



Elaine de la Houssaye Aceves-Fernandez

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Elaine Therese de la Houssaye Aceves-Fernandez passed away on December 29, 2015. A resident of Covington, Louisiana since 1950, she was born November 5, 1927 in St. Martinville, Louisiana to the late Dumas de la Houssaye and Anna Marie Resweber.

The beloved wife of the late Carlos Manuel Aceves-Fernandez, she is survived by seven children: Rosanne A. Williams (David), Charles St. Martin, Jeanne A. Smith (Ronald), Mary Anne A. Lapeyre (Francis), David A. Aceves, M. Celeste Becker (Michael), and Elizabeth A. Tomlinson (John); seven grandchildren: Carlos N. Williams (Cheryl), Michael D. Williams (Julia), Nathaniel B. Smith, K. Adam Smith, Andrew D. Aceves, Anna E. and Alex J. Becker; four great-grandchildren: Haley and Hanah Williams, and Jackson and Ainsley Williams.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Anna Belle Angelle.

She was a 1944 graduate of Breaux Bridge High School in Breaux Bridge, LA and received a 1948 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Romance Languages from Louisiana State University, where she met Carlos. After rearing her seven children, she returned to Southeastern Louisiana University in 1969 to renew her teaching certificate.

She was a dedicated and beloved teacher having taught Spanish Language Arts and American History at St. Peter's Catholic School in Covington, LA. While at St. Peter's, she founded the school newspaper "The Pebble" and school yearbook "The Road Runner." She also founded the first Junior Chapter of the National Honor Society at St. Peter's. She touched the lives of many children and their families. Her influence can be seen in the numerous educators who credit her as being the inspiration to choose teaching as their profession. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Kaycettes Ladies Auxiliary. She served as a maid for the Royal Krewe of Kaa Cee. She enjoyed reading, gardening and sewing, making many a beautiful dress for her five daughters. She loved the color yellow. She loved puns and her quick wit made her a scrabble champ and spades card shark. She loved music and dancing with her beloved Carlos.



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She will be sadly missed by her many friends young and old. The family would like to express their gratitude for the loving care given to Ms. E by Myletta Bagent and Aniskea Taylor.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral mass at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at St. Anselm's Catholic Church, 306 St. Mary Street, Madisonville, Louisiana.

Visitation at the church on Saturday will begin at 11:00 AM.

Interment at the St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, 75376 River Road, St. Benedict, Louisiana will immediately follow services.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Elaine's name may be made to your favorite charity or to St. Joseph's Seminary or St. Joseph's Pennies for Bread, 75376 River Road, St. Benedict, Louisiana 70457.

E. J. Fielding Funeral Home of Covington has been entrusted with arrangements. Share a memory on our tribute wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com




Events

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Visitation

 **Saturday**, January 2, 2016

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT


 **St. Anselm Catholic Church**
306 St. Mary Street, Madisonville LA 70447



Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, January 2, 2016

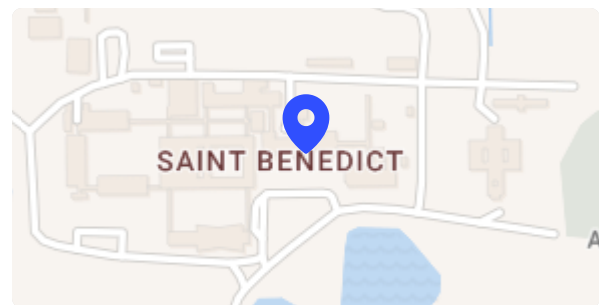
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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



December 31 at 11:20 AM



Mimi Greenwood Knight posted:

Still think about her all the time and the lessons she taught me about English and life. I wouldn't be a writer today if not for her encouragement. Such a kind and patient soul.

August 23 at 11:39 AM



Eddie Ecker posted:

My deepest condolences to Beth, Celeste, and the entire family. Mrs. Aceves was far and away my favorite teacher. She opened entire worlds to me through the books she recommended. She seemed to understand me in a way no other teacher ever did. And she was the catalyst for a lifetime's continued joy in reading. That she did the same for countless students who crossed her path in her long service just emphasizes her importance to the world. No tribute could be more fitting.

January 10 at 5:26 AM



Lindy posted:

Jeanne, Roseanne, Mary Anne, Celeste, Beth, Charles & David, Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom but I remember when I first moved to Covington and was enrolled at St Peter's in 8th grade. I felt out of place as a newcomer but she helped me feel very welcome indeed. She also saw that I got the help I needed for my studies. I remember having a nun for a tutor one year and we met at the public library in Covington. What do I remember from those sessions? That chewing Dentyne was not ladylike behavior. Love you guys a lot. Take good care. Love, Lindy

January 8 at 7:44 AM



Molly Wiggins posted:

Celeste and family My deepest sympathy for your loss. Your mother seems to have touched many lives. I will pray that you all find peace and comfort and are able to speak of her often to keep her memory alive. Molly Wiggins

January 6 at 5:02 AM



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BH

Beverly Hunley posted:

Mary Anne, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's death, she was a lovely lady and a gentle and first class teacher. She and your family are in my prayers. God bless, Beverly Hunley (and family)

January 2 at 6:12 AM

SG

Stephanie Gomez lit a candle in honor of Elaine.

Jeanne, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. You and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time.

January 1 at 7:03 AM



MM

Michelle Monaghan posted:

A beautiful woman..a loving mother...a devoted wife....she was the whole package. And her children's love says it all. She is in a better place now. She can look down on you like she used to be again. So only think of her like she would want to be remembered. That's your tribute to her now. To each other too. All my love...Adrienne and Clifford

December 31 at 2:09 PM

NS

Nancy Simeon posted:

Dear Aceves Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many wonderful memories of your Mom. She was a wonderful lady who was always so kind. I am blessed that she influenced my life in so many wonderful ways...as a teacher, a neighbor, and the mother of you, my friends. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Carey Simeon

December 31 at 5:50 AM



Richard Taylor posted:

Charles, I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

December 30 at 2:31 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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