



Marilyn Broker Wenzel

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Marilyn Broker Wenzel passed away on March 5th, 2024, one day shy of her 95th birthday. Born in New Orleans on March 6th, 1929 to the late Theodore and Irma Graeber Broker. She was preceded in death by sisters Elaine (James) Gaffney and Adele (AI) Quirin, nephew James Gaffney and lifelong friend Mary Catherine Regan. She is the beloved aunt of Gary (Jacqueline Wollman) Gaffney, Linda Gaffney, Sharon (Ray) Carter, Michael (Christine) Gaffney and James (Mary Ann) Quirin, along with numerous great and great great nieces and nephews.

At age 40, after working for eye Doctor George Hardin and Dr. James McComiskey, she returned to school at LSU School of Nursing. She holds an MSN degree from the University of Mississippi in Jackson and MED from Tulane University. She was a faculty member at LSU School of Nursing in the Multimedia Center, teaching medical and surgical skills. She has been someone her students aspired to become.

Since her retirement in 1990 from LSU, Marilyn served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West (HFHSTW). In her tenure at HFHSTW, she served as President, VP and chaired numerous committees including real estate acquisition and construction. She also acted, for many years, as Volunteer Executive Director. After Katrina, leading the Development Committee, 183 new Habitat houses were completed. With BellSouth Telephone Company Pioneers and Pioneer Mary Catherine Regan, another long time Habitat Board member and volunteer, Marilyn and Regan were responsible for the growth of the Habitat Home Store.

Marilyn's passion for the poor and hard work were rewarded. In 2006 Habitat for Humanity International recognized her with the Volunteer of the Year Award through its' annual "Pioneers in Excellence" award program. In August of 2011, Marilyn was awarded the Spirit of Service Legacy Award by Habitat Louisiana, the state support organization.



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Marilyn was a world traveler, an accomplished water skier, real estate agent and a real estate investor. Above all she loved dancing of any kind. She even taught dancing at the YMCA in her younger years. She brought joy to all around her, bringing many into group activities who would ordinarily not participate in such activities. She was not afraid of a challenge as was witnessed by the construction of her beloved Riverview house demonstrated, a place enjoyed by hundreds of friends and family.

Marilyn was a competent, strong willed, faithful and generous woman. These traits were instilled in her by her Aunt Melanie Graeber and grandmother, Mary Zimmer Graeber. She lived her life to the fullest and is now experiencing her eternal reward at home with God.

The family wishes to give extra thanks to Victoria Edwards and Leona Bourgeois for their love and kindness to Marilyn and to the entire staff of Christwood retirement community, especially during these last months of her life.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Monday, March 11, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The Funeral Mass will follow at St. Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Road, Saint Benedict, LA 70457 at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow Mass at St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Christwood Retirement Community Atrium, 100 Christwood Boulevard, Covington, LA on Monday, March 11, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. Please sign the guestbook at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, March 11, 2024

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM CT

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2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433

