

## Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler"

(December 23, 1925 - August 16, 2016)



Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler" passed away on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 3 pm. Husband of the late Ura V Armand Descant. Father of Denny P. Descant (Carol) and Darla Descant McNamara. Son of the late Celestine Mary Armand and Pierre J. Descant. Brother of the late Lenora Riche, Lizera Baron, Clophine Dugas, Larma Descant, Isabel Rabalais, Edgar Descant, Elise Trump, Louise Rachel, Leo Descant, Cecilia Rachel, Murry Descant, Marvin Descant and Eura Ortego. Pierre was the last survivor of the 14 Descant children. Grandfather to Amy Bonnaffons (Bill), Christopher Pierre Descant (Jodi), Erin Mouledous (Scott) and Kaitlin McCaulley ( Bryan ). Great Grandfather of Bryce, Ashley and Brooke Bonnaffons, Cullen Pierre Descant, Owen Pierre and Emma Louise McCaulley, and Jolie Mouledous.

Pierre was 90 years old and a resident of New Orleans and Kenner for the past 50 years and a native of Evergreen, Louisiana (Avoyelles Parish). He served 20 years in the U S Coast Guard, with his last duty station being Commander of the Coast Guard Station at West End on the Lakefront in New Orleans . He served during World War II. He was a member of the CFMA and American Legion 377. He was a parishioner of St. Philip Neri Church and served as an usher. Pierre was the founder, along with his wife, Ura V of the "CAJUN FIDDLER BAND". He loved performing and singing his Cajun French songs. He performed all over Louisiana including Jazz Fest. Pierre was a wonderful husband and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Pierre loved life, his family, GOD and Cajun music.

Thank you to all the staff at Nouveau Marc. And especially to Nancy 's Private Care. And special thanks to to Trudy Mercantel for being a true and loving friend to dad and his family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. Interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) or St. Anthony Church Food Pantry 116 S Knoll Bunkie LA 701322 (318)346-2739.

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## Philip Ray “Yam” Bordelon

(December 4, 1939 - October 6, 2016)

Obituary by Joyce Nelson

Our family, our town and our friends lost one of the most memorable person to ever attend Evergreen High School . His name was “Yam”. Philip Ray “Yam” Bordelon passed away on October 6, 2016 at his home in Clinton La. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ann Bonds Bordelon of Bunkie and four of their sons, Glen, Chuck, Randall and Timmy Bordelon and his four sisters, Joyce Nelson, Maurine LaCour, Carol Cashio and Mona Gaspard. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tommy Bordelon, a granddaughter, and his parents, Lannie and Ollie Barbin Bordelon. The private funeral services were held on October 13, 2016 .

So, how do you start to describe the life of Philip Yam Bordelon. He was an incredible person filled with love, life and laughter. But surely laughter. Simple as that. It is the way Yam lived life. Not complicated, a very humble person who loved the land and enjoyed quiet, serene surroundings. The last 20 or so years he and Ann lived on 25 acres in the country near Clinton . Four of their sons and their families lived on the property near them. That was all that Yam needed or wanted to be happy, and happy he was. If you were in his presence it was not having a conversation but rather an event filled with stories of his childhood and early years with his family. He had this incredible dry sense of humor that kept you laughing until your belly hurt. Sometimes the memories even evoked tears for the reminder of the years gone by. Those years were filled with stories of hard work on the farm, fishing and hunting and living life to it’s fullest. His favorite subject for story telling was his father, Lannie. Today I smile just thinking of them, repeated over and over again but each time was like the first time. Do you know a person like that? So then how do you have a celebration of his life? Not with tears of remorse but with memories told with laughter, of good times in the countryside near Evergreen. His life was not wasted for he touched each of our lives and we became a better person because of it. In the French Heritage cookbook under Blueberry Pies, he wrote,

I am Yam. Yes, he was.

We love you, Yam

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## **Dorothy Austin Goudeau**

April 03, 1931 - September 10, 2016



Funeral services for Dorothy Austin Goudeau will be Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Melancon Funeral Home in Bunkie with Rev. Joe Arnold officiating. Burial will follow in the Bayou Rouge Cemetery in Evergreen under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and will resume on Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 from 8 a.m. until service time.

Mrs. Goudeau, age 85, of Evergreen passed away on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 at Opelousas General Hospital . She was a former telephone operator. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon "Corky" Goudeau, her first husband, Joseph Nolan Arnold, Sr. and her step-son, Gordon Goudeau, III .

She is survived by two daughters, Donis Armand and husband, Thad, of Goudeau and Susan Gauthier and husband, Dick, of Gonzales; three sons, Joe Arnold and wife, Lois, of Houma, Gary Arnold and wife, Kay, of Scott and Coy Arnold of Baton Rouge; a brother, James Richard Austin of Sterlington, LA; eleven grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

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## Louis Joseph Matthews, Jr.

