



Karol Domingue Meynard

December 1, 1946 - February 22, 2021

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Lafayette for Karol Domingue Meynard, 74, who died on Monday, February 22, 2021 in Lafayette.

Entombment will be in St. Peter's Mausoleum in Carencro.

Reverend David Hebert, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, will conduct the funeral services. Homilist for the mass will be Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, Vicar General. The Eulogist will be Trista Littell.

For family members and friends who are unable to attend on Thursday at 1:00 PM, the service will be live-streamed to a Memorial Facebook Group dedicated to Karol D. Meynard To join the group, click the link below and then "join group". The video will appear on this group at service time 1:00 PM . You may also share memories, pictures and condolences to the family in this group.

Facebook link: www.facebook.com/groups/KarolDMeynard/

Survivors include one sister, Kerri "Lisa" D. Faulk and her husband, Ray; two daughters, Angele "Angie" H. Miller and her husband, Thomas and Brigitte H. Langley and her husband, Michael; one son, Shane M. Hernandez and his wife, Angelique; 7 grandchildren, Jordan Miller, Jake Miller, Lauren Langley, Lindsey L. Dugas, Grant Langley, Luka and Levi Hernandez; two nephews, Everett Faulk and Taylor Faulk; two nieces, Kerri F. Chauvin and Laura Johnson; 3 stepsons, Lee P. Meynard, L.J. Meynard and Jim L. Meynard; and one step-daughter, Colene M. Ripley; 8 step grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Deacon Paul Leonard Meynard; parents, J.Y. Domingue and Solita Eve Doucet Domingue; 1 brother, Gene K. Domingue.

Karol is known to many as being a great woman who lived a faith filled life. She was

blessed with a wide range of talents. She was a musician, athlete, avid reader, mother, life-long student, friend, organizer, wife, pro-life advocate, counselor, leader, dachshund “weenie” dog lover, dancer, business woman, doer, spiritual advisor, good cook, snorer, family theologian, speaker, lung cancer survivor, writer, fierce tempered, collector of hearts and a Meemaw,

Karol was a rare soul who experienced the grace of the Lord through reverend simplicity. She truly saw past the dualistic mind of only good and evil by understanding the contemplative nondual consciousness. This allowed her to work on the big issues in life such as suffering, sexuality, death, or love. Her senses were always open and receptive of the moment. She loved people where they were. She used her own struggles as teachable moments. She reached people during their darkest and deepest times. Her sincerity was the light to guide them. Her humble presence was the hand to lead them out of their abyss. Always willing to say “Yes!”, she allowed God to use all of her talents. She loved her Catholic faith. She also loved to “Keep it light (fun)”.

During her youth she played piano, danced and sang. Not to be satisfied with her artistic talents, she also pursued athletics. She was captain of the basketball team of Mount Carmel High School. She followed her passion of dance which combined the aspects of her love of artistry and athleticism. At the young age of 23 she opened the Northside Academy of Dance & Gymnastics (Lafayette, LA) in 1969 and owned and operated the dance studio until 1981. During this time she was known as Karol Hernandez. Her first marriage with John bore three fruits, literally or figuratively (remember “keep it light”) named Angie, Brigitte and Shane.

Towards the end of her time at the dance studio, she put herself through college and earned a BS in Psychology degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1981. Being an independent women she bravely changed careers to become a claim representative specialist for State Farm Mutual Insurance Company. For eight years she was a fierce negotiator for settlements between policyholders, claimants and attorneys. Though the work was rewarding (“paycheck”), the call to help others started her down a journey of faith filled service. A transitional job at Nutri-Systems as a behavioral counselor lit a fire in her to help others.

Another transition at this time in her life was being wed to Leonard who brought into the marriage kids of his own (“cue the Brady Bunch theme song”). She put to use those “fierce” negotiating skills she learned at State Farm by building a functioning dysfunctional family. This time was a crucible of severe tests of faith that produced astounding successes in our families’ lives. Never one to waste any teachable moments, she decided

that one dysfunctional family wasn't enough so she went to work for her beloved Church (remember "keep it light").

As the Director of Religious Education at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Lafayette, LA, she served as the administrator and instructor of religious curriculum for 400 students of pre-schooled to high school ages, as well as adult students. She volunteered her time as a rape crisis advocate for the sexual abuse response center, and as eucharistic minister & lector, and as a Parish Council Member of St. Leo from 1989 to 1993.

Karol began her employment with the Catholic Diocese of Lafayette in November of 1991 in the Office of Tribunal where she was an auditor. During that time she was the Adult Catechesis & RCIA Coordinator for St. Patrick Catholic Church, Lafayette, LA from 1993 to 1995. She served on the school board for Carencro Catholic School from many years. Also during that time, she and her husband, Leonard Meynard, entered the Diaconate Formation - Spirituality Dimension with the Diocese of Lafayette Office of Permanent Diaconate. Together they worked for St. Peters Catholic Church, Carencro, LA starting in 1996. Karol became the parish co-director of Adult Catechesis, RCIA, & CANA ministries and a pastoral general council member for the church.

