



Mary Moore du Passage

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Mary Moore du Passage passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on Sunday April 2nd, 2017. Mary or Mimi as she was known later in life, is survived by her daughter Elisabeth du Passage and son Christopher du Passage, his wife Angele and grandsons Jacques and Emerson, her sister June Francis (Louis) and ex-husband Gerard du Passage. She was preceded in death by her parents Edwin and Martha Frost Moore, her sister Martha Ann Evans and nephew, Robert Bowden. Mary is also fondly remembered by numerous cousins and relatives in the US and abroad. Mary was born in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1939 and did her undergraduate work at Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia. At the urging of a fellow student who turned out to be her sister in law, Mary traveled to France to study for a semester. This altered the trajectory of her future because it was in Paris where she met and fell in love with Gerard. They were married in Shreveport, honeymooned in Bella Vista, Arkansas and headed to Brooklyn, NY to start a family; that always included dogs! In the 1970's Mimi began to seriously explore her passion for writing. She attended classes and writing workshops in Manhattan and quickly gravitated towards poetry. Over the decade she expanded her circle of friends and collaborators and she found her poetic voice during this period in her life. She co-founded a poetry magazine titled The Bad Henry Review with two close friends. The first edition was published in 1981 and the magazine ran until 1999. In 1992 Mimi published her first book of poetry titled after one of her favorite poems, 4 Squares Declare 5. The forward to that book was written by novelist/poet Gilbert Sorrentino and that was a great sense of pride for her. In 2000, Mary and Gerard returned to Louisiana to live near their grandsons in St. Tammany Parish. Mimi published her second book Marbles in 2009. Even though Mary and Gerard decided to end their marriage, they remained very close friends up until she passed away. Mimi was a very strong, creative and independent woman who used writing to battle the often wide ranging emotions she



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felt. Despite this ongoing inner dialogue, Mimi was also the kindest, most loving and generous person you could imagine. She was loyal and supportive to a fault when it came to her family, her pups and her friends. She will be missed dearly by family and friends alike.

Services will be held at the Christ Episcopal Chapel, 120 S. New Hampshire Covington, Louisiana 70433 May 8, 2017 at 12:30pm followed by an interment at St. Joseph's Abbey Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11:30am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to either the Ben Blanchard Foundation, www.benblanchardfoundation.com or your local Humane Society.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home entrusted with the arrangements. Share a memory on the tribute wall at ejfieldingfh.com.






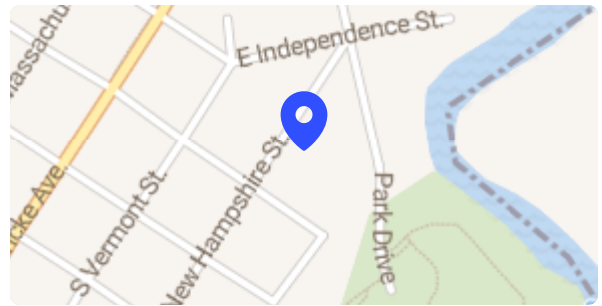
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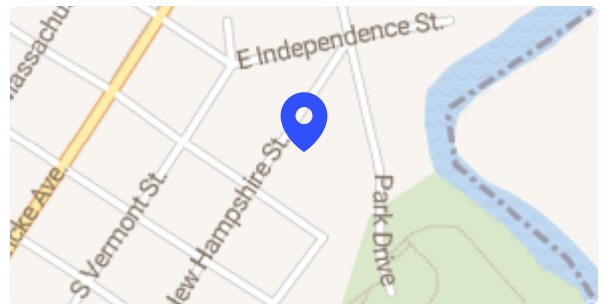
Visitation

-  **Monday**, May 8, 2017
-  11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CT
-  **Christ Episcopal Church**
120 S. New Hampshire Street, Covington LA
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Cemetery Details

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





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TS

Tyler Smith posted:

Mary, I loved you. I am writing this after you appeared in several recent dreams of mine. You , for many years, called me on my birthday. I missed it in recent years and always intended to track you down. Now, prompted by the dreams, I have done so. Mary, Gerard and my wife Averil were as close as friends can be, in Brooklyn in the 60s and 70s. We visited in Folsom years later and in CT perhaps 10 years ago. Hi, to Chris and Angele... and to Rosemary Porter!!

May 6 at 6:56 PM

LR

Lillian Riley November 16 at 2:32 PM

Dear Mary, I recently came across a draft of a letter my mother was writing to you. Dear, sweet friend you were to me in those NYC years. Much love to you and to your family. May your memory be a blessing. Lillian Riley

EH

Edi Holley posted:

Mary and I co-authored the newsletter for Brooklyn Friends School which both of our daughters, Elizabeth and Caroline attended. This was how I got to know Mary. In a way she was an example who inspired me to write poetry and fiction. But most of all I loved her humor and her sensitivity. It has been a very great privilege to have known her. I love you, Mary...your friend, Edi

May 10 at 4:26 AM

SH

Steven P. Hale posted:

Chris, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. It's been many years since I have seen you, and I hope you are doing well. Steven P. Hale steven@haleworks.net

April 8 at 10:01 AM

KA

Kathleen posted:

Mimi always had a ready smile and a hug. Her love for Chris, Angele, and her two grandsons was always so easy to see. Her gentle spirit was such a delight. She was a generous, loving woman who will be missed. Please know that all of you are in my heart and prayers during this time of grief.

April 5 at 10:29 AM



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Cathy Wright sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.



April 5 at 3:16 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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