May 19, 1928 - September 03, 2016



A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Louis Joseph Matthews, Jr. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 10 AM at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen with Fr. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Burial with Military Honors will be in the church cemetery under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Visitation will be at Melancon Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 5 PM - 9 PM with a Rosary Service at 7 PM and on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 8 AM - 9:30 AM .

Mr. Louis "Junior" Matthews, age 88, of Evergreen, passed away on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at the Hessmer Nursing Home. He was a retired brick mason. He was a US Army veteran, having served in the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion. He was preceded in death by his wife, Verlie Matthews; his son, Ricky Matthews; four sisters and three brothers.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheryl Richard and husband, Keith, of Opelousas ; his two sons, C.J. Matthews and wife, Theresa, of Evergreen and Stephen Matthews and wife, Lelia, of Walker; twelve grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

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## Lurry Antoine Normand

December 05, 1931 - April 16, 2016



A Mass of Christian Burial for Lurry Normand will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen with the Rev. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mr. Normand, age 84 of Evergreen, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Rapides Regional Medical Center .

He is a retired farmer and rancher. He loved growing his produce and his peaceful time was spent with his cattle.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Vivian Desselle Normand; his parents, Emeric and Frances Mayeux Normand; an infant son; sister, Remmie Bordelon; brothers, Simms Normand and Reese Normand, Sr.; grandchildren, Jerry Mayeux, Brandon Russell Normand, and Judith V. Courville.

Survivors include four sons, Gerald A. Normand of Evergreen, Kent Normand of Goudeau, Bryan D. Normand and wife Cheri of Alexandria, and Brandon Normand of Evergreen; two daughters, Sandra Armand and husband Harold of Evergreen and Crystal J. Normand of Evergreen; step-children, John Allan Landry, Brent Joseph Landry, Sr., and Brenda Jo Courville; grandchildren, Kristi Siebeneicher, Chad Normand, Greg Normand, Curtis Armand, Ty Armand, Amy Normand, Logan Moore, Cheyenne Moore, Travis Normand, Caden Normand, Kelsey Normand and Kylie Faul; step grandchildren, Brittany Pennison, Karli, Brent I, and Hollie Lynn Landry, Annie, Emily and Jacob Mayeux, Mitzi, Blake, Ciji, and Hunter Courville; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Monday with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

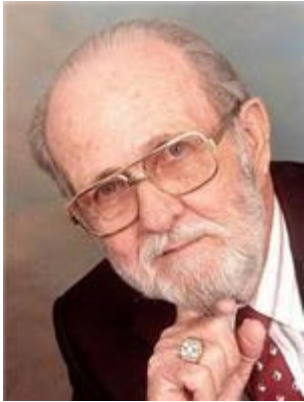
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Council #2395, P.O. Box 223, Bunkie, LA 71322 for the KC Hall window project.

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## Harold J. Rabalais



(April 13, 1924 - March 31, 2016)



Harold J. Rabalais passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at the age of 91 years. Beloved husband of Nola LaChute Rabalais by second marriage and of the late Theresa Rabalais by first marriage. Father of Robert J. Rabalais (Alisson), Sandra Hawkins (Harry "Boo"), and Patricia Rabalais Jeanfreau (Lucien "Lou"). Son of the late Arnold and Bertha Rabalais. Brother of Ryan Rabalais, Vera Descant, and the late Margery Attales, Leslie Rabalais, Jewell English and Allen Rabalais. Grandfather of Shawn, Brigett, Ashley, Julian, Danielle, Brian, Lance, and Mindi. Also survived by 8 great-grandchildren. He was an engineer with Southern Pacific Railroad and a [WWII](#) Navy Veteran having served on the U.S.S. Frazier in the South Pacific. He was a lifelong resident of Algiers , LA. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Mass in the chapel of Mothe Funeral Home, 2100 Westbank Expwy., Harvey, LA on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 11am.

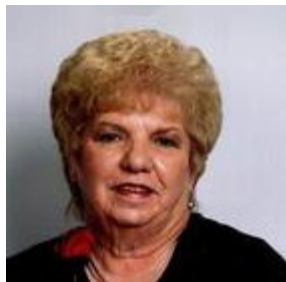
Visitation will be held Wednesday morning from 9am until 11am . Interment, Westlawn

Memorial Park Cemetery . Family and friends may view and sign the online guest book at [www.mothefunerals.com](http://www.mothefunerals.com).

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## Vivian Deselle Normand

March 15, 1944 - March 11, 2016



A Mass of Christian Burial for Vivian Normand will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016 at Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen with the Rev. Bartholomew Ibe officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hixson-Ducote Funeral Home of Bunkie.

Mrs. Normand, age 71 of Evergreen, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2016 at Rapides Regional Medical Center .

