



Irene Bernadine Zaunbrecher Fields

August 22, 1940 - December 18, 2024

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Moss Bluff / Rayne, LA - It is with great sorrow that the family announce the peaceful passing of Irene Fields (84) on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family. A gathering of family and friends will be at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA on Friday, December 20, 2024 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm with a rosary and celebration of her life at 11:30 am. Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, LA.

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

Very Rev. Brent L. Smith, VF, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

Irene was born on August 22, 1940 in Rayne, La to Lawrence Henry Zaunbrecher and Marie Gertrude Bollich Zaunbrecher. She resided in Rayne all her life until moving to Moss Bluff, LA in 1976. She attended and graduated from St Joseph Catholic School, where she played basketball, was a high school cheerleader and selected Homecoming Queen in 1957. Not long after graduation, she got engaged and soon married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life Larry Fields on April 22, 1961. They soon started their

family-- having 4 children. During those years of raising her children, she was able to be a stay-at-home mom, but she also found time to work at home as a Court Reporter Typist. In the early '70s, she wanted to be more involved in her church... St Joseph Catholic Church and that's when she became the very first woman lector that church ever had. She soon realized that being a lector brought so much joy into her life... she believed that she found her purpose and continued doing this for many years. In 1976, Irene and Larry were transferred and moved their family to Moss Bluff. For the next few years, she was again a stay-at-home mom. While her kids were getting older, the opportunity came and she was hired to work at Sam Houston High School as a secretary, continuing to work there for 10 years. She also became very involved in her new church – St Theodore Catholic Church, where she worked as a receptionist/secretary. She soon found her way to becoming a lector once again. She just felt that this was her gift and considered it a privilege because she was serving God in a very special way. She was also a member of the Alter Society and served on the bereavement committee. Then in 1984, Irene and Larry were transferred once again this time to Enid, Oklahoma, but after just one short year, they were able to come back to the place they called home... Moss Bluff. Getting right back to being involved in her church, Irene and Larry together were responsible for starting, planning, and orchestrating the Divine Mercy Ministry at St Theodore in 1997 and continued heading this wonderful ministry for 19 years. This was something she always revered and thought of as “this most important Feast”.

Irene was an incredible wife, a devoted mother, a loving grandmother, a special great-grandmother, dear sister and friend. She was gentle, kind, and loving, and genuinely loved people. She was the hero in our family, she is what always brought us all together and taught us the importance of family. She loved to cook, so much so that her daughter took her best recipes and created a cookbook so all her family would have access to those recipes for years to come. She stayed busy with church activities and her prayer group,

playing pokeno with some of her dearest friends, and spending time with her sisters when she could. She never met a stranger and was never afraid to strike up a conversation with anyone. But nothing was more important to her than her husband ...the love of her life. She admired him, cared for him, loved him, spoiled him. They shared a love and commitment that is second to none.

Irene leaves behind her soul mate and husband of 63 years Larry J Fields (and whom she would happily remind everyone that she loved him since the first grade); her four children Kathleen White and husband Terry of Ragley, John Fields and wife Sharon of Moss Bluff, Janet Yuhasz and husband Ed of Moss Bluff and Jeff Fields and wife Allison of Crowley. Her eight grandchildren: Casey White and wife Alysa of Ragley, Aaron Fields and wife Rachel of Colleyville, Tx, Allison Hamilton and husband Brennen of Cypress, Tx, Evan Yuhasz and Luke Yuhasz of Moss Bluff, Ellie Fields, Emilie Fields, and Ivie Fields of Crowley. Her six great grandchildren: Rayne & Maggie White, Grey & Marlowe Fields, and Fields & Harris Hamilton. One Sister: Lois Zaunbrecher Harpole and husband John of Baton Rouge. Two sisters-in-law Margaret Pharr Zaunbrecher of Rayne and Marceline Comeaux Zaunbrecher of Rayne. And many special nieces and nephews and a host of many wonderful friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence Henry Zaunbrecher and Marie Gertrude Bollich Zaunbrecher, two brothers, Glenn William Zaunbrecher Sr. and Alfred Lawrence Zaunbrecher Sr, three sisters, Norma Zaunbrecher Prevost and husband Harold, Estelle Zaunbrecher Wyatt and husband Coy and Janelle Zaunbrecher Bourque.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Fields, Casey White, Terry White, Aaron Fields, Evan Yuhasz, Luke Yuhasz, Ed Yuhasz.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank Heart of Hospice and Nurse Anne Marie Barry for her exceptional and wonderful medical care that she gave to our sweet mom. We would also like to extend a special heartfelt thanks to Home Instead and Charmaine Stevens for her compassionate and impeccable care she unselfishly gave, to Angelica Andrus (from Home Instead) for her faithfulness and devoted care to our mom, and to Laura Stanfield for her unwavering dedication and commitment in caring for our mom all of which allowed Irene to stay in her home during the entirety of her illness. The family would also like to thank mom's sister, Lois, for her love and caring support during her final weeks.

