



Johanna "Claire" Stiegman Gonsoulin Sciambra

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Johanna "Claire" Stiegman Gonsoulin Sciambra, a resident of Mandeville, and former resident of Arabi, passed away peacefully at home on October 29, 2018 at the age of 90.

Claire grew up in New Orleans and graduated from St. Joseph Academy High School. Many of her early years were difficult and provided unexpected but important lessons she would remember throughout her life. She spoke often about the quarters that her grandfather gave her with instructions to purchase fabric to make her own clothing. In the years to come, mastery of this skill would prove invaluable to the hundreds of customers who returned to her year after year to sew for them, making prom dresses, fair costumes, cheerleader uniforms, pageant gowns, school uniforms, and several Mardi Gras krewe costumes. However, she truly excelled in the crafting of entire wedding parties from mother of the bride to the flower girl and everything in between, rarely using a pattern.

Other accomplishments included amazing cooking skills, playing the piano, gardening, volunteering in the St. Bernard Parish Extension Service and the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service. In 1968 she was hired to teach tennis when the St. Bernard Parish Athletic Association introduced a new program as part of its summer camp.

In July of 1986, she married Bernard Sciambra, whose Italian cooking skills were quickly shared in their Arabi kitchen. Sunday dinners became epic and you were lucky to fetch a cherished seat at her table. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina brought her to Mandeville where she remained until her death. Claire was a member of the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emero Sylvester Stiegman and Monique Laurent Stiegman and siblings Emero Stiegman, Camille St. Amant and Karl Stiegman and by her beloved husband of nine years, Bernard Sciambra.

Former wife of the late Armel Gonsoulin, Jr. and loving mother of Janice Binnings (Bill), Jeannette Fischer (Cary), A.J. Gonsoulin, III (Michelle), Peggy Vallejo Hemelt (Leo) and Leslie Harrington



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(Patrick). She is also survived by 16 adoring grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and four great great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank Heart of Hospice for their support and Claire's many personal care attendants for their genuine and compassionate care.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visitation at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home at 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington on Friday, November 2 between 5:00PM and 8:00PM. Saturday, November 3rd visitation will begin at 9:00AM and 11:00AM.

A Funeral Mass will commence at 11:15AM.

Burial will take place St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery in Covington.




Events

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Visitation


 **Friday**, November 2, 2018

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

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



Visitation


 **Saturday**, November 3, 2018


 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

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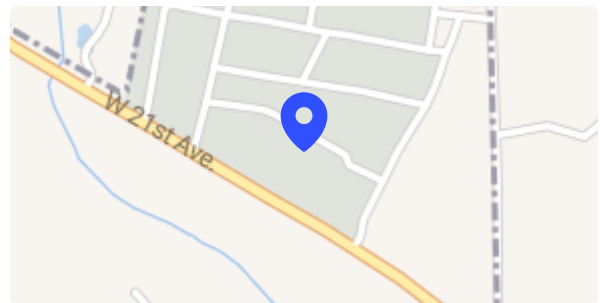


Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, November 3, 2018

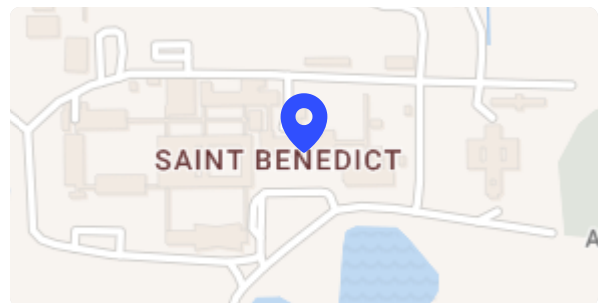
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Cemetery Details

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





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BE

Bee lit a candle in honor of Johanna "Claire".

Ms. Claire was a beautiful lady inside and out. She would say she was blessed to have all her children. She was proud of each one of you and would tell me about each one. I know you all were blessed to have her too. My prayers are with y'all.
Love, Bee

November 11 at 4:38 PM



KC

Kay Crapanzano posted:

Thank you Miss Claire for all the beauty you have brought into this world. Your talent was purely God given and you used it generously.

November 3 at 4:31 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Sciambra family.

November 2 at 11:08 AM



PB

Paddy Barbay Lee posted:

May you rest in peace Ms Claire..My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gonsoulin family.. I am so very sorry for your loss and very grateful for her life..Love, Paddy Barbay Lee

November 2 at 6:15 AM

FM

Fr. Bob Massett posted:

Dear Jeanette and Cary and ALL: Saw obit for Mom! My prayers and condolences are with you. I know she is now enjoying her life_time achievement award from theONE WHO counts the most. If you need me

November 2 at 5:50 AM



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Elmo Guillot posted:

Claire was a nice person always appreciated her helping my mother Lillian. They went to many places together and was always having a good time. Elmo Guillot and family

November 2 at 2:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Sciambra family.



November 1 at 9:34 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Sciambra family.



November 1 at 7:16 AM



Kay Johnson Rogers posted:

Ms. Claire... may you rest in peace in the Lord's loving arms. You have earned your angel wings. You were always so good to me and my family. My mother loved you. Just told her about your passing, and her tears wouldn't stop. She remembers so many stories you ladies used to share. Thanks for going with me to pick out my wedding dress, when my Mom was too sick to go. And thanks for making all my pageant gowns. My favorite, the white one that I won Miss New Orleans and Tomato Queen in! We will think of you and love you always. To AJ, Jeanette, Janice, Peggy and Leslie, pls know your Mom was cherished. I pray my mother can live to be 90! You all were so blessed. By the way, my husband, that passed away in 2013 was at Fielding and is buried in the Garden of Angels in their cemetery. Going to the Blessings of the Graves tomorrow. Will think of Ms. Claire! Love Kay Johnson Rogers, Joan Johnson and family.

October 31 at 4:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Sciambra family.



October 31 at 1:05 PM



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Brenda And James Terrell sent a "Memories" Keepsake Memory Box to the Sciambra family.

October 31 at 6:54 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Johanna "Claire" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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