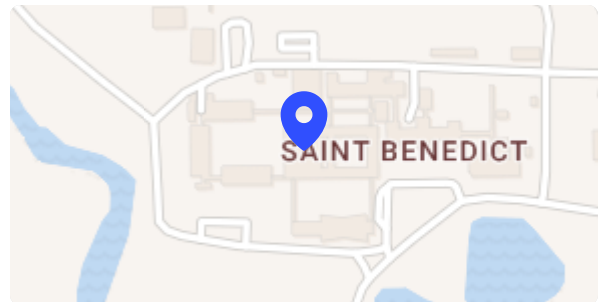


Funeral Mass

Monday, March 11, 2024

2:00 PM CT

St. Joseph Abbey
75376 River Rd., St Benedict LA 70457

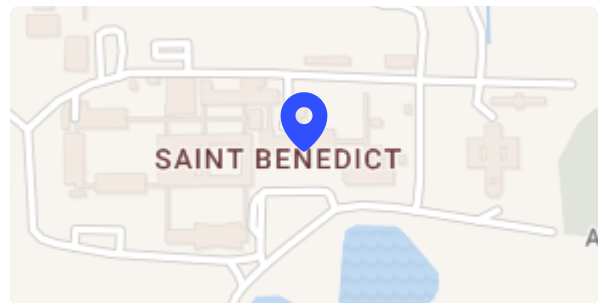


Interment

Monday, March 11, 2024

2:45 PM CT

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

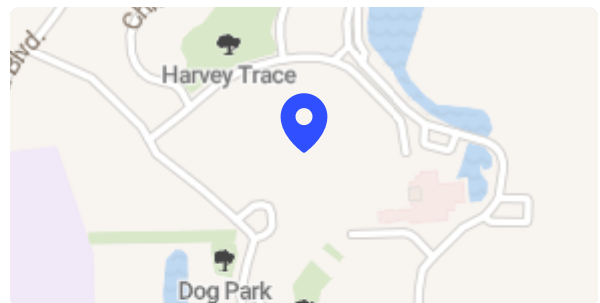


Celebration of Life

Monday, March 11, 2024

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT

The Atrium at Christwood
100 Christwood Blvd., Covington LA 70433





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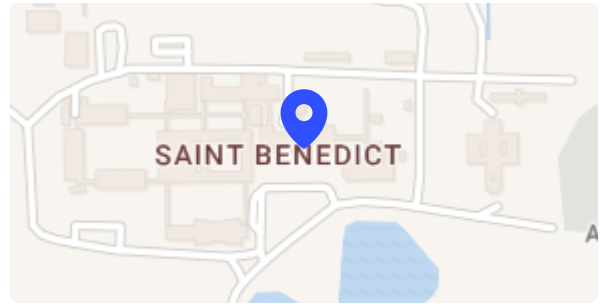
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Cemetery Details



St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery

75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA





Tribute Wall

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



March 8 at 6:49 AM



Raynel Jenkins posted:

Visited her at Christwood and brought her some bread pudding from across the street.

March 21 at 5:25 PM



Raynel Jenkins posted:

Thanks Ms. Marilyn Wenzel for being such a beautiful person it was a pleasure to meet you 2 years ago and to understand your role here in St. Tammany Parish and to also know some of your family members May God keep you and peace be among those that have survived here on EARTH.

March 21 at 5:03 PM



Michelle Pendergast lit a candle in honor of Marilyn.

Thank you Ms. Marilyn for being a good friend all of these years, your generosity and caring way did not go unnoticed



March 11 at 10:24 AM



Susan Bernecker posted:

Thank you Marillyn for your love of life and all the energy you had to make that life full and exciting for you and others. Joy was brought to many, including my Mom, Joyce, who participated in all the escapades. She admired you and really loved you for the person you were and all that you did. I'm so glad I got to know you and be with you from time to time. You will be greatly missed in the hearts of many. Say hi to Joyce while you're up there. Maybe you two can create some action in heaven. Love ya, Susan Sherlock Bernecker

March 10 at 8:33 PM



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MB

Melissa Bello shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Marilyn Loved her pet dog Abby dearly. Although Abby lives with me we visited regularly and would FaceTime, share pictures and videos. Abby keeps us on our toes. She is 16 years young and very active! Melissa



March 10 at 12:46 PM

PH

Pamela Harrelson posted:

I met Marilyn when she was 92. I took her and friends on a Pontoon ride down the Tchefuncte River. She wanted a memory lane ride to her river house where she taught many people to ski! It was probably the best boat trip I have had listening to her memories. She missed the river so much and we shared that strong bond. On one trip we broke down and the tow people and police came. It was quite an exciting trip back with the police speeding along beside us! Marilyn was 93 and got the pole hook and got our dead boat into a narrow slip. She was amazing. I am 73 now and feeling the age. She will be my role model for older age. Growing old is not for sissy's. And she was not a sissy!

March 10 at 4:47 AM

JA

Jerry Andrews posted:

To the family: I was a volunteer with Habitat when Marilyn led the organization in Covington. She was a strong leader. She inspired all of us to do our best for the clients of the organization. Habitat has lost a great supporter. Jerry Andrews BellSouth retiree and Pioneer

March 9 at 10:18 AM

SC

Sr. Esther M Calderon posted:

Though most has already been said of our beautiful friend Marilyn. Last time I saw her in Covington she took a group of us to see the buildings at Habitat, so very proud of what was provided Sister Esther Calderon, OP

March 8 at 2:33 PM



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Sister Jeanne Moore, Op posted:

I visited with Marilyn last August, shortly before returning to St. Catharine, Kentucky, the post-Katrina home for many of us former EMD sisters, now Dominican Sisters of Peace. Her wheelchair, oxygen tube, Christwood friends, and more care-givers enabled Marilyn's indomitable spirit to transcend her limits. My greatest joy during such visits was facilitating a phone conversation with her close friend Sr. Alberta Schindler here in KY. Thank you for the awesome obituary, a fitting tribute to a great-souled woman of God.

March 8 at 11:35 AM



Media

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March 8 at 6:49 AM

TRIBUTE VIDEO



SCAN TO WATCH



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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