



## Katherine "Kay" J.B. Bercier Carriere

April 9, 2020

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Rayne, LA - Private Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in Rayne, LA for Katherine "Kay" J.B. Bercier Carriere, 73, who died Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette, LA. A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date.

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

Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne, LA will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

Katherine was born on Nov 9, 1946 to Edwin and Clarisse Bercier and was raised in Rayne, Louisiana. She graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School in 1964. Katherine and her husband Jimmy met when she was 13 and he was 14. They became high school sweethearts. Katherine and Jimmy got married on October 1, 1966. The couple lived briefly in Rayne then later with their two boys Chad and Scott moved to Lafayette, Louisiana. After having her two sons Katherine did not know if she could get pregnant again but by a miracle from god she became pregnant with her daughter Kim. She felt like her family was complete.

Katherine started working when her daughter Kim started school. She started working and subbing at all the Mother's Day Out Programs in Lafayette. She worked at Our Lady of Fatima, St. Pius, Asbury, St. Mary, and Grace. She started working full time at Grace Mother's Day Out Preschool in 1988 and became director and preschool teacher in 2000. Katherine really loved and enjoyed working with little ones. Everyone called her Mrs. Kay. She always had a container full of candy ready to hand out to the children, parents and teachers. She treated all the teachers, parents and children past and present with kindness, love, respect, wisdom and compassion. Mrs. Kay retired in 2016.

Katherine had also worked as a dental assistant with Dr. Edwin L. Bercier III who is a dentist in Rayne and her brother. She loved working with all of her family and staff. She volunteered for all the KLFY Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethons answering the phones and collecting donations for people with muscular dystrophy. She also volunteered for many years around Christmas time at Noel Acadien Au Village. She was in charge of the front gates selling tickets. She loved greeting people from all over who came to see the lights.

Katherine loved spending time with her family. She was very strong in her Catholic faith and prayed the rosary each day. She loved spoiling her grandchildren. She always had candy in her crisper drawer in the fridge, pudding cups, oreo cookies and other special treats. She loved to cook on Sundays and have the family over. On special occasions she would cook her spaghetti and meatballs and on Christmas Day her seafood gumbo. She was always there for her children and grandchildren volunteering at school as room mother, PTA, Cub Scout leader, watching and cheering on her grandchildren in all their sports and activities. We were all blessed to have such a loving, funny, kind, smart, strong, selfless sister, wife, mom, aunt, cousin, friend and grandmother. The best way to honor and remember our mom and mee mee is to toast her with a Sunkist, eat a zebra or a birthday

little Debbie cake and work on a word search circle book. We love you mom and mee mee!

Katherine is survived by two sons, Chad Carriere and his wife Rochelle, Scott Carriere, and daughter Kimberly Carriere Menard and her husband Neil, all from Lafayette.

She is also survived by her two brothers, Dr. Edwin L. Bercier III and his wife Pat from Roberts Cove and Michael Bercier from Rayne, brother-in-law Kearney Carrier from Scott, Sister-in-law and brother-in-law Shirley and Dudley Simon from Rayne and brother – in –law Darrell Carriere and friend Carl from Lake Charles.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Claire Carriere and her boyfriend Dylan Herbert, Robert Welch, Leah Allen and her fiancé Andrew Bellard and Lauren Allen. A special acknowledgement to Andrew and James Treadway whom Mrs. Kay loved and treated as her own grandchildren. Her great grandchildren, Lilah Bellard and Abraham Bellard. A special acknowledgement to the Reaux children Kaitlyn Reaux Johnston, Parker, and Grace who Mrs. Kay took care of for Jerry and Renee when they were younger. Katherine was also survived by a loving host of nieces, nephews and cousins. A very special friend of the family Mr. Paul Treadway.

Katherine was preceded in death by her husband James Burton Carriere, her parents, Edwin L. Bercier II and Clarisse Dumesnil Bercier, her granddaughter Chelsea Marie Carriere, Great Grandson Odin Ray Istre, her mother and father in-laws- Cleve and Cedia Young Carriere, sister-in-law Vickey Carriere, and niece Suzanne Bercier.

The Family wants to say a special thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes nurses,

Cnas doctors, and staff, Lady of the Oaks nursing home nurses, Cnas, doctors and staff and to all of our family, friends and neighbors for showing all your love, support, and prayers for our mom and mee mee. A very special thank you to mom's roommate Mrs. Shirley at the nursing home for being kind and caring and good friend towards our mom and mee mee.

