



Dorothea Sheppard Gegenheimer

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Dorothea Sheppard Gegenheimer, age 75, of Covington, Louisiana, passed away on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. She was born on October 10, 1949, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

She is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, Henry F. “Fred” Gegenheimer; children, Nicholas James Laird (Brenda), Sarah Jane Sunderman (Jarrod), and Matthew Henry Gegenheimer; grandchildren, Joseph, Esther, Stella, and Wyatt; and many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Harper Sheppard, Jr. and Dorothy Bernadine Keese Sheppard; and a sister, Judy Sheppard Driskill.

“Thea” grew up in New Orleans, graduated from Alcee Fortier High School, and earned a bachelor’s degree at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. She taught Kindergarten at various schools throughout the New Orleans area for 13 years before transitioning to a career in real estate. Her lifelong hobbies included fishing, traveling, bird watching, and photography.

A longtime faithful member of Waldheim Church, Thea served the church in various ways, coordinating the church’s mission at the Methodist Children’s Home of Southeast Louisiana, founding the blessing box ministry, and serving as a member of the church board. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, and she will be dearly missed by her family, friends, church, and community.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mrs. Gegenheimer may be made to the Waldheim Church Blessing Box by mail to 77067 Highway 21, Covington, Louisiana, 70435, or in the form of canned goods, toiletries, or other nonperishables brought to the church.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the evening wake on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Avenue, Covington,



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Louisiana.

Relatives and friends are also invited to attend the funeral service on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Waldheim Church, 77067 Highway 21, Covington, Louisiana, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM at the church. Interment will follow in the Waldheim Church Cemetery.

E. J. Fielding Funeral Home of Covington, Louisiana, is honored to be entrusted with Mrs. Gegenheimer's funeral arrangements. Her family invites you to share thoughts, memories, and condolences by signing an online guestbook at <https://www.ejfieldingfh.com>.



Events

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Wake

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

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

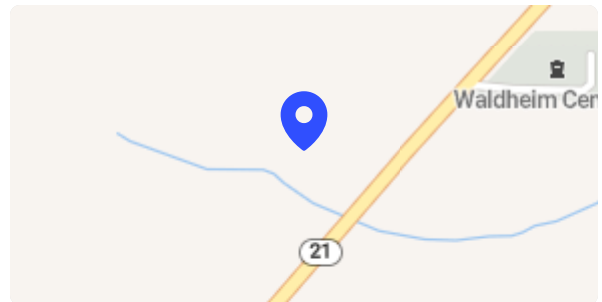


Visitation

Thursday, July 3, 2025

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

Waldheim Church
77067 Highway 21, Covington LA 70435

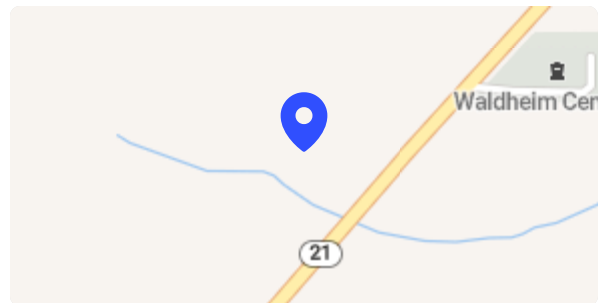


Funeral Service

Thursday, July 3, 2025

11:00 AM CT

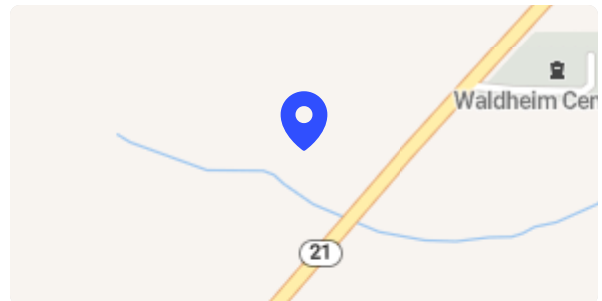
Waldheim Church
77067 Highway 21, Covington LA 70435



