



# Louis Dendinger

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## **Louis Dendinger**

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**L**ouis Robert Dendinger, current resident of Hammond, passed away in the early morning hours of November 30, 2009 in his home at the age of 62. Louis was a lifelong resident of the New Orleans area. He was born in New Orleans on May 2, 1947 and grew up in the 9th Ward until marrying and raising his family in the Covington area. He is survived by his wife, Kay Fallon, two children, Jerry Dendinger and Jennifer Patterson, and eight grandchildren. The grandchildren are Joshua, Christopher, Alex, Jonathan, Rebecca, Emily, Adam and Evan. Jerry and Mallory Dendinger currently reside in Lebanon, Ohio while Jennifer and Trey Patterson reside in Cumming, Georgia. Louis is also survived by his wife's family – daughter Caitlin, son Cassady and his wife Heather and their son Sebastian. He also leaves behind innumerable friends and family.

Louis is the son of the late Louis and Octavia Dendinger also of New Orleans. Louis is a graduate of Nicholls High School and the University of New Orleans. He served as an accountant and CPA for forty years serving clients all over the Northshore. His life was full and active. Louis was athletic all his life from baseball as a youth and then a competitive weight lifter (Olympic Lifts) through the 70's. In the 80's Louis became an avid runner competing in races all over the New Orleans area until the mid 90's when he had to limit his activity due to a knee replacement. Louis and friends annually ran in the Azalea Trail, Crescent City Classic and Turkey Day Run. The last 10 years of his life, consisted of frequent travel to visit grandchildren. He also traveled internationally on mission trips with son Jerry to Spain and Kenya. Louis and Kay started a new life within the world of Jazz music and dancing. Louis became an outstanding dancer that was admired by all who saw him.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, December 4th at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home on 21st Ave. in Covington. The viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the



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service at 12:00 noon. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the New Orleans Musician Clinic at 1-877-907-6999. Sign Guest Book online at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 21 at 11:40 AM



**Kay Fallon** posted:

I wish to personally thank everyone who logged on to offer prayers and words of comfort to myself, and to the entire family. Your love and friendship are a source of strength in our grief. Many blessings to you all.

December 7 at 9:40 AM



**Robie Pettey** posted:

Few people lived life so well. Lou's humor and love of life were infectious, it was impossible to be with him and not have a good time. Lou taught many of us to lighten up, but he also taught us about common decency and love of family. It was an honor to have known Lou and I will miss him greatly. My comfort is that he did live life fully and that he found so much happiness when he met Kay.

December 4 at 6:05 PM



**The Bogran Family** posted:

Louis we will all miss you so much. You are one of the best friends this family has ever had. We love you. Kay our hearts and thoughts are with you. Love always, Frank, Birdie Ann, Leslie, Steve and Jeffrey Bogran.

December 4 at 3:56 AM



**Emilie Scianna** posted:

I can expressed how much I am blessed to have met Mr. Lou. I would always love to see him at the gym and everytime I would talk with him he always had some kind of joke or wisecrack to tell me. I am deeply sorry for your loss Mrs. Kay. I only hope I can find a husband as wonderful as Mr. Lou!

December 3 at 5:15 PM



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GS

**Greg And Joan Shelton** posted:

With our deepest sympathy. We only seen him once a year but he will be greatly missed by us as well as so many others. We cannot be there but you are in our thoughts. Greg and Joan

December 3 at 4:57 PM

GC

**Guy And Cassandra Courrage** posted:

Kay, although I knew Louis for a relatively short time, he always made me feel like we had been life-long friends. I will truly miss his wit, wisdom, and sense of humor, and I feel lucky to have had the privilege of counting him among my circle of friends these past few years. None of our group trips will be the same without him and he will always hold a special place in my memories. But now it is Heaven's turn to enjoy his company. Please accept our deepest sympathy and our prayers that time will somehow begin to heal the pain and sense of loss.

December 3 at 4:03 PM

SJ

**Shannon, Greg, Elise & Julia** posted:

Our Uncle Louie will always be remembered as a fun-loving, easy-going, kid at heart. He had many roles to play in our lives: uncle, friend, father figure, grandfather figure. When we think of him we think of the joy he took in life especially his love for his family, music and dancing I am so grateful that my Aunt Kay married him and that he became part of our lives. He always told me to make sure my family came first and to do things together. He will be missed everyday but I believe in my heart that he is having a ball and second lining in heaven.

