



# Helena "Mousey" Bernard Bertrand

May 26, 1939 - July 6, 2014

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was born May 26, 1939, in Rayne, LA, to Ovide A. and Marie Louise LaCroix Bernard. She died peacefully on July 6, 2014.

Services will be held Wednesday, July 9 at 10:00 AM.

Visitation will be Tuesday 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and Wednesday 8:00 am until 10:00 am. The rosary will be recited at 6:30 pm Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertrand attended elementary schools in Rayne and was in the Rayne High Class of 57. She also attended SLI.

She taught elementary schools at St. Joseph, Rayne; St. Christopher, Metairie; and Kehoe, Metairie. She was also a long-time secretary at St. Charles Borromeo Elementary, Destrehan.

Mrs. Bertrand was a long-time member of the ABWA. Mousey enjoyed being a long-time counselor and supervisor at Camp Maryhill, a Catholic girls' and boys' summer camp.

She was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Frank; a sister, Marjorie; two nephews, Frank and Dennis; and one great-niece, Lauren. She is survived by one sister,

Florence; one nephew, Ray Carr; two nieces, Annette Carr and Linda Crum; great nephews and nieces, Robert McClellan, Todd, Max, and Annie Crum, Joey, Jordan, and Ashlyn, and Carrie Bernard; three great-great-nephews and a niece.

The family would like to thank  
the nurses and doctors of  
Lafayette General ICU and Long-Term Care for their excellent care  
and compassion.

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

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.

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Mousey will be so missed. She was a wonderful friend to me and I enjoyed all our times visiting on the phone. The last time we spoke was her birthday this last May 2014.*

*I met Mousey when I returned to New Orleans to care for my mother Marcella "Cella" Bridges in 2001.*

*I enjoyed my times with Mousey in Metairie and visiting her in Rayne. We just chatted, or went for lunch and treats like French Market donuts, or a roast beef po-boy, or fresh oysters and also a little bit of casino fun too. Mousey always called eating out: "committing gluttony" \_ She would say "Hey how about going out and committing gluttony?" She had some very funny phrases and a good sense of humor.*

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**debbie olson deem** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

AF

“ *What can I say about Mousey? She was an awesome person. She was a close friend of my mom, Joyce Fauchaux. There was a group of ladies that when they got together, it was so funny. They were always there for each other. Mousey was everybody's best friend. Deepest sympathy to her family.*

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**Annie Fauchaux Harmon** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

JO

“ *I just learned today that Ms Helana passed away. I knew her from Rayne high school. She was very well liked. I admired her. My condolences to the family*

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**Johnnie Olinger** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

AN

“ *To the family of Miss Mousey  
I am sorry to hear about Miss Mousey she was a sweet person. We knew her when she was at St. Charles. She was our friend. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Frances, C.P. and Angie Gendron*

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**Angie Gendron** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

JU

“ I was so sad to hear of Mousey's passing. Mousey's was a close friend of my Mom, Nancy Krause, and sister, Marla Krause. They were neighbors in Metarie. She came to my house for my sister's partners funeral, and my Mom's funeral. She brought to much joy and laughter to my Mom. I know my Mom now has a friend in Heaven making her laugh! RIP Mousey!

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**Judy Stelly** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

CA

“ "Mousey", through her goodness, genuiness, and kindness, left her footprint on all whom she touched. She will be missed, but we know we have a special angel in heaven. She has left her mark on all of those who have been fortunate enough to call her friend.

Carol "Cotton" Ducote  
Mary Vedros

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**Carol Ducote** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

DF

“ My condolences to the entire family of the loss of such a dear person. Mousey, as i have only known her, always had a smile on her face. In the years that I was first a camper and then later a counselor at Camp Maryhill, she remained one of my favorites. Always willing to go the extra mile and with a terrific sense of humor. You the family and she will be in my prayers.

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**Darlene Domingue Futch** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

VE

“ My condolences to the family on the loss of such a special person. You will all be in my prayers at this sad time.

Mousey and I met at SLI when I was a Freshman and she lived across the hall from me. The friendship that began then continued through the years. Her sense of humor was endearing. She wrote me and sent a clipping around June 8 and calling her was on my mind every day.

My husband is not well and getting there for the funeral is therefore a problem but my heart and prayers will be with you.  
May she rest in peace!

Vera Briggs Smart

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**Vera Smart** - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM