



# Wayne Thomas Fontenelle

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**W**ayne Thomas Fontenelle passed away suddenly on Wednesday, August 20, 2008.

Age 53, he was born in New Orleans to Roy B. and Ruth Dorsa Fontenelle and was most recently living in Covington. The beloved husband of Kate Gundersen, he is survived by two daughters, Chloe K. and Clare R. Fontenelle; two sisters, Gail A. Glesener and Rene' F. Brockhoeft; four brothers: Gary B., Steven J., Charles E., and John B. Fontenelle; mother and father-in-law, John and Dagnar Gundersen; his brother-in-law, Sten Gundersen and 11 nieces and nephews.

He received his undergraduate and law degrees from LSU. He was an attorney for the Office of Community Service and also worked as an Orleans Parish Indigent Defender. He will be sadly missed and his loss will truly be heartfelt by his family and friends. Private memorial services will be held by the family. E.J. Fielding Funeral Home of Covington has been entrusted with arrangements.

A Memorial Fund has been established for Wayne's daughters Chloe and Claire.

Those who wish to make a contribution may do so in the name of Wayne T.

Fontenelle, Donation Account at any Capitol One Bank branch or by mailing your donation to: Capitol One, NA 218 East Boston St., Covington, LA 70433



## Tribute Wall

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CL

**Clare** posted:

It's been a long time, I miss you dad.

September 30 at 2:02 PM

BS

**Bob Scully** posted:

I'm so sorry for you and your familys' loss. You know, I can't picture Wayne without that big grin. Really. Every time I'd run across him his face would break into that Wayne smile that was so infectious. Wayne and I weren't that close. I mean, we were friendly but not close friends. And as family you should know how the rest of the world saw him. He was a well liked man that made the people around him feel happy just to run into him. The world is a little colder today. We're all so sorry.

September 6 at 7:00 PM

DC

**Dan & Monique Casey** posted:

Kate, we are so sorry to learn of Wayne's passing. Our prayers are with you, the girls and the family. Sincerely, Monique from Section "B"

August 26 at 7:00 PM

GM

**Gary Meyers** posted:

To all the Fontenelle family, my deepest condolences. Wayne and I played rugby together at LSU. I'll never forget his humor, laugh, smile and his compassionate nature.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

IL

**Ida Mae And Frank Lombardo** posted:

Ruth, We want to express our sympathy to you and your family. The Seeses sent me a note about Wayne. I did not know him from school, but our prayers will be for him and all of you. We are now living near Cindy in Oregon but news about old friends always touches us. Take care and God Bless. Frank and Ida Mae

August 26 at 7:00 PM



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CM

**Clarence & Vilma Machado** posted:

Dear Fontenelle Family, Clarence & I are truly and sincerely saddened by Wayne's passing. Knowing Ruth as well as I do, she will be her strong, courageous and very trusting in God person and will be a comfort and source of strength to all her family that she do dearly loves. Our daily prayers are with all of you, especially for Wayne, his lovely wife and two beautiful girls. We have made a donation to Capital One and plan on doing more. With love and sympathy, Clarence and Vilma

August 25 at 7:00 PM

DC

**David Capasso** posted:

Big Wayne- Dave Capasso here- Brother Wayne- you were the man ! You will always be there for me -always brother . what words can I say about the impact you have had on my life and so many lives? you were always enjoying rooting for LSU and celebrating in New Orleans with your brothers -I never had a brother- and Wayne- there is no doubt that you were the closest I have ever had to a big brother. Thank you Wayne. I remember You thanking your stars and - in a rare moment -you yes- you actually thanked God Almighty for how much your loving wife Kate loved you- and that she wanted to marry an "old ugly guy" like you?! Ah she did - and those girls came along Chloe and Clare-and they had your eye!! I think you loved them ten times more than life itself- YES! - and we all say amen-to the life of Wayne Fontenelle -huge HUGE shoes to fill . But if I can be half the lawyer and father of WF- I would have taken Wayne's advise- always be there for your family -amen. Love Tracy David Gabriel Luke Helms- Capasso

August 25 at 7:00 PM

MJ

**Mary Scanlon Jackson** posted:

I knew Wayne from his Rugby days--seems like yesterday and a lifetime ago. Wayne's death will affect everyone who knew him, each in a deeply personal way. The one universal is how he was viewed during his life - the sum of those memory fragments - glimpses of high jinks, spectacular feats of athleticism or buffoonery, a steadying hand adding balance to life's turbulent moments. He was friend in all types of weather and those who counted on his friendship were never disappointed. We were graced.

August 25 at 7:00 PM



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CP

**Carol Pittman** posted:

To Wayne's Family, I worked with Wayne several years ago, in the 80's. He was so much fun, happy, laughing, being silly. What a treasure and pleasure he was to know and be around! I lost contact with him, but thought of him often. I was so happy to learn of his wife and girls. That had to put an even bigger smile on his face and heart. What a loss to all of us at such a tender age. Carol

August 24 at 7:00 PM

GB

**Gigi Bourgeois** posted:

Dear Kate and family, I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. love, gigi

August 24 at 7:00 PM

JU

**John A. Ughetta** posted:

I am very sadden to hear Wayne passed away at such a young age. Wayne and I played rugby together for many years in New Orleans and was a close friend. My condolences to his family.

