



## Bobbye R. Meaux

December 14, 1943 - January 19, 2019

Mary Bobbye Robert Meaux died on 19 January 2019 after losing a hard fought nine year battle with breast cancer. Bobbye was born in New Roads, LA. on 14 December 1943, the third of five children and the only daughter of James J. Robert, Sr. and Mary Taylor Robert, both deceased. She grew up in Oberlin and Opelousas where she was active in her school and church. She graduated from the University of Southwest Louisiana (now ULL) with a degree in Elementary Education and later earned her Masters Degree in Counseling and forty graduate hours at LSU.

Embarking on a career in education, Bobbye taught or counseled in Marrero, Dutchtown, Gonzales, Opelousas, and Lafayette Parish.

She was a dedicated educator and an exceptional counselor. Her personal insight, sharp intellect and an ability to easily relate to people of all ages insured that she excelled in both the classroom and in counseling. The latter was her natural forte and she was sought out by teachers and other counselors as well as by friends and associates for her advice, intervention and recommended solutions to problems of diverse natures. She was particularly helpful and supportive when it involved individuals of all ages dealing with grief and the loss of a loved one. Bobbye was primarily devoted to her family, but she had a loving and outgoing personality that attracted many people. She was a person of high principles who gave unstintingly of her time, resources and talents as she was anxious to help others. In particular her abilities at her sewing and embroidery machines were willingly offered and shared benefiting one and all.

In 1976 Bobbye married a naval officer, and they had two children both born in Charleston, SC, the homeport of her husband's ship. A tour of duty ashore in Germany followed and when her husband retired from the Navy and returned to the civilian world they came home to Louisiana to start a new phase of their lives. There they were able to provide a stable and settled environment in which to raise and develop their children while living in Baton Rouge, Opelousas and Lafayette. Time ultimately found all in the family involved at some level in the field of education and on the same yearly schedule. This

resulted in the ability to travel extensively all over the country in the summer, be with family and friends on holidays and devote time to developing a second home on the family farm. In 2000 with the children in college, both parents retired. Travel experience then expanded to include Class A motor-homes and in the ensuing 15 years there were visits to 49 states and 11 Canadian Provinces. Additionally there was travel abroad to Europe, Asia, Africa, Polynesia, Mexico and South America. Bobbye did not buy many things, but she loved to shop. When traveling abroad to places where bargaining was normal, fellow travelers followed in her wake to benefit from the "deals" she would strike.

Bobbye was most happy when surrounded by people. Friends and family living in Louisiana as well as those from across the nation and globe visited Lafayette and their Farm retreat in Beauregard Parish. An outstanding cook, she reveled in gathering her family, both large and small, and feasting them on birthdays, holidays and at weekly suppers. As her cancer progressed Bobbye loss the use of her legs and not being able to stand or walk, was confined to a wheelchair for the last two and a half years of her life. With grit and determination she strove to successfully maintain her quality of life and at the end was able to profess that she had had a "wonderful life". To those who had the good fortune to know and be with her on her journey at the end, the efforts she made to overcome the physical limitations and trials she faced in the last years of her life should serve as an example of what faith, determination and fortitude can achieve. Bobbye and her small family, "Lucky 7", have been extremely blessed in a multitude of ways for many years and for that they will always be grateful and humbled.

Bobbye, unquestionably the heart not only of her immediate family but of her larger family as well, is survived by her husband of forty-two years, Richard "Dick" Meaux, by her two children son David and daughter Jeanne-Marie, David's wife Mary, their daughters Phyllipa and Rookh all of Lafayette. Left also are three Robert brothers; James, Jr. - Opelousas, Raoul and Jeffery - Baton Rouge, their wives and families, members of her greater family and of course many, many friends.

She was predeceased by another brother John (Jack) Taylor Robert. It is appropriate to note, too, that left behind is her cherished and faithful pup, Bauer, who always gave her his unstinted devotion and was especially appreciated for the companionship he provided while she was being treated for cancer and thus when his support was most needed. Bobbye was an active member of the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Visiting hours will be observed from 4:00 PM until 8:30 PM, with the Rosary recited at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday and on Thursday from 9:00 AM until time of the services at 11:00 AM in the La Fleur de Lis Chapel in the funeral home.

Inurnment of her ashes will take place at a separate time and place.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70503 and St. Judes Childrens Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to a charity, school or institution of your choice.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille-SOUTHSIDE-600 E. Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, 337-984-2811

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**            04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside Location  
600 East Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

**JAN**   **Rosary**                07:00PM - 07:30PM

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**JAN**   **Visitation**            09:00AM - 10:45AM

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**JAN**   **Funeral Service**        11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel  
600 E. Farrel Road, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Martin & Castille Funeral Home** - January 20, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ What a great tribute to Mrs. BOBBYE. She was such a great woman. Enjoyed our talks about her family, traveling and hobbies. She will be greatly missed. Thanks to her family for her being at Cornerstone, which gave us the pleasure of knowing her and the family. God Bless everyone. Loumis Kay Broussard

**Loumis Kay Broussard** - January 20, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We could see she lived and loved life to the fullest. And she's still doing that in heaven today. Dale and Cheryl Lafleur

**Dale Lafleur** - January 21, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Heart sore for her family. Bobbie and the Class of 1961 make OHS special. Will miss her more than I know. Leo Soileau

**Leo Soilau** - January 21, 2019 at 11:29 PM

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“ Oh my, what a lady! I worked with Bobbye at Gonzales Elementary School. Her aunt, Ruth Taylor, was principal at the time. Bobbye shared some very wise words of wisdom with me in a letter. One day she came in to the office with a stained glass piece for me which i still today cherish it. Not but a couple of weeks ago, I thought of her and wondered how she was. Well, now I know she is at peace with our Lord. God has blessed those she touched-me included.

**LORETTA SPELIGENE** - January 23, 2019 at 01:54 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobbye R. Meaux.



January 22, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ We had the pleasure of meeting Bobbye through our work with Lafayette Parish Schools. She was simply a top-notch person. May she rest in God's loving care after her long and arduous battle. We pray that her loved ones may find peace and comfort in fond memories of her and faith that one day you will meet again.

G & Genie Duhon

**Genie Duhon** - January 22, 2019 at 12:26 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I taught and rode to Dutchtown with her. Everyone loved her. She told such great stories and so funny. I know she will be missed.

Sarah Boudreaux

**Sarah Boudreaux** - January 22, 2019 at 10:44 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to her family! She was wonderful person!!

Myrtle Guidry-Roussel

**Myrtle Guidry-Roussel** - January 21, 2019 at 07:15 PM

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“ I treasure the memories of our teen years in Opelousas. My condolences to the family.

Rest In Peace, Bobbye.

Carolyn Richard Miceli

OHS Class of '61

**Carolyn R Miceli** - January 21, 2019 at 05:08 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobbye R. Meaux.



January 21, 2019 at 10:53 AM

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“ Captain Meaux, David, Jeanne Marie and family, please accept our sincere condolences. We will be praying for all of you in your time of need.

Allen & Liz Roberie

Allen & Liz Roberie - January 20, 2019 at 11:02 PM

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“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - January 20, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ Bobbie was Such a nice person. We always enjoyed being with her. We did not realize how ill she was. Love and prayers to all her family.

Lois and Ken Boagni and children

Lois & Ken Boagni - January 22, 2019 at 05:52 PM



“ Paul and I both were saddened so when we learned of Bobbie's death. We always treasured being with her. We send our love and prayers to both her brother Jim and husband Dick. Paul & Denise Bourdier.

Paul Allen & Denise Lazaro Bourdier - January 23, 2019 at 09:18 PM