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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# Previous Events

## Cemetery

APR 15 (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ My daughter, Grace, and I loved Ms. Kay. She always had the biggest smile on her face and treated us like family. When I was laid off from my job and was afraid I couldn't afford to send Grace to MDO any longer, I approached Ms. Kay to explain our situation and to ask if Grace could come back and "graduate" with her class if I had to keep her at home for the three months left in the school year. Ms. Kay told me that I wasn't taking that baby anywhere, that she was one of the special ones who had been there since the youngest class, and that she was going to finish her year with her class. She said a special emergency fund would cover tuition. I was so touched and surprised that I cried on the spot. What a sweet, special, caring lady.

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**Lana Henry** - April 16, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DS

“ I worked with Ms. Kay at Grace for a year and LOVED HER! She knew I made rosaries and asked me to make an all silver rosary for her! When I saw her a few months back she said she still had it and used it every day! RIP Ms. Kay! I know you'll be missed by MANY!  
Dena Simard

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**Dena Simard** - April 16, 2020 at 02:39 PM

KJ

“ Sending love to you all during this difficult time. I adored Mrs. Kay. Being in her presence was like receiving a warm hug. I will never forget the nights she babysat me as a child: the bubble baths, the snuggles while watching movies, the night time prayers before bed. I loved her festive t-shirts and her crunchy hair that she would always let me touch. My siblings and I adored her. Her eyes were warm and sweet, and I will forever cherish the moments she comforted me as a child. May she rest in peace in our Lord's arms surrounded by her loved ones that were called home before her. She will be greatly missed, and I feel I truly blessed to know her and be loved by her. Hugs to each of you!

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**Kaitlyn Reaux Johnson** - April 15, 2020 at 08:57 PM

ET

“ Our family sends so much love during this time. Andrew and James love Mrs. Kay and appreciate every single moment that she cared for them. They will never forget the endless Easter baskets, Christmas toys, visiting Mrs. Kay at the Festival of Lights, loving all her stuffed animals that decorated her Christmas Tree. Both boys still say, fix my grits like Mrs. Kay does! So much love and joy. Thank you and it brings me peace that you are with your true loves in heaven.

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**Elena Treadway** - April 15, 2020 at 11:07 AM

CS

“ To the entire Carriere family,

Our deepest sympathy. We were very blessed to have shared a small part of Ms. Kay's life. She was always such a positive and happy lady. May God bless each of you during this time.



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**Chris and Rose Stoute** - April 15, 2020 at 10:42 AM

JT

“ Mrs. Kay is such a beautiful person. She loved both of my babies (now big!) and I am forever grateful for her kindness, patience, and love that she gave ALL children. The earth lost an amazing individual but Heaven certainly gained a Saint!!!! We always looked forward to seeing her every year at Acadian Village for Christmas, and she always remembered our kid's names and so many details about them, as I am sure she did for all the children she loved. We will miss her so much :( Love, The Thompson's - Jenny, Cole, Regan, and Grant

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**Jenny Thompson** - April 15, 2020 at 09:33 AM

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“ I feel so blessed that both of my kids got to have Mrs. Kay as their teacher at Grace. She was a very special lady, so full of love and kindness. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Love, The Guillots

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**amber** - April 14, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MB

“ She was a wonderful lady. Always a delight to work with and had such a pleasant demeanor. She will be missed.

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**Mary H Baudoin** - April 14, 2020 at 06:37 PM

AN

“ Mrs Kay taught all of my kids at Grave MDO. We will remember her with fondness and love. Many prayers for your family. I know she will be dearly missed by so many.

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**Angela** - April 14, 2020 at 05:09 PM

DS

“ When I was principal at Montgomery, both Kay and Jim were the most loving, supportive parents. They both worked and volunteered for our school community whenever anything needed to be done. They rolled up their sleeves and made positive things happen. They were model parents who loved their family and community. Kay had a way of putting her fingerprints on the hearts of most people she met!

Dana H. Schmersahl - April 14, 2020 at 03:40 PM

HM

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Kay growing up in her younger years, and she was always so sweet and pleasant to be around. May she rest in the Lord's peace. Our prayers are with the family!

Helen & Carol Menard - April 14, 2020 at 01:36 PM

RM

“ Ron Myers lit a candle in memory of Katherine "Kay" J.B. Bercier Carriere



Ron Myers - April 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM