



Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay

September 2, 1940 - July 25, 2019

Carolyn, age 78 of Kenner, La, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2019. She was born to the late Elgey and Mable Stauder Dupepe on September 2, 1940.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 29, 2019 at a 2:00 PM Catholic Service in Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel in Lafayette for Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay, 78, who peacefully passed away Thursday morning, July 25, 2019 surrounded by her family. The family will receive visitors on Monday from 11:00 AM until time of service.

Interment will be in Lafayette Memorial Park.

Reverend Monsignor J. Douglas Courville, JCL, Pastor of St. Stephen Catholic Church in Berwick and long time family friend, will conduct the funeral services.

Originally, from Kenner Louisiana, Carolyn has called Acadiana home for over five decades. She attended Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, a private, Roman Catholic, all-girls high school and elementary school before attending the Southwestern Louisiana Institute, where she studied nursing and was an active member of Tri Delta Sorority. It was in Tri Delta where Carolyn developed qualities of unselfish leadership with integrity and devotion to moral and democratic principles.

Carolyn dedicated her life to help support children with disabilities. She was an active member in the health community for 31 years serving as the supervisor of nursing for the Vermillion Parish Health Clinic and as the supervisor for the Handicap Children's Program of the Lafayette region which included seven parishes. Carolyn received several awards from Lafayette parish due to her service to children with special health care needs. She retired as a registered nurse for the Louisiana Department of Health.

Carolyn grew up with a love for horses and rode her horse up and down the levees of New Orleans almost everyday. She learned about compassion and the special care of the very

young and the very old making sure those without voices to speak of their pain are still cared for. She also learned responsibility for others than herself. She learned that regardless of the weather you must still care for those you have the stewardship of. There are no “days off” just because you don’t feel like being a horse owner that day. She learned that for every hour of fun you have there are days of hard, meaningful work you must do first. Because Carolyn grew up with horses she learned to learn on her own. She has had teachers that cannot speak, nor write, nor communicate beyond body language and reactions. She has had to learn to “read” her surroundings for both safe and unsafe situations, to look for hazards where others might only see a pretty meadow. She has learned to judge people as she judges horses. She looks beyond appearances and trappings to see what is within.

Family and friends were Carolyn’s dedication and delight. She loved to cook and enjoyed entertaining and playing card games with her friends. She enjoyed her role as a coach’s wife, admiring her husband’s dedication and hard work. No one really understands the time commitment; a coach’s wife does. Carolyn’s engaging personality, sense of humor and passion for helping others filled the hearts of many. She was an avid gardener, loved to dance and was a dedicated Catholic.

Carolyn was a devoted mother, sister, daughter, aunt, mother in-law, friend and a godmother to many. Carolyn loved to travel, but her very favorite landing spot was at False River, where for several years, she enjoyed spending time with her family while enjoying the simple pleasures of life.

Survivors include her loving husband, Linden Bercegeay, Jr. of Lafayette; her son; Linden Bercegeay III and his wife, Gerilyn Suire Bercegeay of Erath; two daughters, Tarra Bercegeay and her wife, Monica McCready of Palm Springs, CA and Allyson Bercegeay van Eldik Thieme and her husband, Casper van Eldik Thieme of The Hague, Netherlands; four grandchildren, Katie Bercegeay, Adam Bercegeay, Thijs van Eldik Thieme and Arielle van Eldik Thieme; one sister, Dianne Dupepe Beauregard and her husband, John Beauregard of Memphis, TN. Numerous nieces, nephews and godchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mabel Stauder Dupepe and Elgey Dupepe.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Dupepe, Adam Bercegeay, Casper van Eldik Thieme, Lance Troxclair, Ralph Rebowe, Jr., Etienne Devlin Dupepe.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Long and Jean Pierre Chase.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Carolyn's name to Ursuline Academy, 2635 State St, New Orleans, LA 70118.

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Bercegeay family to Cornerstone Village South, Acadian Hospice, Dr. Thomas Voitier Jr., M.D., Joseph Giglio, Scott Broussard, Ben Domingue and Dr. Ankur Lodha, M.D.

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

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

Cemetery

Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery

2111 W Pinhook Rd
Lafayette, LA, 70508

Events

JUL 29 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:45PM

Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside
Location

600 East Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

JUL 29 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel

600 E. Farrel Road, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - July 28, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ Fond memories of my Ursuline classmate, my condolences to her family. God bless her.

Kathleen Puglia

Kathleen Puglia - August 05, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay.



July 29, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay.



July 29, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - July 28, 2019 at 05:59 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay.



July 28, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay.



July 28, 2019 at 05:26 AM



“ Lndon, we are sorry to hear of your mother's death. You and the family are in our prayers. God bless all of you as you grieve this loss and celebrate her life.

Bill & Petra Manning, Winterset, IA

Bill Manning - July 27, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ My prayers for Ms Berc and the best mentor anyone could have, Coach Berch and family

David Landry - July 26, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay.



July 26, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ Coach Bercegeay, Please accept my heartfelt sorry at the loss of Carolyn. It was always so nice to see the two of you at St. Genevieve when I cantored there. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Laurie (Jankower) James

Laurie James - July 26, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ We remember Caroline as an enthusiastic, spontaneous and cheerful woman. We have beautiful memories of the wedding of our children in Las Vegas where we as parents were allowed to celebrate together in a relaxed atmosphere. We also often think of our pleasant first meeting (including New Year's Eve with star fireworks) in Lafayette with Lyndon then as an enthusiastic cook and Caroline hostess pur sang. Our later contacts ran in a modern, contemporary and relaxed manner via FaceTime. Fortunately we were able to regularly look after the children during Allyson's stay in Europe, so that she could visit her mother at all times! Our condolences and a lot of strength and love for the whole family.

Bert & Anne Marie van Eldik Thieme - July 26, 2019 at 06:18 AM



“ Rickie and AJ purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Marie Dupepe Bercegeay.



Rickie and AJ - July 25, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Aunt Carolyn, I have truly loved our visits. Thank you for taking me in as your own when i was young. So glad we had some quality times as family. Precious moments to have to remember you by. May you Rest In Peace . Give Mom and Dad a kiss for me and a big hug to my Allison. Love you. Alison, Tarra, and lil Linden, you have my deepest sympathy and condolences; love you all. Sincerely. Amy Andermann

Amy Andermann - July 25, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ Coach, Linden, Tara & Allison,
My deepest sympathies on the loss of your wife and mother. She was a beautiful woman. Praying for the family during this time.



Shannon McCullough Barousse - July 25, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Coach, Tarra, Linden and Allyson: The Gaudet family mourns your loss of your sweet wife and precious mother. May each of you carry on her legacy of love and kindness and we pray that you each find peace during this terribly difficult time. God, please encircle Carolyn and her beautiful family with your white light, love and divine protection. Love to all of you. Amen.

Ariane Elise Gaudet - July 25, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Bercegeay family. My memories of Carolyn start when we were both students at ULL. She was a delightful, funny co-worker; always ready to help. It was a joy and pleasure getting to know and work with Dupepe.

Thelma Doughty - July 26, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ To the Bercegeay Family and especially Coach, I remember Mrs. Bercegeay while playing for you and she wa always very nice and supportive of all of us. My prayers to you and the family

Jerry Landry - July 26, 2019 at 09:10 AM