



Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen

December 26, 1938 - June 26, 2024

Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at a Mass of Christian Burial at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Mire, LA for Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen, 85, who died Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at Calcutta House in Lafayette, LA.

Interment will be in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery Mausoleum in Mire, LA.

Msgr. Russell J. Harrington, retired Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services with Fr. Edward Duhon and Fr. Aaron Melancon as Concelebrants. Lectors will be her granddaughters, Lauren B. Dore' and Jamie G. McLaughlin and Offertory Gift Bearers will be Claire Hammonds, Elliot Dore', Camille Dore' and Avery Gary.

Dorothy was born on December 26, 1938 to Rene' and Clara Winnie Lyons Prejean in Bosco, LA. She attended L. Leo Judice Elementary School and graduated from Scott High School Class of 1956. She served as Class Treasurer for 68 years. She always looked forward to planning and attending her class reunions. Dorothy was a graduate of the T.H. Harris Technical

College in Opelousas, LA. After graduating she returned to work with Dr. Denbo H. Montgomery, Sr., Dr. T.A. Graves, Dr. Paul Zehnder, Dr. Alldredge and Dr. Denbo H. Montgomery, Jr., all who specialize in ENT/Otolaryngologist. She was a nurse and allergy nurse for 41 years.

Dorothy was also a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of America Court #2214. She served as Secretary and Regent for 14 years. She was honored with the City of Scott Mayor's Award in October 2018. LA Maison de Begnaud Tourist Center in Scott will present the 1st Annual Memorial "Dorothy S. DeRouen Spirit of Community Award" in her honor. She was a volunteer at LA Maison de Begnaud House in Scott and was greatly interested in her culture and very proud of her Cajun French Language. She volunteered her time for 10 years teaching the Cajun French Language to people interested in keeping their language and heritage alive. She loved to speak French and recite the rosary in French.

She served as a member of the Senior Church Choir in Mire from 1978 until 2022 and was a Prayer Warrior for people who needed special intentions.

She was a charter member of Krewe of Atlantis Mardi Gras in Scott, LA and served as Secretary, President, Vice President and Board Member. She was also a member of the Jumelage Committee and served as President, Vice President and on several committees. She was also a Mire Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary member.

Dorothy loved nature, flowers, baking, and visiting with family and friends. A huge beach lover and avid fan of picking seashells with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was blessed to have traveled to Rome, Italy, France, Canada and Yugoslavia "Medjugorge".

She is survived by her treasured family of four children, Brian A. Stelly and

spouse Janice, Dianne S. Besse and spouse Peter, Alane S. Gary and spouse Blake, and Perry L. Stelly, her six grandchildren, Derek J. Stelly and spouse Lindsey, Claire C. Hammonds, Lauren B. Dore' and spouse Aaron, Jonathan Besse and fiancé' Dani Boudreaux, Jamie G. McLaughlin and spouse Paul, Blaine Gary and spouse Allison. She is also survived by her beloved 15 great grandchildren, Olivia and Noah Stelly, Elliot, Camille, Charlotte, Caroline, Catherine and Cassidy Dore', Mia Besse, Avery, Fisher, Bryce, Taylor, Jake Gary and Finn McLaughlin, son-in-law Roland Credeur and spouse Susan and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by four stepchildren, Eureka D. Cahanin and spouse, Keith, Bertha "Vickie" D. Besse and spouse Pierre, Howard J. DeRouen, III and spouse Tina, Dee DeRouen and spouse Amy, 18 step grandchildren, 33 step great grandchildren and 5 step great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Joseph DeRouen, Jr., her parents, Rene' and Clara Winnie Lyons Prejean, daughter, Clare "Lynn" Stelly Credeur, grandson-in-law Jeffrey Hammonds, three brothers, James Prejean and spouse Eura, John Ray Prejean and spouse Elvina, David N. Prejean and spouse Verda, sister, Marie Elena Prejean Saucier and spouse J.L., and the father of her 5 children, Marion J. Stelly.

