

# Penelope "Penny" Ann LaBarthe

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**P**enelope (Penny) Ann LaBarthe passed on Sunday September 5, 2021 at the age of 80. Penny was born in New Orleans, LA on April 10, 1941 to the late Oscar and Louise O'Connell LaBarthe. Penny leaves behind 4 siblings: John LaBarthe (Mary), Debbie Bradbury, Susan Metrejean (Butch) and Wendy Rachel (Mark). Penny also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Penny was defined by her gift of teaching. Penny taught high school for 40 years at several New Orleans schools; Mc Main, St. Joseph and Mt. Carmel Academy. Penny also worked many years at Devereux Behavioral Health in CA. After Katrina, Penny moved to the Northshore where she worked as an ESL teacher and tutored home school students. Although Penny never had her own children she was a foster mother for two children, and was a surrogate parent for many of her students.

Penny enjoyed living in New Orleans and being a part of Mardi Gras, Jazz Festival, the Opera, Art shows and many other New Orleans events. Since being a child, Penny had a very vivid imagination, which was evident in her stories that she wrote. Penny was a talented teacher who came alive in the classroom, but her real love was writing stories and journaling.

One of Penny's many joys was pets. Penny had numerous dogs, large and small, which were her family and she spoiled them all. Penny and her Volkswagen van traveled the US, as she visited many places where she enjoyed the scenery and culture of the area.

Penny was bright, friendly, caring and she never met a stranger. She put others first, despite her own needs.

When Penny was unable to live independently, she would entertain everyone by singing and dancing. Penny was drawn to music, and she often found joy in singing. Her favorite sayings were, "c'est la vie" (such is life) and "this is all too much for me".



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The family would like to thank the staff, especially Jennifer, at the Fidelis Home in Mandeville for the excellent care, and for making her feel like family, while encouraging her singing and dancing. We would also like to thank the staff of Passages Hospice, who became her friends and whom she trusted to care for her.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Northshore Humane Society, 20348 Harrison Ave., Covington, LA, 70433.

Due to COVID-19, social distancing is encouraged and masks are required to attend services.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Services at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Ave, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 12:00 NOON with visitation on Saturday beginning at 10:00 AM until service time.

E. J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. The family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



## Events

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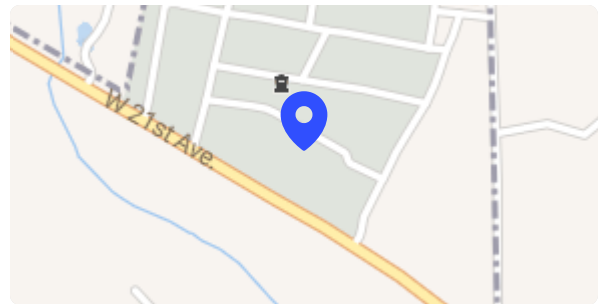
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### Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 25, 2021

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

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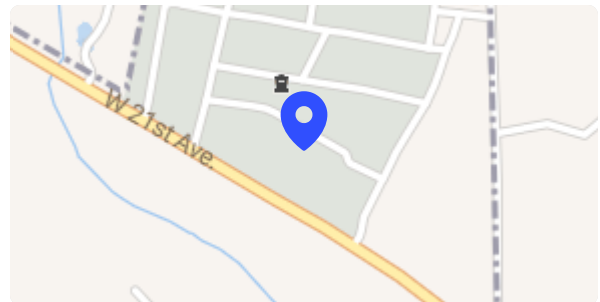


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**Lori Barnes** lit a candle in honor of Penelope.

I remember Penelope when I was attending Devereux Foundation in Santa Barbara, CA in the 1980s. I have many good memories

March 28 at 2:06 PM



**Carmen O'mara** posted:

Miss LaBarthe taught me at Mt Carmel Academy in New Orleans. A few years ago I met her over here again and she had lunch with several of her former MCA Students-we were class of '67. We all enjoyed our mini-reunion...prayers for her soul to rest in peace and her family. Carmen Catalanotto O'Mara, MCA-Class of '67

September 25 at 6:33 PM



**Paula Khern Carlomagno** September 25 at 6:43 PM

I was another '67 student of Miss LaBarthe's at MCA and attended the lunch which was mentioned. It was wonderful to reconnect with her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. Paula Khern Carlomagno



**Darlene Michelet** posted:

I met Penny when she was living at Fedelis home and immediately took a liking to her and her singing. The first day we met she was dancing with a 6 year old and really enjoying the dance and singing . Every time I left she would say I love you and I would give her a kiss. She made a great impression on me and I missed her when she left Fedelis. May she RIP Darlene Michelet

September 24 at 3:47 AM



**Maria Radosta** September 25 at 6:30 PM

I knew Penny when she was teaching at St. Joseph Academy. She was such a sweet person. She touched many lives.



**Linda Cucullu Newell** posted:

I remember Ms. LaBarthe from St. Joseph Academy. She was a lovely person and a great teacher. Condolences to her family.

September 23 at 9:25 AM



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**Marta Anderson Badon** posted:

I taught with Penny for many years at McMain. She was a delightful person who was always upbeat. I will cherish her memory. Marta Bivins Badon

September 23 at 8:35 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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