



## Josette Hoffpauir Baker

January 27, 1955 - September 29, 2024

Rayne, LA - Josette Marie Hoffpauir Baker was born in Lafayette, Louisiana to Harold and Pat Hoffpauir of Rayne on January 27, 1955. Josette passed away on Sunday September 29, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones and precious dogs, after a myriad of illnesses

For 42 years, Josette was the loving wife of Jerry W. Baker, her true love and soul mate. Throughout her illnesses, Jerry held steadfastly by her side, and she never wanted for anything.

Josette was preceded in death by her parents, one sibling Michael C. Hoffpauir, one Godson, Benjamin Todd Vienne, and one son and only child, Christopher Harold Baker.

Josette received a Bachelor of Arts from (then USL, with a major in history, education and a double minor in political science and music. Her postgraduate degree was a Master of Science In Rehabilitation Counseling. Her career was spent working for the Office of Mental Health and Volunteers of America, Greater Baton Rouge as a Regional Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. Her time was spent between Lake Charles, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge Offices. She had a fervent passion that called for tolerance and compassion for those who were different because of disabilities, impairment, homelessness, or incommmodity.

She was an enthusiastic fancier of French Bulldogs at a time when they were not exactly high on the "favorite dog list". Like anything she did, she studied the breed, and her due diligence of what was considered proper genetic improvement of her beloved dogs. Many of her breeding resulted in champions.

Honorary pallbearers will include Angela Monceaux Costilla, Andrea McCarty McFaul, Mona Breaux Vienne, Sara "Pug" Breaux Arceneaux, Rachelle Roy Arceneaux, Gwen Hasling, Lida McMillan, Bonnie Johnson, and Lee Ann Stagg.

Visitation will be held Saturday October 12, 2024, at Gossen Funeral Home From 9:00 am until 12:30 pm with a Rosary recited at 11:00 am.

Services will be held Saturday October 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. 6080 Mire Hwy. Church Point La 70525

Donations to any of these charities in her name would be most appreciated: American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, St Jude's Children's Research Hospital for Cancer, American Society to prevent Cruelty to Animals.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 12. 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.  
504 N. Polk Street  
Rayne, LA 70578  
(337) 334-3141  
info@gossenfuneralhome.net  
<http://gossenfh.funeralplan2.com/>

## Rosary

OCT 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Mass

OCT 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church  
6110 Mire Highway  
Church Point (Mire), LA

# Tribute Wall

PO

“ *Mrs Josette was a wonderful boss, friend. She touched everyone's lives. I was just looking at a letter she wrote on my behalf and I can really say thank you. I didn't know Mrs Josette had passed . But I am so fortunate to have known her. Condolences to your family and friends.*

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**Pamela OLIVIER** - July 28, 2025 at 01:40 PM

LS

“ Ah, my friend.... Not often does someone come into your life and become your friend three different times. Josette and I grew up next door neighbors on John Drive in Rayne. My first memories of her were the two of us going into the storage room in their garage where we would write on our "books", each of us with our tablets, scribbling away with our own thoughts, but enjoying doing it together. In school we had little contact because she was two years ahead of me and that was a big difference at that age, but then in high school we were both in the band. Josette was band president and played a mean Saxophone--I can picture her carrying her sax on the strap around her neck. There is no telling how many miles we marched during those days.

Then we lost track and I was surprised to hear from her out of the blue one day. My first thought was that something must have happened to her mom, Ms. Pat, and that she was calling with sad news. But she was calling to ask my help in finding her first show dog.

This past spring she gave me a gift that means the world to me--it's a silver necklace with a dog paw charm. She told me that she bought it the day that her beloved Cozzie finished his championship. I wear it proudly and it will always be a special link to my three-time friend.

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**Lee Ann Stagg** - October 09, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RM

“ Ronnie Myers lit a candle in memory of Josette Hoffpaur Baker



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**Ronnie Myers** - October 08, 2024 at 10:58 PM

MA

“ *Marroll Alleman lit a candle in memory of Josette Hoffpaur Baker*



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**Marroll Alleman** - October 08, 2024 at 08:22 PM

GP

“ *Condolence and prayers to the family of Josette. I've had the pleasure of working with Josette for many years, she will be deeply missed God has picked a beautiful flower for hto add to his garden.*



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**Greta Patterson** - October 08, 2024 at 07:25 PM

PC

“ *It's been a long time since I had contact with her but she was a very sweet classmate. Condolences to her family. Priscilla Champagne Cooley*

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**Peiscilla Champagne Cooley** - October 08, 2024 at 04:20 PM

PC

*Typo...Priscilla*

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**Peiscilla Champagne Cooley** - October 08, 2024 at 04:23 PM

DC

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of Josette, May she rest peacefully in Heaven* 🕊️



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**Daphne Comeaux** - October 08, 2024 at 03:21 PM