Pallbearers will be her three grandsons, Blaine Gary, Derek Stelly, Jonathan Besse, her two stepsons and her nephew, Howard J. DeRouen, III, Dee DeRouen and Johnny Prejean. Honorary pallbearers will be her nephews, Tommy Prejean, Jeffrey Prejean, Rene' Prejean, Carl Prejean, Charlie Prejean, Donavon Broussard, David Broussard, Lane Broussard and James Broussard.

A Rosary will be prayed at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 28, 2024 in Gossen Funeral Home and immediately following the rosary, the Louisiana Nurse

Honor Guard of Acadiana will pay tribute to her with a Nightingale Ceremony. This service is meant to honor and release her from her nursing vows.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home on Friday, June 28, 2024 from 3:30 pm to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, June 29, 2024 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Acadiana 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, LA 70503.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

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

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cemetery

6110 Mire Highway
Church Point (Mire), LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

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Visitation

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Mass

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen



Gossen Funeral Home Inc. - June 28, 2024 at 02:18 PM

LZ

“ I watched the beautiful video of my lovely friend, Dot. It was absolutely the best I have ever seen; it captured her grace, elegance, glamour, love, kindness and most important - her entire family and deep love of them all. I was blessed to know her, to go to my one and only Courier de Mardi Gras, to watch the parade in Lafayette in the rain and cold, to enjoy meeting her children, her husband Howard, to sing with her (and Aunt Thelma) in the choir in Mire's Catholic Church, to enjoy her hospitality in her darling home in Scott, to celebrate Howard's 90th birthday, and so much more. She always thought of others first; she gave and gave and I know Heaven is SO happy to have her; she was, is, and always will be the bell of the (Mardi Gras) ball! Thank you Dot for all you did for humanity. I enjoyed my coffee today in my The Coffee Depot mug, and toasted you!



Lynda Zeringue - June 29, 2024 at 01:11 PM

GR

I met Ms Dot through the Catholic Daughters. She was always a beautiful lady with “ pep in her step!” Her love of people and the way she inspired them to love the Lord, was always evident. I didn't know she had passed away until this morning when I saw Ms Cecile D. on FB. She said she'd taken Ms Dot's place as teaching French. I was so sad to hear of her passing. I know she is with Jesus now in her heavenly home! May she RIP. 🙏❤️

GeorgAnna Robichaux - April 05, 2025 at 09:07 AM

AT

*“ I too first met Miss Dot and her husband Mr Howard , at the French speaking table at the Begnaud house . What a sweet and witty couple . She would always tell the joke about Howard be thy name . She also took my granddaughter feed the ducks after a French class one day , that my granddaughter will always remember . Such a classy and beautiful lady ,
Thoughts and prayers to all Miss Dot and Mr Howard's family .*



Amanda Bergeron Tate - June 28, 2024 at 05:49 PM

MF

“ Met Dot at the French table in Scott. She was certainly a very special lady, always smiling, kind and loving. We had so many great times together. My condolences to her family and close friends. May She Rest In Peace 🙏🙏🙏

Maxine Fleming - June 28, 2024 at 02:21 PM

SR

“ *Susan Rabalais lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen*



Susan Rabalais - June 28, 2024 at 09:47 AM

SR

Dot, I met you through Catholic Daughters several years ago. I would see you often at mass at St's Peter and Paul and also St. Jules. You were always a light and so full of energy, spreading love and spirituality everywhere. You were and are inspiration and an angel to me. RIP!

Susan Rabalais - June 28, 2024 at 09:50 AM

RG

“ *Rhonda Guidry lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen*



Rhonda Guidry - June 28, 2024 at 08:50 AM

NL

“ *Rest in peace in the light of our Heavenly Father. Pray for us and watch over us just as you did in life sweet lady. Your beautiful presence and smile will be missed* ❤️

Nancy Lyon - June 28, 2024 at 06:55 AM

Jl

“ Ms Dorothy was my Mom's best friend when we lived in Scott in my early years. I remember going to her house, it seemed so far away. We thought she was such a funny lady. RIP dear Dorothy, I'm sure you're already with God in Heaven.

