



# Catherine "Polly" Forton Klebba

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Catherine "Polly" Forton Klebba, our Angel, went to the arms of her Lord Jesus on Sunday, April 8, 2012. Born in Nampa, Idaho on Dec. 14, 1927.

Daughter of the late Mildred Robinson and Paul Forton. She was the oldest of eight children and went to work to help support the family after her father died of cancer while she was a senior in high school. Preceded in death by her son Matthew Klebba, she is survived by her husband of 61 years, EJ Klebba, her children: Paul (Gale) Klebba, Peter (Geraldyn) Klebba, Theresa (David) Brown, Mary Jo (Philip) Napolitano, Christine Klebba, and Jane (Stephen) Maniscalco, brothers: Lester, Edward, Bernard (Mary), Richard Forton and a sister: Mary Czerwinski. She also leaves 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren as her legacy. They all adored the Grandma who always encouraged them to be the best that they could be.

It was love at first sight for her husband EJ, they married Oct. 21, 1950 raising 7 children in various locations, as they moved 7 times as a result of her husband's years with GE. They settled in Covington, LA in 1968. Polly and the family since then have considered themselves to be true Louisianans. Polly loved and was loved in return for all those terrific years by her husband who always considered himself to be the luckiest man alive to have this wonderful woman as his wife and the mother of their children. Her husband EJ traveled a lot in their early years at work and she was often alone and responsible for the everyday events of those 7 lives in their formative years. Her children remember those years with love and awe of their mom who handled with aplomb the nuances of daily life of 7 children in many locations and many schools, without complaint. Her children adored her and still giggle together in remembering their early years with their mom. Polly never met anyone she didn't like or did not like her. She was an eternal optimist who always saw the world through rose colored lens and was always a joy to be near.

She simply loved her children, her Lord, and did her best to make life better for all..



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She loved tennis and was a member of the Covington Country Club's women's teams for many years. She worked for many charities including The Samaritan Center and Hospice of St. Tammany.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service from E.J. Fielding Funeral Home Inc., 2260 W. 21st. Ave., Covington, LA 70433 on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 11:00 AM.

Visitation on Wednesday from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM and on Thursday from 10:00 AM until service time.

Interment in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Hospice of St. Tammany, 1202 S. Tyler St., Covington, LA 70433.

She will never be forgotten by her husband, family, and friends for who and what she was..... A Mom, wife, and friend whose integrity, optimism, joy and love made the world a better place.



## Events

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### Visitation


 **Thursday**, April 12, 2012

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



### Funeral Services


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 11:00 AM CT

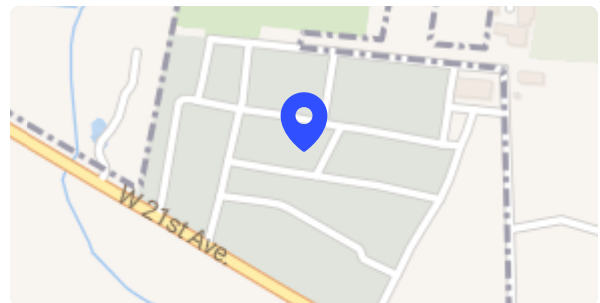
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### Cemetery Details

 **Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory**  
2280 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433

 **(985) 892-5007**





## Tribute Wall

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



May 14 at 12:45 PM



**Larry Lichnovsky** posted:

The Klebba Family, My deepest sympathy to all of you in the lost of your Mother. Polly was a terrific lady. She was the rock. I remember Polly as a very loving and devoted mother and wife...family was always first. I find it interesting that the day our Lord rises up (to heaven) so, too, went your mother. She will be missed, but remembered. Again so sorry for your loss. love ya all...Larry

September 23 at 12:25 PM



**Bette Johnson** posted:

My thoughts and prayers have been with you. Polly was a special person and will be greatly missed. Love and hugs to you all, Bette J

April 16 at 8:29 AM



**George-Ann Stokes-Townsend** posted:

Dear Klebba Family, On behalf of my entire family {George W. Stokes, Sr.}we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. We were so sorry to learn of your wife and mother's passing. May you find peace and comfort in your precious memories of Mrs. Klebba now and forever. Lean hard on your faith, family & friends and know that He is with you through it all. God bless all of you, George-Ann (Stokes)Townsend & Robert Townsend,Buddy & Jeannie Stokes, Theresa & Chris Stokes, and Margaret (Peggy) & Mike Strange family and children