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.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.
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Rosary

DEC **20**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Mass

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Cemetery

DEC **20** (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Irene Bernadine Zaunbrecher Fields*



Gossen Funeral Home Inc. - December 19, 2024 at 04:14 PM

KH

Kat, John, Janet & Jeff, I'm so sorry for ya'lls loss. Your mom was such a nice lady. Praying for ya'll. 🙏

Karen Henry-Veillon - December 19, 2024 at 09:52 PM

BG

“ *Beth Goins lit a candle in memory of Irene Bernadine Zaunbrecher Fields*



Beth Goins - December 20, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MP

“ *Michael Perrodin lit a candle in memory of Irene Bernadine Zaunbrecher Fields*



Michael Perrodin - December 20, 2024 at 11:12 AM

LK

“ So very sorry for your loss 🙏🙏❤️

Lee Roberts Klehm - December 20, 2024 at 01:08 AM

SL

“ What a warm and loving person! I'll remember her smiling presence, her always willing desire to serve. She and Larry, so often together, would attend St. Theodore church so faithfully. Their faith supported mine. I will miss her and pray for Larry and her family.
Love and with our sympathy,
Srs. Catherine and Claire

Sr. Catherine Leroux - December 19, 2024 at 05:41 PM

JL

“ I remember the night at our Catholic Daughters of the America Meeting when Fr z Labbe came to share the news that women were now allowed to be on the Altar during the celebration of the Holy Mass. Fr thought it should be Catholic Daughters to lead the way. Irene and I both volunteered and thus began a love that continued for 50 plus years. My sympathy to Larry and her children on their loss.

jeanette Guidry Leger - December 19, 2024 at 05:39 PM

MD

“ Dear Jeff, Allie, Lois and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was Janelle's classmate and also knew Lois. Then had the pleasure to meet Jeff. The Zaunbreacher's are a lovely family.. God bless all of you at this difficult time.

Maxine McGraw & Bill delaHoussaye - December 19, 2024 at 01:42 PM

RM

“ *Ronnie Myers lit a candle in memory of Irene Bernadine Zaunbrecher Fields*



Ronnie Myers - December 19, 2024 at 01:21 PM

ES

“ *Rest in peace with Jesus, beautiful cousin.*

elaine z schiller - December 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM

MC

“ *Such a beautiful and loving lady. Mrs. Irene was always with a smile and a warm hello.*

Mrs. Irene leaves a beautiful legacy of family to watch over while she arrives in her heavenly home. What a precious gem. I will treasure Mrs. Irene's friendship forever. All my love to you Janet, Jeff, John, Kat and Mr. Larry. Eternal rest grant unto to her of Lord, let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Michelle St. Cyr - December 19, 2024 at 10:59 AM

BC

My heart hurts today! We lost a dear friend that was in our Conoco family since 1976. She was there for my family when I was sick and needed a friend. She was a great neighbor and one of the neighborhood moms. I cherish the memories of our Saturday night parties with friends and our kids growing up together. She and Larry were such dear and sincere friends. She was a beautiful wife and mother to her children and ours. She will be missed but leaves a beautiful legacy. Go fly with the angels sweet Irene. Prayers and love to Larry, John, Kat, Janet, and Jeff and families.

Bonnie Coleman - December 19, 2024 at 11:34 AM

MB

I opened up Facebook and this hit me like a ton of bricks. I can't stop crying. Mrs Irene was such a wonderful sweet mom. And yes we got spanked if we misbehaved at her house. We grew up with the kids. Daddy got transferred to moss bluff at the same time. We were neighbors and friends and family all growing up together. Mrs Irene will truly be missed by many people. Prayers and love to Kat John Janet and Jeff. My heart is truly broken. 🥹

Michelle Barousse - December 19, 2024 at 12:53 PM

DD

*I had the pleasure of working with Irene at Sam Houston
What a sweet soul she
Was
My prayers are with her beautiful family
She will truly be missed by many*

Debby Davenport - December 19, 2024 at 01:17 PM

RM

I will miss my sweet friend! She always was smiling and took the time to talk to me. She loved her family so much! I'm so sorry for your loss!


Ruth McDaniel - December 19, 2024 at 09:50 PM

RM

Such a sweet neighbor. My son said she was always so sweet to him when he sold her his figs. She is walking on streets of gold. Until we meet again Irene. Praying for her dear family especially Larry.

Randy and Judy McCullough - December 20, 2024 at 11:41 AM

BD

I am deeply saddened to hear Irene's passing. May she rest in peace!

*She was always such a peaceful person with such a lovely smile.
My deepest consolation to Larry and family.*

Barbara Cramer DuBose - December 20, 2024 at 03:39 PM