



## Barbara Ann Frey Atkins

November 16, 2018

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Rayne, LA - Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 23, 2018 at a 1:00 pm Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne for Barbara Ann Frey Atkins, age 79, who died Friday, November 16, 2018 at her granddaughter's home in Lafayette, LA

Interment will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery #2, Mausoleum in Rayne, LA.

Rev. Christopher Cambre, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

Barbara Ann Frey Atkins was born in Eunice, Louisiana to Gus and Clarice Frey on September 27, 1939. She was raised in Mowata, Louisiana on the family farm with her siblings, Marlene Devillier, and the late Marie Logan. Barbara attended school at St. Edmonds in Eunice. Upon graduation from high school she attended USL and graduated from Delta Business College with her certificate in accounting and became a bookkeeper. Early in her career she worked with Mr. Joseph Richard at his local Income Tax Agency for many years, and then at the Bank of Commerce in Rayne, LA. As a bookkeeper she unintentionally found a real joy working with school children and young adults. She worked at Armstrong Elementary and then Rayne High School for over two decades for the Acadia Parish School Board.

Barbara married Willard Wayne Wyatt, and was a devoted mother and an incredible mentor to her four children Yvette, Jeffrey, Lydia, and Michael. She remarried Fred O. Atkins, and together they opened two local businesses: The LaMagazine, an antique shop that they opened and ran for over a decade, and then in 2003 they built the Frog City Truck Wash, which is still open today.

She enjoyed her four-decade long friendship with Mrs. Merilla McFalls, whom she worked beside at Rayne High School, and remained very close through the years.

Once her children were grown, educated, and out on their own, nothing gave her more joy than to cook for them and have hours to spend with them enjoying their meals together. In her early years she had learned how to master the art of sewing and she enjoyed making clothes for her family. She especially enjoyed making costumes for her children, both for

dance recitals and for local parades in which they participated. Her talent for crafts drove her to start making elaborate and beautiful Christmas ornaments and decorations that were unique for each of her children for many years.

Barbara has been an avid animal lover her entire life, caring for her precious kitties, as well as helping the many strays she and Fred have fostered through the years at their local business. She loved getting together with her sisters and cousins regularly to enjoy each other's conversations and advice, and to share great food and memories with a little wine.

She passed peacefully on Friday November 16, 2018 while bravely battling her illness surrounded by her beloved family, and is now at peace in the loving hands of God.

Mrs. Atkins is survived by her husband Fred Atkins of Rayne; her four children, Yvette Salvateria and her husband, Erwin of Lafayette, LA, her son, Jeffrey Wyatt and his wife, Rhonda Jacobs-Wyatt of Las Vegas, NV, her daughter Dr. Lydia Wyatt and her husband, Dr. Luke Cesaretti of Las Vegas, NV, and her son Michael Scott Wyatt and his wife, Emily Jeanmard-Wyatt of Lafayette, LA; her sister Marlene Devellier of Ville Platte, LA; her grandchildren, Danielle Breakfield-LeBlanc and her husband, William LeBlanc of Lafayette, LA, and Nicholas Wyatt of Lafayette, LA; her great grandchild, Bailey Renee' Breakfield, daughter of Danielle; her nephews, William "Dow" Logan of Lake Charles, LA, Russell John Devellier of Lafayette, LA, Kelly Logan of Dallas, TX, Byron Devellier of Baton Rouge LA, and Jules Devellier of Houston, TX; and her many beloved cousins; as well as the entire Wyatt family whom she remained fond of through out her life.

Preceding Mrs. Atkins in death were her parents, Gus Frey and Clarice Cormier Frey; and sister, Marie Logan.

Barbara Ann will be dearly missed by all.

A Rosary will be prayed Wednesday at 7:00 pm in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne LA.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne LA on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm, on Thursday, November 22, 2018 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm and on Friday, November 23, 2018 from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at [www.gossenfuneralhome.net](http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.  
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## Rosary

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## Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

NOV **23**. 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am broken hearted over Mrs. Atkins passing away. I loved her and enjoyed her sense of humor, her kindness and her cooking. She was the best cook I've ever known. I'm truly heartbroken I have been too ill to spend time with her and had to miss her services. I can't believe she is gone. Jill

Jill Starrett - November 23, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ I had the great pleasure of knowing of Mrs. Barbara and her children especially Jeffery who i graduate with. But i knew Lydia and Yvette just as much. Mrs. Barbara was such a classy lady. From the Petitjean family my Mrs. Barbara finally rest in peace Thanks for being so loving and caring to us all.

Joe Petitjean - November 22, 2018 at 07:01 PM



BF

“ Brenda B. Francis(RHS) lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Frey Atkins

Brenda B. Francis(RHS) - November 22, 2018 at 05:35 PM



PM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing ms Barbara and all of her children esp Lydia I graduate high school with her and Evette I thought of her as a big sister. Ms Barbara you will be missed and may you Rest In Peace thanks for being so loving and caring to us all

pam miller - November 21, 2018 at 11:04 AM



RF

“ To Yvette and her family thinking about you . I see this beautiful picture of your mom i see yvette like back in the day you look just like your mom. May you carry on her memories , her hopes , and her dreams. Stay strong and keep the light burning in your family.

rodney j figaro - November 21, 2018 at 01:40 AM

JD

“ *Such a happy person, I always saw a smile or her laughing about something. Just a sweetheart. Many many memories of Ms. Barbara, she will be missed but never forgotten. I see a lot of her in Yvette, she should be happy to carry on her moms personality*💖💖💖

Jenny Boulet Duhon - November 20, 2018 at 09:58 PM

RS

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Ms Barbara's passing. I will always remember her joyful smile and laughter. May God surround you all in His Comfort and Peace during this sorrowful time and May Ms Barbara rest in eternal Peace.*




Roxanne & Daniel Stage - November 20, 2018 at 04:53 PM

MS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. May she Rest In Peace.*




Marianne & Scott - November 20, 2018 at 09:01 AM

 Katherine Arceneaux

“ *I want to wish the Wyatt and Atkins family my condolences in the death of a friend of mine. Ms Barbara was a fine lady and always brought joy to me when she would come to visit me. May she Rest In Peace now.*

Katherine Arceneaux - November 19, 2018 at 08:32 PM

 Katherine Arceneaux

“ *Katherine Arceneaux lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Frey Atkins*



Katherine Arceneaux - November 19, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ *Susan Stelly lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ann Frey Atkins*



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**Susan Stelly** - November 19, 2018 at 05:22 PM