



Grace Dufour Bunce

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Grace (Dufour) Bunce of Mandeville, Louisiana died peacefully at home with her family beside her on February 28, 2015.

Grace was born in Trenton, Illinois on May 31, 1933, one of five children of Joseph P. Dufour of Madawaska, Maine and Beatrice (Heuer) Dufour of Lebanon, Illinois. She attended the Academy of Notre Dame high school in Belleville, Illinois, graduating in 1951. After working as a medical secretary in Carbondale, Ill., she sought adventure and employment in Europe, finding work with Air Force OIS and again as a medical secretary in Wiesbaden, Germany where she met her future husband, Air Force chaplain's assistant David J. Bunce. They were married at St. Clare's Church in Basel, Switzerland on January 16, 1959. Grace and her husband moved to Buffalo, N.Y. and started a family, eventually settling in Louisiana in 1967. In addition to raising her four children, she was an advocate for smoking cessation, teaching classes and helping many to healthier lives. She is also remembered as a masterful Scrabble player, a passion she shared with a select few friends, and for few were her equals at the board. Grace was very involved with her church, Mary Queen of Peace in Mandeville, serving as greeter, usher, and a member of the Newcomer's Ministry. Her love and devotion to her husband and children will be dearly missed, for she possessed a very rare blend of enthusiasm and equanimity that guided her family through life's inevitable tribulations.

Grace is survived by her husband David J. Bunce, her son and daughter-in-law, Christopher Bunce and Dolores Olivarez of Indianapolis, IN; her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Maurice of Mandeville, La; and Bruce Maurice of Destrehan, La; her son Eric Bunce of Mandeville; her daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Clyde Ponthieux of Mandeville; her sister Joan Whealen of San Antonio, TX; her sister-in-law, Jane Bunce of Philadelphia, Pa; and six grandchildren, John and Cassie Maurice of Metairie, La; Brian Maurice of Metairie; Claire Bunce of Indianapolis, IN; Amelia



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Bunce of Indianapolis, Alexander Bunce of Indianapolis, and David Ponthieux of Mandeville.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Beatrice Dufour, her brother, Father Rene Paul Dufour, OMI, and her Sisters, Carol Maloney and Mary Sutton. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Burial Mass at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 07, 2015 at Mary Queen of Peace, 1501 West Causeway Approach Mandeville, LA 70471. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM to service time. Interment in St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery St. Benedict, LA. In Lieu of flowers donation may be made to a charity of your choice in her name. Share a memory on the tribute wall at ejfieldingfh.com.



Events


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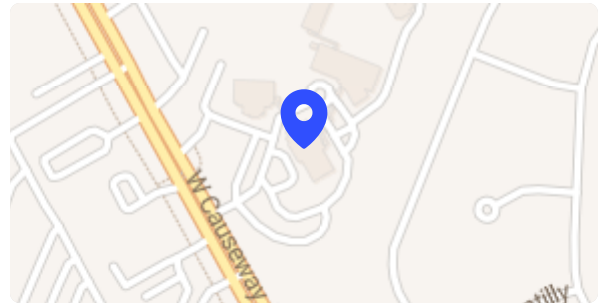
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 7, 2015


 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT


 **Mary, Queen of Peace Church**
1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA
70471

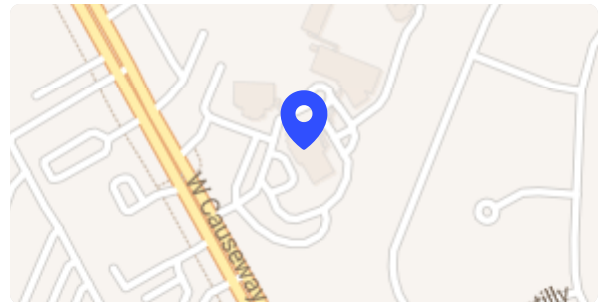


Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, March 7, 2015

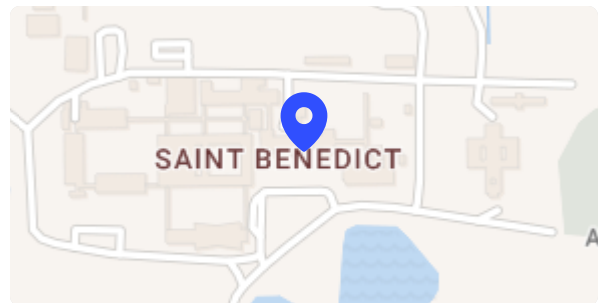
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Cemetery Details