August 24 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Lance J. Benefield** posted:

So sorry to hear about Wayne's untimely death. Can't believe it. Gary & Gail, we've been out of touch for too many years. Please call or write me. With deepest sympathies. Lance

August 24 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Laury Bourgeois** posted:

Kate, Chloe, Clare, the Fontenelle's and Gundersen's-Our hearts are breaking. We will never forget Wayne or the times we shared with you-treasured even more. I can still see Wayne sitting in the corner chair while I played piano during our spring visit. "Moon River" will never be the same again. All Our Love, Laury, Dali and Sam

August 23 at 7:00 PM



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MM

**Mary Beth And Joe Meyer** posted:

We will always remember Wayne as being kind, easy-going and happy. He'll be missed at Tulane and Broad.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

DM

**Dale Mcelwee** posted:

Kate and Girls, I can't believe that God has taken Wayne from you and all of us who loved him so soon. Please be assured that you will always be in my thoughts and prayers through this time of sorrow. We will all miss him greatly.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jim And Eileen Seese** posted:

Eileen and I were so saddened. We send our love and prayers for the Lord to comfort, sustain and strengthen all the family. Dear Ruth, for the big heart you have always given others may the Lord Himself overtake you with His great love and pour into your heart healing and assurance that Wayne is in the presence of Our Dear Lord and Savior forever. Amen Our deep sympathy, Eileen and Jim

August 23 at 7:00 PM

KC

**Kevin Coakley** posted:

Kate, As always you guys are in my thoughts and prayers, but especially now with the passing of Wayne. He will be sadly missed by so many! If you and the girls need anything, please don't hesitate to let us know. Love Kevin

August 23 at 7:00 PM

MA

**Mike Aucoin** posted:

I was a classmate of Wayne's at Archbishop Rummel High School, and am deeply saddened to learn of his sudden passing. We pray for the Lord to comfort all of you during this difficult days, and beyond. May God bless Wayne and his family.

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GP

**Graham Da Ponte** posted:

Kate-- Wayne was a pleasure to know, as both a neighbor and a colleague. My heart is with you and your girls. Graham da Ponte

August 23 at 7:00 PM

PR

**Patty, Matt, And Melissa Rowe** posted:

My heart filled with sadness when I heard of Wayne's passing. My memories of Wayne are of his fun loving nature. While I lived in New Orleans, Wayne used to visit Nora, Sue, and I to watch Pee Wee Herman and to eat our leftover chips. He was always barefooted :) He had a great, belly laugh that I can still hear today. Though I haven't seen him in a few years, I've thought of him, Kate, and his girls. I will miss him dearly.

August 23 at 7:00 PM

JK

**Jon And Susan Kinney** posted:

Mother and Step-Dad of Ryan Wall. Our prayers are with all of you.

August 22 at 7:00 PM

EK

**Eliot Kamenitz** posted:

Laura and I are very saddened by the news of Wayne's sudden passing. We want you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Eliot and Laura Kamenitz

August 22 at 7:00 PM

NP

**Natalie Pompilio** posted:

Wayne will be very missed. We're thinking of you all. Natalie Pompilio and Jordan Barnett

August 22 at 7:00 PM

FB

**Frank & Leah Buck** posted:

Wayne will live on thru his family, our hearts, minds & prayers. Our deepest sympathies to all of his family. Frank & Leah Buck

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KF

**Kirsten Bay Francissen** posted:

Dear Kate, Chole, Clare: I was heartbroken to learn of your loss. You will remain and my thoughts and prayers. All of my warmest wishes, Kirsten

August 22 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Donald A. Sauviac, Jr.** posted:

Wayne was a wonderful attorney and friend to everyone. I am in utter shock over the news of his passing and will always remember him smiling, laughing and talking with everyone in the OIDP office. I will remember his completely cleared desk which was always available to co-workers and visitors. I will always remember the cases we tried together and the one's we brainstormed. Wayne would often ask me about a cases knowing that we would come up with totally different approaches. In addition to the OIDP client's that Wayne represented he always seemed to be handling private cases for friends or people in need. We should aspire to be more like Wayne! My thoughts and prayers go out to Kate, Chloe, Clare and the rest of the family. Just be assured that Wayne is advocating for some poor or less fortunate person in heaven. Donny Sauviac

August 22 at 7:00 PM

AT

**Anne Turissini** posted:

Dear Kate and all Wayne's family, Wayne's humor, abilities and spirit will be sorely missed by all of us who have been lucky enough to know him. We will one day get over the shock of this, but we will never forget Wayne.

August 22 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wayne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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