December 3 at 1:11 PM

JF

**J. Fisher** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family. From the family of the late Robert Frederick Fisher, Jr's family. (Octavia's brother) If any one would like a copy of the Fisher Family Tree, please e mail me at jzamboni@cox and I would be happy to send it to you. Will keep you in our prayers.

December 3 at 12:26 PM

CS

**Craig Sinden** posted:

louis dendinger was not only our tax accountant for many years but a good friend as well. we will miss him. craig @ jane sinden.

December 3 at 11:10 AM



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SM

**Sally Masakowski** posted:

Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends.

December 3 at 7:33 AM

LV

**Laura Vagianos** posted:

Kay, Jerry, and Jennifer, having known Louis most of my life, I feel confident in saying that the world lost a little light and got a lot quieter on November 30! Louis lived his life to the fullest and loved you guys so much. I am grateful for his impact on my family and will laugh about him, share his antics for generations, and remember him always.

December 3 at 5:06 AM

EW

**Eunice Williams** posted:

I have known Kay Fallon, my cousin, for many years. But I never knew her to be so happy and so grounded as she was with Louis. He inspired all who knew him with his loyalty, goodness, and bravery. From the stages in New Orleans where he danced, may he dance through eternity. EW

December 3 at 3:18 AM

JM

**Joyce Mcwilliams** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family..joyce and john mcwilliams

December 2 at 5:56 PM

TA

**Todd Anderson** posted:

Jerry & Jennifer, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. I knew him through church and of course through the two of you. I will be praying for you and your family. Sincerely, Todd Anderson

December 2 at 5:39 PM



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BF

**Barry And Lyn Fitterer** posted:

We send our condolences to all who have known and loved Louis. We will miss him and we will look back on wonderful memories of dancing and crawfish boils with his ever present smile. Rest in peace, Louis.

December 2 at 4:54 PM

JH

**Jan & Jerry Hubbell** posted:

Kay,we are so sorry to hear about Louis.If you need anything please call me. wk.8934660 6304014 You can stay here use my home for anything.You are in my prayers.Love Jan & Jerry

December 2 at 4:06 PM

CC

**Caitlin Cooper** posted:

Louis was a wonderful man and I was priviledged to know him as friend and stepfather for so many years. From the first time I met him, he welcomed me into his life with open arms and never treated me as anything less than daughter. He was the father of my heart. I can't imagine Jazz Fest without buying Louis a Crouchon de Lait po-boy for his birthday. The dance floor in the Economy Hall will never be the same. In fact, the very streets of New Orleans will be less bright without him dancing on them.

December 2 at 4:00 PM

BA

**Beth Alston** posted:

I first met Louis after Katrina when I was desperately trying to find commercial property north of I-12 in West St. Tammany. A lot of other people were doing the same, and prices were high. I was told that Louis had a property in Covington that he had planned to renovate as a residential rental, but could not do so because of zoning restrictions. I approached Louis and like the prince he was, he sold the building to me for exactly the money he had in it, not a penny of profit. He was generous, delightful, fun-loving and interesting, and I am fortunate to have known him.

December 2 at 1:14 PM

WM

**William P. Millisor** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the entire family. Bill Millisor

December 2 at 1:05 PM



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AD

**Andrea Duplessis** posted:

Lou and Kay - traditionally the first dancers out on the floor and among the original participants of Nickel-A-Dance concert series for fifteen years. Lou will be dancing among us in spirit wherever friends gather to enjoy and dance to live music. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kay and everyone sharing her loss. Andrea duPlessis

December 2 at 12:38 PM

GD

**Gayle Dallas** posted:

You and all of his families are, and will continue to be, in my thoughts and prayers.

December 2 at 12:14 PM

MH

**Mary Kay Charles Hart** posted:

Kay, My heart is broken for you and your family. I did not know your husband, Louis, but from what his friends say and the pictures you have posted I believe he was a wonderful man. You and your family are in my prayers.

December 2 at 9:17 AM

GN

**Greg & Mimi Nothacker** posted:

Rare was the occasion that we went to a New Leviathan Oriental Foxtrot Orchestra concert, or slip into the tent at Jazz Fest, and not see Lou, and moreover, not see Lou dancing. That's how we'll always think of him, dancing.

December 2 at 9:03 AM

JB

**Jamie Barry** posted:

I am currently out of country in Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, and unfortunately unable to attend funeral services on Friday. Louis will certainly be missed by me and many others who accompanied him on baseball trips, road races, live music outings, or to catch a parade in the French Quarter. Louis was a fantastic friend and wonderful family man. He would always make you laugh and embodied a spirit and character (unique to New Orleans) that every younger generation should emulate. Now, Louis is dancing on a more glorious stage. See you in due time once again, meu amigo!