Mrs. Normand is retired from the Avoyelles Parish School Board as a beloved bus driver for many years. She was a member of Church of the Little Flower in Evergreen, a member of the Altar Society and she taught catechism. She loved reading, but most of all she loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Tennis, Sr. and Leola Gauthier Deselle; sisters, Geneva Graham, Virginia Gobert, Delores Hazelton, and Linda Andrus; brother, Richard P. Deselle; and grandchildren, Brandon A.R. Normand, Jerry Mayeux and Judith V. Courville.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Lurry Normand of Evergreen; her children, John "Allen" Landry and wife Brenda of Cottonport, Brent Joseph Landry, Sr. and wife Melissa of Evergreen, Brenda Jo Courville of Port Barre, Crystal Normand of Evergreen and Brandon Normand of Evergreen; step-children, Sandra Armand, Gerald Normand and Kent Normand all of Evergreen and Bryan Normand of Alexandria; 2 brothers, Tennis Deselle, Jr. of Ft. Worth and Russell Deselle and wife Debra of Bunkie; 3 sisters, Judy Strother and husband Wayne, Alice Leger and husband Lester and Marriane Williber and husband Frankie all of Bunkie; grandchildren, Logan Moore, Cheyenne Moore, Brittany Landry, Karli Landry, Brent Landry I, Hollie Lynn Landry, Annie Mayeux, Emily Mayeux, Jacob Mayeux, Caden Normand, Kelsey Normand, Kiley Faul, Mitzi Courville, Blake Courville, Ciji Courville and Hunter Courville; and numerous great-grandchildren.

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## **Dr. Charles Carroll Faust III**

(January 3, 1925 - February 4, 2016)



Dr. Charles Carroll Faust III passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2016 in Johnson City , TN at the age of 91. He was born and raised in Lake Charles , LA , the son of Charles C. Jr. and Lucy Faust.

He left Lake Charles Senior High School when he turned 18 in 1943 and entered the Army Air Corp. He was a B-29 pilot during the war, flying missions over Japan out of Okinawa and Iwo Jima .

After the war, he remained in the Air Force Reserves and retired after achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. Dr. Faust went to McNeese College in Lake Charles and later finished his B.S. degree in Education and minor in voice, and M.S. in Biology from LSU.

He began teaching math and science and coaching basketball and football at DeQuincy High School in Louisiana and also taught and coached in Morrow and Bunkie High Schools . He eventually returned to school to finish his PhD in Genetics and teaching at LSU as a graduate assistant.

He then began teaching full time at the newly built LSU-Eunice. He finished his career at LSU-E teaching biology, anatomy, and genetics for over 20 years. After retiring from the LSU system, he ran a chemical business in Eunice, and eventually returned to his first love, teaching at St. Edmund's High School and Louisiana College . Dr. Faust also blessed many with his voice performing at weddings, plays, in numerous choirs, and as a choir director at several churches.

Dr. Faust was married for over 65 years to Elizabeth Stark Faust, his college sweetheart. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and two sisters, Hazel and Mildred.

He is survived by his daughter, Candace and her husband Steven Saucier of Eunice , LA ; and his son, Charles C. Faust IV and his wife Melody of Johnson City, TN. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Dee McNutt and her husband Price; Brittany Wayman and her husband Bobby; Andre Hyde and his wife Heidi; Michelle Saucier; Chuck Faust and his wife Angela; Hans Faust and his wife Sara; and Heidi Faust. He is also survived by 9 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, as well as one sister in law and many nephews and nieces.

Dr. Faust and his wife Elizabeth will be interred in DeRidder, LA after a memorial service for him on March 5, 2016 , at the First Baptist Church in DeRidder, LA.

Memories and condolences may be sent to the Faust family [via www.morrisbaker.com](http://www.morrisbaker.com). Morris-Baker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2001 Oakland Avenue , Johnson City , is serving the Faust family. (423) 282-1521

Pelican Footnote: Dr. Faust, known as Coach Faust at Bunkie High School, although not a Pelican, taught many Pelicans who went to BHS in the 1960's.

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## Jan Rawls James

(July 20, 1945 - January 14, 2016)



A Memorial Reception will be held at the Church of the Little Flower Catholic Church Reception Hall in Evergreen, LA from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Arrangements are under the direction of Melancon Funeral Home, Bunkie.

Jan Rawls James entered into eternal rest on January 14, 2016 . Jan was born on July 20, 1945 in Port St. Joe , Florida , the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B.E. Rawls. Jan graduated from Louisiana State University with a Masters Degree in English and later returned to school and received a degree in accounting.

Jan had a genuine passion and love for her animals, gardening and cooking. Jan's most sincere loves were her beloved husband, son and grandson. Jan was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Rawls, father, Bryant Rawls and brother, Bryant Rawls Jr.

Those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 48 years, Crawford James Sr., son Crawford James Jr., grandson Justin James, daughter in law Stephani James, sister in law Sandra James and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Jan will be forever loved and missed by all who knew and loved her. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to : <https://www.gofundme.com/ebj7e54k> <https://www.gofundme.com/ebj7e54k> to cover Jan's funeral and medical expenses. [www.melanconfunerals.com](http://www.melanconfunerals.com)

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