April 16 at 6:11 AM



**Catherine Timothy Noel** posted:

A beautiful lady on and off the court. I played many games with and against Mrs. Klebba and she was always a gracious player. More than that, I spent many good times playing as a kid in the Klebba home, precious memories. A wonderful family and neighbor! I pray for comfort for her family and friends. Much love, Catherine

April 12 at 4:13 AM



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RK

**Roger Keller** posted:

Mr Klebba and family, Mrs Klebba and you are in our prayers. I feel blessed to have know her. Mrs Klebba was always special to me. My memories of spending time with her as a child always makes smile. I will not ever forget her warm smile. We will all miss her. May God bless her as she is in a better place. Roger

April 11 at 3:29 PM

JM

**Jim Macdonald** posted:

May your faith console you at this time.

April 11 at 2:55 PM

PM

**Paul And Becky Manning** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We loved Mrs. Polly as Jane and I became great friends it was so great to see her parents everytime we were over they made you feel like part of the family . I couldn't have met two more loving people than her and mr. EJ. She will be greatly missed! Love to all... Paul and Becky Manning

April 11 at 12:04 PM

DK

**Dan & Wendy Keller** posted:

Mr. EJ and family, We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Polly but we know she is at peace in heaven. Our prayers are with you at this time.

April 11 at 5:14 AM

CT

**C J Tessitore** posted:

Elmer, I will be leaving on a trip tomorrow, but wanted to extend my symphathy to you and your family. Polly was such a tender,kind,gentle and loving person. I know where you are as I lost Jackie to cancer. Trust in the Lord and lean on him for your strength and peace and He will be there. I will keep you in my prayers my friend.

April 10 at 2:15 PM



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NP

**Nita Place** posted:

E.J. I was so sorry to learn of Polly's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Nita Place

April 10 at 11:48 AM

DM

**Debbie Marr** posted:

Chris, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care, D Marr

April 10 at 9:38 AM

LH

**Laura Hunter** posted:

My condolences to the entire Klebba family. Mrs. Klebba was a lovely woman, always a kind word for you when she saw you. May God bless you all at this time of sorrow. Love, Laura Hunter

April 10 at 8:47 AM

DC

**Debi Coffman** posted:

I will always remember Ms. Polly as a gracious lady and a loving and kind friend, an example to follow. With Love and Deepest Sympathy, Debi

April 10 at 8:05 AM

LS

**Lee Stark** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Klebba family. You are in my prayers.

April 10 at 5:09 AM

GE

**Gengy Edwards** posted:

Heartfelt sympathy to E.J. and all of the family! I have so many fond memories of this sweet lady. Fun days on the tennis court. May God hold you close & comfort you!

April 10 at 3:52 AM



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PL

**Patsy Laplante** posted:

Peter, Gerry, Ashley, and Katie, Our love and prayers to you and the Forton/Klebba family. So sorry for your loss. All our love, Bobby and Patsy LaPlante

April 9 at 7:47 PM

CV

**Carol And Bob Votruba** posted:

Uncle EJ, I have fond memories of visiting you and Aunt Polly on Violet street across from Aunt Nell and Uncle Emmett. I also remember visiting you and Aunt Polly in the Spring of 1964 in Kentucky because I wanted to buy my senior prom dress in another state so it would be different. Aunt Polly was always so SPECIAL. Bob and I Truly share in your loss. God Bless.

April 9 at 5:27 PM

CF

**Cyndi Fussell** posted:

Peter, Gerry and Family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you for peace and comfort in this difficult time. Kenny and Cyndi Fussell

April 9 at 4:34 PM

CD

**Cathy Dougherty** posted:

My sympathies and prayers go out to the entire Klebba family. Know that I'm thinking of all of you.

April 9 at 1:35 PM

CH

**Christine House** posted:

My deepest condolences for my dear friend Mary Jo and her family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 9 at 12:26 PM

MP

**Mary Porosky** posted:

E.J: My heart is heavy as you say goodbye to Polly. I have great memories of Polly from visits in my childhood and when mom brought Stephen and I down to see you in Covington. Those memories will warm my heart for years to come.

April 9 at 12:22 PM



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**Richard Forton** posted:

My sister will be missed. She is now with her mother and dad.

April 9 at 12:17 PM



**David Robbin & Family** posted:

There is a place in our hearts that we will forever treasure your Polly's friendship. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. May you find peace at this sad time with your memories. Love, David & Robbin

April 9 at 9:17 AM



**Debbi Smelser** posted:

Praying for peace for the family.

April 8 at 12:48 PM



**Media**

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May 14 at 12:45 PM

TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The text '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.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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