



Evelyn Sonnier Petitjean

September 4, 1933 - December 13, 2020

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Rayne - A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. for Evelyn S. Petitjean, 87, who died Sunday, December 13, 2020 in Ochsner Acadia General, Crowley, LA.

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

Surviving are her daughter, Andree Petitjean Wingate and husband Marvin of Rayne, two sons, Assessor James J. Petitjean and wife Lyn of Rayne, Joseph S. Petitjean of Rayne, six grandchildren, Alexis Wingate, Alanna Wingate, Elise Petitjean, Mariette P. Mahaffey and husband John Michael , Pete Petitjean and fiancée' Amanda Kittel, Ann P. LaCroix and husband Paul, six great grandchildren, Audrey Mahaffey, Katherine Hensgens, Nicholas Mahaffey, Caroline Hensgens, Evelyn Mahaffey, Alexandra Hensgens, Norah Mahaffey, and brother Donald E. Sonnier, Sr. and wife Twyla.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas D. "Tommy" Petitjean, Sr., son, Dr. Thomas D. Petitjean, Jr., parents, Joseph A. Sonnier, Sr. and Eleanor Edwards Sonnier, and brother Joseph A. Sonnier, Jr.

She was born September 4, 1933 in Rayne, LA, to Joseph A. Sonnier, Sr., and Eleanor E. Sonnier. Evelyn was a graduate of Rayne High School and was selected as the 1950 Homecoming Queen. Her children cherished growing up admiring her crown made of paper. Mrs. Petitjean attended SLI, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Evelyn was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She blessed us all with a happy spirit and loving heart. Her youthful enthusiasm was cherished by her grandchildren. Evelyn created a home for family and friends - a place of comfort for everyone to enjoy.

Evelyn was a lifelong parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Pallbearers will be her son, Assessor James J. Petitjean, grandson Pete Petitjean, son in law Marvin Wingate, nephews Dave Cook, Robert Cook and Dave Petitjean, III. Honorary pallbearers are her youngest son, Joseph S. Petitjean and brother Donald Sonnier, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Evelyn's name to St. Michael Catholic School, 805 East Northern Avenue, Crowley, LA 70526 or the charity of your choice.

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)

Previous Events

Mass

DEC 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
401 S. Adams Ave.
Rayne, LA 70578

Cemetery

DEC 16 (CT)

St. Joseph Cemetery #2 Mausoleum.
400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Tribute Wall

BF

“ *"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."*
~Thomas Campbell



Brenda B. Francis - December 18, 2020 at 10:43 PM

BS

“ *Please accept my prayers and belated sympathy to you Andree, Jim, and Joseph on the death of your mother, Evelyn. I saw the obituary too late to attend the funeral. Evelyn was a very special person, and I enjoyed knowing her after I married Bill. May you all find peace in happy memories, knowing that you were blessed by her love and caring.*

Bettie Sonnier

Bettie Sonnier - December 18, 2020 at 10:40 AM

TB

“ *Jim,
Jeri And I Send Our Condolences To You And
Your Family* 🏛️🙏🏛️

Tony And Jeri Bourque

Tony Bourque - December 17, 2020 at 03:19 AM

TS

“ Andree, Jim, and Joe,

Your mother was a lovely woman. One of my earliest memories of her is from back when she was the executive secretary at Lafayette Steal Erectors. Many times when I was there with Dad, she would set me up right next to her desk and give me "work" to do. I thought sure I was typing up some letters for Mr. J.B. I'd make a bee line to her office as soon as we'd drive up. It made me feel special, even though I'm positive those papers went to file 13 as soon as we drove off. I'm sure that there were many similar acts of kindness throughout the full life she was blessed with. Ms.Evelyn's time here is complete but, the spirit that she has instilled in each of you will continue to live on through many generations. I pray that the pain of her loss eases quickly and you are all left with wonderful memories.

Randy & Tricia Savoy

Tricia Savoy - December 16, 2020 at 10:42 PM

HL

“ We are sorry to hear about Ms. Evelyn's passing and send our prayers and love to the Petitjean family. She was a special lady with a great personality.

Harold & Lyle Leleux - December 16, 2020 at 05:50 PM

BC

“ So very sorry for your loss💕. Prayers for the family🙏 Belinda Castille



Belinda Castille - December 16, 2020 at 05:12 PM

AL

“ So very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Sending prayers and our deepest sympathies. Anne and Leo Leonards

Anne Leonards - December 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers from Freida and I.
Don & Freida Alleman

Don Alleman - December 16, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BB

“ Bettie Bean/LMA lit a candle in memory of
Evelyn Sonnier Petitjean



Bettie Bean/LMA - December 16, 2020 at 12:09 PM

RG

“ Rhonda Guidry lit a candle in memory of
Evelyn Sonnier Petitjean



Rhonda Guidry - December 16, 2020 at 09:28 AM

JC

“ *Jimbo&family,*

Got word this a.m. of your mother's entry into God's presence. I understand the sense of loss, for mothers are so special, but am thankful that the family has the comfort of knowing that she has now settled into the blessed place of joy in the Lord. You are in our prayers as you journey through the grief of loss.

Jerry Cronin

Jerry Cronin - December 16, 2020 at 09:13 AM

DC

“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers for all the family! She was a very special lady! God bless 🕊*



Daphne Comeaux - December 16, 2020 at 08:25 AM

LL

“ *LL*

*LauraLee Sonnier Leflett
a minute ago*

I sure am going to miss Aunt E! I loved her so much. She was always the life of the party when we were all together. Always laughing and smiling. I will cherish all those memories. We have been watching videos and she is ALWAYS cutting up and laughing. That's how I will remember her. Hugs and prayers to all my sweet cousins!

LauraLee Sonnier Leflett - December 15, 2020 at 11:13 PM

GR

“ My deepest condolences to you Andree and your family and to you Jimbo and your family and to you Joe. This was a very special lady. A lady who always showed she cared. She never met a stranger. One of the sweetest, kindest ladies I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. You all will be in my prayers as you go through this hard time.

Georgette Richard - December 15, 2020 at 10:24 PM

LL

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LauraLee Sonnier Leflett - December 15, 2020 at 11:11 PM

RM

“ Ron Myers lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Sonnier Petitjean



Ron Myers - December 15, 2020 at 08:35 PM

JL

My deepest sympathy to the family of Evelyn Sonnier Petitjean. We frequently talked of our younger days and of our children. Jumbo I know how proud she was of your accomplishments and family

Jeanette G Leger - December 15, 2020 at 10:49 PM

MC

“ *To Jim & family*

Our heartfelt condolences goes out to you and your family on the loss of your beautiful and caring mom and may her beautiful soul rest in paradise

Maebelle & Tracy Carter - December 15, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CM

My heartfelt condolence and prayers to you Jimbo and the rest of your family in the loss of your dear mother my her soul rest in peace.

Curtrese Minix - December 15, 2020 at 07:52 PM

SF

*I am sorry for your family's loss
From Dr. Elmo Petitjean family
Susan Petitjean Flores*

susan flores - December 15, 2020 at 09:04 PM

RF

To Jim and and the entire family we send love to each and everyone of you. May her memories, her hopes and dreams be carry throughout by you guys. In knowing all of her children in which they are all loving , and of a Kind heart therefore i felt like i met her. Rest in Peace . From Rodney, Diane and Sarah Figaro

rodney j. figaro - December 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM

BC

may she rest in peace with god speed

baverly/sybil comeaux - December 16, 2020 at 10:17 PM