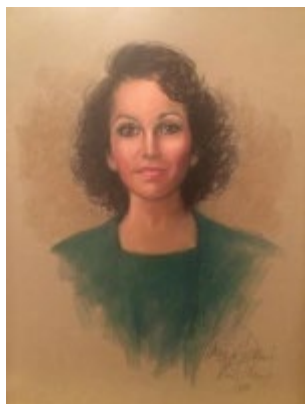
Ourso Funeral Home in Gonzales is in charge of arrangements.

Please offer your condolences to the family at www.oursofh.com

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Dorrinne Galland

Apr 2, 1942 - Mar 10, 2015



Dorrinne Galland, loving wife, devoted mother, doting grandmother, sister, daughter, died peacefully Tuesday morning in the company of her immediate family. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Ronald; her son, her mother, sister, and two adorable grandchildren. She recently moved to Wake Forest , NC to be closer to her granddaughters, Stella and Ruby. Dorrinne spent much of her life in Donaldsonville , Louisiana , where she served as Head of Reference Desk at Ascension Parish Library. "Miss Dorrinne", as she was known by all the residents of the small town, was well regarded, appreciated, and even loved by its many citizens. Miss Dorrinne was known for her ability to find just the right information to answer any question and, in some cases, completed the homework for many of the students of Donaldsonville at the Ascension Parish Library. Known for her quick wit and insight into complicated matters, Miss Dorrinne was known and appreciated by all she met, and

considered a close, cherished friend to others. She was an avid and voracious reader, which advanced her level of erudition and knowledge far beyond her considerable educational achievements.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 Friday morning March 13, 2015 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Memorial Gardens .

The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Ascension Parish Library Fund. Make payable to Ascension Parish Library and send to Dorrinne Galland Memorial, 500 Mississippi St , Donaldsonville LA 70346 (or note "in memorium Dorrinne Galland" on check).

A service of Bright Funeral Home & Cremation Center . (919-556-5811)

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Emeric Paul Bordelon

(December 4, 1941 - February 9, 2015)



Funeral Services for Emeric Paul Bordelon will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, in the chapel of Kramer of Fifth Ward, with Rev. Irion St. Romain officiating. Interment will follow in St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, Mansura. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, and will resume on Thursday from 8 a.m. until time of service, at the funeral home. A recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, by Deacon Ted Moulard, in the Kramer Chapel.

Emeric Paul Bordelon, 73, of Marksville passed away on Monday, February 9, 2015 .

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy P. and Remie Normand Bordelon.

Emeric was a retired carpenter, and lifelong resident of Avoyelles. He loved the outdoors, whether it was spending time on his tractor, fishing, caring for the numerous stray animals, or just enjoying life. Emeric also loved spending time with his family and friends, to which he gave a nickname to all. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and friend to many who will be dearly missed.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 34 years, Florence Bordelon of Marksville; two sons, Emeric Paul Bordelon, Jr. of Jena, and Earnest Bordelon of Brookhaven, MS; two daughters, Billie Jo Bordelon of Jena, and Jackie Bonnette of Marksville; two step daughters, Christy Prejean and Rachella "Rocky" Lambert both of Mansura; 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; along with one sister, Geneva Turner (Ronnie) of Evergreen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pelican Footnote by Ed Dugas:

Emeric was a 1959 graduate of Cottonport High School and attended Evergreen High School for his first eleven grades. Please click here for http://www.evergreenla.org/PhotoGallery/School/ts_3.html a photo taken in the Spring 1958 when the gym was used for several class rooms. Emeric is seated in the front row between Dottie Brown and Faye Armand.

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Ruth Dugas Albritton

(February 23, 1930 - January 22, 2015)



A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Ruth Dugas Albritton on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen with Rev. Stephen Scott Chemino officiating. Burial will be in the Church of the Little Flower cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Visitation will be at Church of the Little Flower on Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. A rosary will be recited at 12:40 p.m. The family will continue to receive visitors after the burial in the Church of the Little Flower Church Hall.

Ruth Dugas Albritton was born in New Orleans, LA on February 23, 1930, to Walter Joseph and Clophine Descant Dugas. She was the eldest of four children including one sister, Geraldine Dugas Francois (deceased) and two brothers, Dr. Edmund A. Dugas of Carencro and Walter Joseph Dugas, Jr. of Denham Springs. She graduated from Evergreen High School in 1947, and then attended business school, marrying William Andrew Albritton in Nov., 1947. He preceded her in death.

She followed her husband when possible, during his military career, living in Prestwick, Scotland; Honolulu, Hawaii; Athens, Greece and various locations in the United States. In addition to being a housewife and mother, she was a career business woman and worked at the Housing Authority for the Town of Bunkie for thirty-eight years. She was a charter member of the Louisiana Housing Council and worked on various committees, including Retirement and Insurance. She assisted the HUD office in implementing new programs and services during construction of new housing units statewide. She was a member of the military wives club and the local chapter of the National Association of American Business Women. She also served on the Education Committee where she was instrumental in writing grants for local women which enabled them to continue their education. In addition, Mrs. Albritton was a charter member of the Bunkie Belles and she was honored by being elected as the first "Woman of the Year" by that organization. She served as Commander of the Avoyelles Parish DAV Auxiliary and won the State Commander's Award for her work. She felt honored to have assisted the late Edwin Rabalais in the formation of the Bunkie Chamber of Commerce. She was a former member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Bunkie and a present member of the Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen, where she was a member of both choirs.