December 2 at 8:59 AM



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SH

**Susan And Bobby Humphries** posted:

Our sincere condolences to you and your families. We are indeed sorry for your loss.

December 2 at 7:24 AM

TJ

**Thomas W. Jacobsen** posted:

Our thoughts and most sincere condolences are with the family of Louis. May he rest in peace. Tom and Sharyn Jacobsen

December 2 at 7:19 AM

AL

**Alana** posted:

We did some crazy dancin' in the streets, Louis, with you being so "unseriously serious"!! We were friends and neighbors with you and Richard staying out past the time Kay and I could stay awake. Save a dance for me when we meet again, Louis. Love, Alana

December 2 at 6:04 AM

JC

**James H. Craig, Jr** posted:

Sorry to hear of Louis' passing. I knew him from weightlifting. He was a good competitor and a fun and gregarious fellow. Condolences to his family.

December 2 at 5:33 AM

GA

**Gordon & Eloise Anderson** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are so sorry we didn't get to know our good neighbor better. Kay, we are here for you.

December 2 at 5:19 AM

DY

**David Yeates** posted:

Kerry and I will always cherish our memories of Louis and Kay brightening the day for all at Economy Hall at the Fest and at Nickel a Dance gatherings. Louis was a friend to all and we will all miss his gentle smile and manner. He was a gentleman!

December 2 at 4:49 AM



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TF

**The Marone Family** posted:

Dear Aunt Kay and family, We are very sorry to hear of your loss. May you find peace in sharing happy memories of your dear uncle. We will be reading to learn more about him. Our prayers, hearts and minds are with you. God bless. Love, Debbie, Bernie, Abby & Jocey (formerly of Houston, TX)

December 1 at 6:00 PM

JV

**John Vagianos** posted:

Kay, Jerry and Jennifer, Thank you for keeping me close to Louis those last days. It meant the world to me. I loved Louis like a brother. He was my friend, confidant, mentor and my partner in FUN. I will miss him terribly. The Azalea Trail and baseball trips will not be the same. Please accept Barbie and my deepest sympathy. I know he is cracking them up in heaven, playing 7-card with the saints and dancing with the stars...Oh and yes getting the little cherubs all work up.

December 1 at 5:45 PM

BS

**Bruce & Carrie Simmons** posted:

Kay, Although you & I were not acquainted, I had the pleasure of knowing Louis through John Vagianos. I also had the pleasure of joining Louis & the others in one of the Azalea Trails & Crescent City Classics mentioned in the obituary. Louis will forever be in my memories. I hope you & the family can find strength in your faith, family, & friends. With deepest sympathy, Bruce & Carrie Simmons

December 1 at 5:31 PM

LC

**Leslie Callaway** posted:

Dearest Kay, Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts. Louis always had a smile and kind words to share; I wish I could have known him better. May your strength and spirit (that I have always admired), help you endure this difficult journey.

December 1 at 5:13 PM

SG

**Susan Mock Gallup** posted:

My love and sympathy to all: Kay, Jerry, Jennifer, Cassady, Caitlin and all the rest of the family. My heart is with you.

December 1 at 2:07 PM



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LJ

**Leonard Earl Johnson** posted:

Please remove my e-mail address from my post. I asked it not be posted with the address. Please remove it. Thank you, LEJ

December 1 at 10:48 AM

ME

**Melanie Ehrlich** posted:

Shannon told us often about her WONDERFUL Aunt Kay and Uncle Louis. Finally, last Mardi Gras, my husband and I had the honor of marching in their delightful Mardi Gras parade in the French Quarter. This was the pinnacle of Mardi Gras experiences. I knew that Louis was ill but he exuded such warmth walking in the parade, dancing with his lovely wife, and talking one-on-one to me, previously a stranger. I knew that Shannon did not exaggerate about his lovely personality and character. My sincere condolences to his whole family. As we say in my religion (Judaism), may his memory be for a blessing. I am sure it will. Sincerely, Melanie Ehrlich New Orleans

December 1 at 9:26 AM

JN

**Jean Nunez** posted:

Dear Caitlin and Kay, Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. I feel for you Caitlin. We heard so many nice things about Louis from Caitlin at Nunez, that we feel we knew you and Louis. Again, please accept our sympathy.