Graveside Service

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Waldheim Church Cemetery
77067 Highway 21, Covington LA 70435






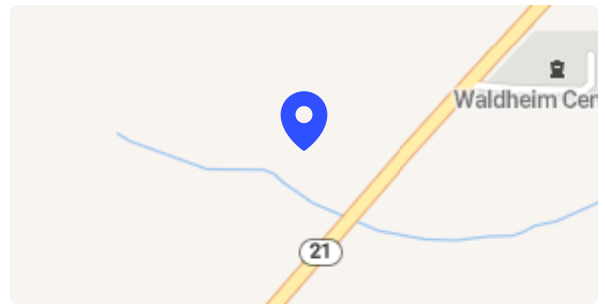
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Cemetery Details

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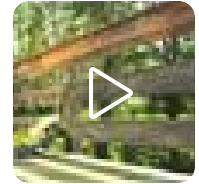
Tribute Wall

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



June 30 at 2:21 PM



Lynn Larter posted:

Thea and I were agents together back in the 70's in Gretna. We were both teaching school at the time. We ended up working together again many years later on the Northshore. Thea was always so kind and just a very good person. She will be missed.

July 2 at 3:46 PM



Cassandra Dileo posted:

Steve and I were neighbors with Thea for about 25 years. She was a wonderful neighbor and friend. She was very thoughtful of us when we lost our son Jonathan. She was a great friend and realtor when we sold our home and bought several other properties. She took care to be thoughtful and excellent at what she did. When Covid hit, she waived the rent for the tenants on her rental properties. She hosted wonderful events on New Year's Day and for her church. She had chronic illnesses, but never complained. I am sure that God greeted her with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We love you, Thea, and will see you in heaven! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Fred.

July 1 at 7:09 PM



Steve And Cassy Dileo sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Gegenheimer family.



July 1 at 10:28 AM



Steve And Cassy Dileo planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dorothea.



July 1 at 10:28 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gegenheimer family.



June 30 at 11:40 AM



Sally Broussard posted:

We were in our 20s and somehow, Thea talked me into sky diving with her. Neither of us had ever done it before. I don't think we had ever been in a plane, and now she wants us to jump out of one? Well, she convinced me that it would be fun. After we arrived at the airport, I chickened out. Thea put the gear on, got into the plane, and actually jumped out. I felt so proud of her for actually doing it. Thea always knew what she wanted and did what was necessary to get it. Rest in peace. You will be missed. Your cousin, Sally Broussard

June 30 at 11:18 AM



Stephen Dileo posted:

Such a wonderful person and great neighbor! Thea and Fred always opened their home to large gatherings on New Year's Eve and were so gracious in their hospitality. I joked with Thea about her real estate savvy in buying/selling properties for me and Cassy - she was so good at her job I said, "Gosh, Thea, it takes you all day to sell a home!" Her love of Fred, children, and her church family was inspiring. Fred and Thea - a class act all the way. We love you, Fred, and are sorry for this loss.

June 29 at 4:32 PM



Cindy Prudhomme posted:

Fred and Nick, we are so sorry to hear about Thea. I know she had been fighting this battle a long time. She was always so active and I know she missed her hobbies. We were neighbors for over 40 years and it won't be the same out here without her. Our thought and prayers are with you both. Sincerely, Cindy and Buddy Prudhomme.

June 29 at 2:58 PM



Kathleen Morrison posted:

Fond memories of the house on Aline Street in New Orleans. A shotgun double our two families shared from the early fifties to the mid sixties. We were cousins who grew up like siblings. Blessed times!

June 28 at 12:40 PM



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Lynn Gagnon posted:

I was blessed that my path crossed with Thea's. Prayers for Fred and her family. Lynn Gagnon

June 27 at 10:14 AM



Roger & Judy Smithson sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Gegenheimer family.



June 27 at 9:09 AM



Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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