She is survived by four children: Donna Jean Ferguson (Derek) of Madison, MS; Katherine Albritton Manda (Edward) of Lawrence, KS; William "Billy" A. Albritton, Jr. (Vallery) of Alexandria and Mary Carolyn Thoman (John) of Baton Rouge. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, John William Carter, III of Aspen, CO; Derek Bradley Ferguson (Jade) of Diamondhead, MS; Lauren Ferguson Mattiace (Richard) of Ocean Springs, MS; Jacob Edward Manda of Overland Park, KS; Matthew Manda of Washington, DC; Lee Andrew Albritton of Bunkie; Taylor John Albritton of Alexandria; Ellen Ann Albritton of Alexandria; and Colby Tyler Thoman (Cory) of Denham Springs, LA and four great grandchildren: Rylee Rae Albritton, William Colton Albritton, Harrison Bradley Ferguson and Henry Scott Ferguson. www.melanconfunerals.com

Memorials may be sent, in memory of Ruth Albritton, to Church of the Little Flower - P. O. Box 20 - Evergreen , LA 71333 or [St. Anthony School](#) - 116 S. Knoll Ave. - Bunkie , LA 71322 .

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thetowntalk/obituary.aspx?n=ruth-dugas-albritton&pid=173998721&fhid=17436#sthash.gb4BR1Oj.dpuf>

Pelican Footnote by Ed Dugas: Ruth was a 1947 EHS graduate. She was an outstanding role model who was committed to serving her fellow man, especially those with special needs. Her dedicated devotion to family was witnessed by all

who knew her.

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Norris Joseph Riche'



(January 31, 1931 – January 10, 2015)



NORRIS JOSEPH RICHE' 84 of Alexandria , La, died in his home Saturday morning, January 10th, 2015 , of natural causes, between the hours of midnight & 4 a.m. He had Alzheimer's.

Visitation will be held at Kramer Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 . Burial will be held in Louisiana Veterans Cemetery , Leesville, with full military honors, due to distance there will be no funeral procession.

He was born in Bunkie , La. , January 31st, 1931 to parents; Louis Clave Riche' Sr. & his wife Lenora Descant - Riche'. He lived in Evergreen, La. for many years.

He was a 1948 graduate of EHS & lived in Evergreen until graduating from high school. His parents lived next door to Mr. Anthony Smith, where they once ran a small grocery store. He was a long-time leader & singer in the Little Flower choir. He also filled as the organist, when needed. He attended & graduated from Southwestern Louisiana Institute with a B.S. degree in Agriculture, on May 26th, 1952 .

He attended Officer Training School in 1952 & earned the rank of 2nd Lt. He entered Active duty with the USAF on August 7th, 1952 , during the "Korean Peace Time." He received a promotion to the rank of 1st Lt. on March 3rd 1955 . His first duty assignment was at Lackland AFB, Texas . He also served in Hawaii , Japan & Guam. He was Honorably discharged, from active duty on January 20th, 1957 . He transferred & was stationed at Kelly AFB, Texas , where he served with the Air Reconn Center in Denver , Co. in the Air Force Reserve. He was an Intel Comm Officer, in Intel Crypto. During his years of service in the Air Force, he was stationed at the HQ's of the 3595th Flying Training Wing at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas , Nevada. He was voted, Most popular Solo Vocalist. He also performed with an Air Force band & quartet during his time serving in Japan . He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He also served in the Air Force Reserve. His duties ended upon his Honorable discharge on January 5th, 1960 .

He attended & graduated from St. Mary's college located near Marion County, Kentucky in 1959, earning a B.A. in Philosophy.

He met his bride-to-be; Rita Louise Baillio from Alexandria , La. , sometime after 1961, in the choir at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. They were married on May 21st, 1965 , in Arlington , Va. , with Fr. Alphonse Rigouts presiding. They moved to & resided in Kensington , Maryland for one year. They then moved to Alexandria , La. , in 1967, where they remained till their deaths. They were married for 47 years till her death in January of 2012. He is survived by his Brother; Harold Riche' 87 of Prairieville , La. , & 2 children. Christopher Scott Riche' 48 of Alexandria , La. , & Stephanie Marie Riche' 47 of Alexandria , La.

Dad enjoyed singing & playing music in a band. He also enjoyed playing music with friends & relatives. He performed during the 1970s & 80s at Effie's restaurant, in Alexandria , La. He was an accomplished tenor & loved singing in the church choir. He played the piano, an electric organ, acoustic & electric guitar. He attended St. Frances Cabrini Church & was a member of the Secular Carmelite Religious Order. He was Roman Catholic.

Dad was employed with Dresser Industries from 1972 till his retirement in 1994.

Submitted by Janet Ortego Geal, one of his many first cousins.