 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA





Tribute Wall

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Kerry Moore posted:

Some say 'grace' means God's favor, redemption, mercy, kindness, forgiveness or Gods Riches At Christ's Expense. Grace Bunce is the person through whom God greatly blessed many lives among whom I am but one. Grace Bunce encouraged her husband Dave to give me employment 46 years ago and change the course and the provisions of life for me and for my family. This was only one of the many times her kindness was extended to me. Truth be known, I actually believe that God's "grace" is the Person who first appeared 2,000 years ago as Jesus and I believe that Grace Bunce manifested the qualities of someone who in large measure received and shared the "graces" of that Life with many during her stay on earth. May the Lord of Light and Love and Life grant His great provisions to David Bunce and all his family. With deep appreciation and gratitude for Grace, Kerry and Carolyn Moore

March 10 at 4:32 AM



Betty And Louis Trachtman posted:

Dear Dave and family, We are so sorry we could not attend Grace's funeral, and, of course, news of her death has caused us great sorrow. We remember so fondly the beautiful, gracious, delightful and happy Grace we knew and the great times we all had together over the years. Words can do little to ease the sorrow you all feel, we know. Please know, though, that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Betty and Louis Trachtman

March 8 at 2:30 PM



Cathy Authement posted:

Eric, Carla and family. I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Take care. Love you guys~ Cathy Authement

March 7 at 4:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Bunce family.



March 7 at 1:37 AM



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Christi Capozziello lit a candle in honor of Grace.



March 6 at 5:53 AM



Audrey Maminta posted:

We are so sorry for your loss and will miss having cocktails with Grace and watching her move around in constant motion when she visited. We love you guys, Nap, Audrey, Wes, Genevieve, Beckett and Juliet. Warm, embracing hugs all around.

March 4 at 2:23 PM



Marsha Doty sent a Garden Accent Stone - "If love could have saved you" to the Bunce family.



March 4 at 8:22 AM



Don And Marsha sent a Cheryl's Elite Gift Tower to the Bunce family.



March 4 at 8:15 AM



James Folse posted:

God takes us to a better place, but he leaves our loved ones with fond memories that keeps us with them in their present lives. Who knows what death is? Maybe nothing more than a beam of light passing slowly over our changing faces. Maybe we had a face before we were born that will live on after all our perishable faces have passed away? We will never forget Grace's face, and ever present light it shown. god bless you Jim and Glenda Folse.

March 4 at 6:42 AM



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SB

Sandy Bonck posted:

Grace was not only a client but I considered a good friend. She will be greatly missed. She put up a courageous fight. My condolences go out to Dave and her children. Rest in peace my friend.

March 4 at 4:41 AM

TH

The Hamptons posted:

Our deepest sympathy to your family. May you find comfort in the resurrection hope mentioned at Isaiah 25:7,8. Remember to stay close to God in prayer and he will sustain you. Psalm 55:22

March 3 at 8:17 AM

SC

Sue Carney March 5 at 4:48 AM

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Dave, and your family. You are such special friends, and Grace and I became very close through the years. Especially, I remember all the Dec. week-ends we shared through our travels. I will certainly miss her, and will cherish all the special memories I have. I send my deepest sympathy and love to you and all the family. Sue Carney

DD

Don Doty posted:

There are some who bring such a light to the world, That even when they are gone, the light remains. The saddest moment is when the person who gave you the best memories, becomes a memory. God bless all the Bunce family. Don and Marsha

March 3 at 5:10 AM

FF

Faust Family posted:

Dear Family, we are sorry to hear of the loss of Miss Grace. May the many memories you share as family and friends bring you peace. May the words of David at Psalm 34:18 bring you comfort. The words of this Psalm reminds us that Almighty God "is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit." Our sympathy to all of you.

March 3 at 4:40 AM



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KA

Karl lit a candle in honor of Grace.

Dave, Our prayers are with you and the whole family. So sorry for you tremendous loss. Karl & Pat Schmidt

March 2 at 3:44 PM



WH

Wanda Huth lit a candle in honor of Grace.

March 2 at 2:40 AM



KH

Karen Hadley posted:

Carla, I am so sorry for you loss. My prayers are with you and your family. I work with Wanda.

March 2 at 2:40 AM

WH

Wanda Huth posted:

Our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wanda Huth and Sonny Thibodeaux.

March 2 at 2:40 AM

KH

Karen Hadley lit a candle in honor of Grace.

March 2 at 2:35 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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