December 1 at 8:37 AM

LP

**Liz Piner** posted:

Jerry, Jennifer, & Kay - I am going to miss Louis terribly. He was my mentor and one of the smartest men I have ever known. He could laugh & have a good time - even during the tax season crunch time! However, it is his friendship that I will miss the most. Thank you for sharing him with me for all of these years

December 1 at 8:31 AM

HW

**Heather And David Welch** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Heather and David

December 1 at 6:33 AM



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BC

**Bernie Cyrus** posted:

I wish every audience of every musician would have a couple like Louis and Kay as members. It's the essence of their reward. My prayers to Louis' Family.

December 1 at 6:28 AM

FF

**Farrah Fouquet** posted:

Heartfelt condolences to the family during this most difficult time. Praying for you all, Farrah Fouquet

December 1 at 5:41 AM

LJ

**Leonard Earl Johnson** posted:

It was a wonderful turn around the dance floor. We part, but the dance never ends. Yours truly in a swamp, Leonard Earl Johnson [www.LEJ.org](http://www.LEJ.org)

December 1 at 5:31 AM

KF

**Kim Perrin Fisher** posted:

Jerry and Jennifer. I know that you and your families are going through a rough time now. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a GREAT man. No matter what; he could always make you laugh even if you were in a bad mood. I can remember staying with ya'll and there was never a dull moment. Take care and cherish the memories that you will always have of him. Love and miss you guys.

December 1 at 5:30 AM

SA

**Shelly Gallichio & Ken Arnold** posted:

Dearest Kay, We are so sorry to hear about Lou and have thought of you both very fondly since our visit this past April. We will have a special celebration for Lou in our home this weekend: we'll put on some of our favorite music and dance a second line with smiles on our faces knowing that we will all be together again "dancing in the sky."

December 1 at 3:54 AM



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KA

**Karen Perrin Anderson** posted:

Jerry and Jennifer, I am so sorry for you loss. Your Dad always had a kind word to say and he ALWAYS made me laugh. He will be missed by all who knew him. You and your families are in my prayers.

November 30 at 6:06 PM

EW

**Edith Williams** posted:

So sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man and I know you will miss him, dearly. Sincerely, Edith Williams (Mrs.Duane)

November 30 at 5:41 PM

NN

**Nick Ney** posted:

Dear Kay, I have followed Louis' struggling health with almost daily reports from Reece the past few weeks. I send you my deepest heart-felt prayers. I didn't get to know Louis well, but that didn't stop me from experiencing his genuine friendliness, gut-busting humor and exquisite ease leading you around the Jazzfest Economy Hall dance floor. You and Louis rang true. In loving spirit, Nick

November 30 at 5:36 PM

RB

**Reece Burka** posted:

A great friend, a great husband, a great father, a great dancer, a great comedian, a great man... Louis there will never be another you... We will miss you always and always keep you in our heart.

November 30 at 4:40 PM

DK

**Don Keller** posted:

One day I was acting silly, as Lou and I are want to do. Lou says "Don, if you ever grow up . . . I'll be sad" That was Lou. When Lou was in the hospital a few weeks ago, unable to say much at all, I kissed him and said "Keep Dancing" All those in the room heard Lou say "Amen" . Amen Brother Lou, Amem from Brother Don

November 30 at 4:35 PM



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LS

**Lou And Bruce Stewart** posted:

Louis, Thank you for all the laughs, dances, Nawlins attitude and mostly for your sense of humor. We will think of you when dancing in the streets. With Love, Lou and Bruce

November 30 at 4:21 PM

JP

**Jennifer D. Patterson** posted:

Thanks to everyone who has reached out to myself, my brother and Kay. We will miss Dad terribly. I have been honored to meet so many of Dad's friends and to know that he touched so many people in such a profound way. I always knew he was a great Dad and I am learning more each day what a great friend he was to so many of you. Please know that I grieve for my loss as his daughter, and for your loss as his friend.

November 30 at 2:37 PM

JB

**Julia Woodward Burka** posted:

Kay, my heart is broken for you and Lou's family. I was privileged to meet Lou and to visit the "alternative universe" of Larvel with him from time to time. He contributed something to every person he met. How I will miss him. Devotedly, Muffin

November 30 at 10:50 AM

KH

**Kaysey Hasslock** posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. Just driving through town today, Covington seemed emptier without Louis nearby. His warmth and kindness will be long missed by all of us lucky enough to have enjoyed his readily shared friendship.

November 30 at 10:29 AM



## Media

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May 21 at 11:40 AM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The title 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



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