James Higginbotham III - June 28, 2024 at 12:29 AM

DC

“ Rest In Peace Mimi. We will always remember your sweet smile and how you love to bring us cookies with all your Love you gave us. We will miss you Clyde and Darlene Chiasson

Darlene Chiasson - June 27, 2024 at 11:17 PM

EP

“ To Dot's Family,

Dot & I worked together at Lafayette Otolaryngology. A wonderful woman of faith, she had the ability to connect with all those she met. Her smile could light up a room.

May God welcome her home to the beautiful place He has prepared for her. Dot was a faithful servant who knew how to love others.

I will be praying for the repose of Dot's soul & for the family. She would want all of her family & friends to carry on the love for God & each other until we all meet again in our heavenly home.

*Sincerely
Liz Webb Pavy*

Elizabeth W. Pavy - June 27, 2024 at 10:42 PM

MG

“ Michelle Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen



Michelle Gilbert - June 27, 2024 at 08:53 PM

WG

“ So sorry for y'all's loss she was like a second mother to me growing up. Just remembering all the good times, we had together growing up. The lord got a special angel today she is looking over us and keeping us safe. She will be missed dearly. Rest in peace Miss Dot love and miss you



Wade Gilbert - June 27, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ May her soul rest in peace.



Theresa Simoneaux - June 27, 2024 at 07:52 PM

KB

“ We are deeply saddened to lose such a wonderful woman. She was a role model to us all. We are sending prayers to the family. I owe her a great depth of gratitude for her part in raising Lane. Thank you, Aunt Dorothy for all the love you had for him and all the Broussards. She will be missed. RIP Aunt Dorothy. Kris and Lane

Kristine Broussard - June 27, 2024 at 06:49 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hornsby lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen



Sandra Hornsby - June 27, 2024 at 06:48 PM

DB

“ Sending love and prayers to all family and especially for the soul of a truly lovely person. I attended LPN school with Dot. So we have known each other since 1972 and through Catholic Daughters as well. Rip dear lady. Deepest sympathy
Deborah Boudreaux

Deborah Boudreaux - June 27, 2024 at 06:25 PM

PB

“ Dianne and family, what a glorious life your mother lived. Sending hugs and prayers to all of you for God to provide you with peace and comfort during this difficult time and in your days ahead.



Patsy Broussard - June 27, 2024 at 05:47 PM

LG

“ Oh Ms. Dot: How I will miss you!! Heaven is much brighter now with you there. Thank you for always supporting me in all my endeavors and rooting me on. When you came out to hear my first spiritual talk it meant the world to me. Rest in peace my dear friend. I love you and will miss you. Leah



Leah Guidry - June 27, 2024 at 04:52 PM

BL

“ Ms Dot was a very special person in my life. Her genuine love of people and her family was special. She gave me allergy injections every Sunday for five years at her house. I'll never forget Ms Dot. Love you, please rest in peace, you deserve the rest. Say hello to Jesus for me. ❤️❤️❤️

brent leger - June 27, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Ron Myers lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Prejean Stelly DeRouen



Ron Myers - June 27, 2024 at 04:46 PM



Prayers for her family and friends. 🙏

Ron Myers - June 27, 2024 at 04:47 PM

EB

“ I so enjoyed doing the French Rosary with her. Fly high my Sweet Friend.

Eldine Benoit - June 27, 2024 at 04:30 PM

DS

My sympathy to Dot Family 🙏🙏🙏 she will be missed

Dorothea Sonnier - June 27, 2024 at 08:58 PM

AH

Dorothy was one of the most wonderful women I have had the pleasure of knowing. She had a wonderful heart. The world is a better place for her being in it.

Amelia B. Higginbotham - June 28, 2024 at 04:19 PM