While Together, Leonard and Karol devoted their lives to serving others and the Church. While volunteering for the Family Life office they wrote the "Remarriage in Christ" program in 1994. It was a marriage preparation program for couples planning a second marriage with emphasis on step-parenting and blended step-families. During this time you could see Karol live out her one of her favorite phrases, "The Catholic Church is a hospital for sinners, it is not a museum of saints." The crucible referenced earlier was definitely fair game as many of their kids learned how their lives were interwoven into the program's lesson plans.

Unfortunately, Leonard's life of diaconate service was shortened. Karol lost her love, Leonard, in 2000. Undeterred and with resolve, she repurposed her faith and became the Director of the Office of Pro Life Issues for the Diocese in 2001.

Programs already in place that Karol continued when she began her position as Director of the Office of Pro Life Issues:

- Our Lady's Rosary Makers
- The Pro Life Oratory Contest
- Pro Life Coordinator Meetings
- Project Rachel Sessions
- Pro Life Presentations

She added the following:

- Ascending Calvary Together - You gained much spiritual insight from your journey with Deacon Leonard in the Diaconate program and his death and dying process. In 2002 she started “Ascending Calvary Together” for those who are dying.
- Co-Dependent Recovery Meetings for building healthy boundaries and relationships.
- The first “Come to the Well”, a day of hope and healing for those who have lost loved ones was started in July, 2003. Many have been offered since in the Diocese of Lafayette and in the Diocese of Lake Charles.
- In March of 2010 she and Willa Blackwell collaborated and started “Companions Along the Journey” bereavement support group. It is now offered in various cities in the Diocese of Lafayette.
- The first Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Lafayette was held in April of 2004. The 33rd retreat was held in Oct., 2020. Hundreds of people have found hope and healing after abortion and over 500 babies have been memorialized.
- Received her Masters Degree in Pastoral Services from Loyola in 2009.
- Collaborated with Adele Guillot to offer Theology of the Body Classes (Levels I and II) at the Diocese of Lafayette and those are still ongoing.
- Theology of the Body for Seniors was offered at Courtyard Manor Nursing Home in 2017. The elderly were reminded that God has a purpose for them (in their pain and suffering) until he calls them home.
- The prayer blanket ministry has blessed thousands of people as volunteers incorporate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy by praying for the recipients and visiting the sick and infirmed.
- Facilitated “Women of Grace” and still have a WOG Support Group.
- In 2011 she spearheaded the first “Death Penalty Repeal Team” in the Diocese of Lafayette.
- Facilitated “Mending the Soul” groups for those who have suffered abuse (mental, physical, sexual, etc.)
- She has inspired many with her pro life presentations at schools, walks, rallies, banquets, etc. Her rally cry, “Good Morning Pro Lifers” and “Pro Life is Pro Love” will forever be remembered.

You can see how passionate she was by viewing the following Youtube video (“yes, she was even on Youtube”). <https://youtu.be/RfYkUsiCb_k>

She has worked for four bishops during her employment with the Diocese of Lafayette.

- Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn
- Bishop Edward O'Donnell
- Bishop Michael Jarrell
- Bishop Douglas Deshotel

In addition to her work, Karol became a humble servant in Carmel. She began her journey in Carmel with her profession of Temporary Promise on May 16, 1999 and Definitive Promise on May 19, 2002. And of course, in Karol Joan style, if she was involved in any organization she became not just a member but a leader. She served as president of the community for six (6) years beginning January 2006 until January 2011 and was currently serving as a Council Member for three years beginning January 2020.

She served as Facilitator for the Small Group of members preparing for Definitive Promise, studying the writings of St. John of the Cross, especially the "The Ascent" and "The Dark Night" and the writings of Holy Mother St. Teresa of Jesus, "The Interior Castle".

Karol always lived her vocation and was true to her promise of chastity, poverty, and obedience at all times. She reflected a true Carmelite spirit by sharing her immense love, encouragement and support constantly to each member of the community. What a great ambassador from Carmel!

Her passion and joy are contagious and she epitomized the phrase "Joie de Vivre". She loved life. Her beautiful eyes and infectious smile lit up the room.

Her last wishes for us is to become the best versions of ourselves that we can be.

Our love and prayers are with her as she abides forever with Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

Pallbearers will be Jordan Miller, Grant Langley, Luka Hernandez, Levi Hernandez, Taylor Faulk and L.J. Meynard.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Jake Miller and Everett Faulk.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN location on Wednesday from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Visitation will continue on Thursday from 8:00 A.M. until time of services.

A traditional rosary will be prayed on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. and a

French rosary will be prayed on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. in Martin & Castille Funeral Home.

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Meynard family to the nurses, staff and doctors of Hospice of Acadiana for the kindness, compassion and gentle care given to Mrs. Meynard and her family during their time of need.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

Martin & Castille-DOWNTOWN-330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-234-2311

Cemetery

St. Peter Cemetery
102 N. Church St.
Carencro, LA, 70520

Events

FEB 24 Visitation 04:00PM - 09:00PM
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

FEB 24 Rosary 07:00PM - 07:30PM
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

FEB 25 Visitation 08:00AM - 12:45PM
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

FEB 25 Rosary (French) 10:00AM - 10:30AM
Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

FEB 25 Funeral Mass 01:00PM - 02:00PM
St. Elizabeth-Seton Catholic Church
610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - February 24 at 02:01 PM



“ Our prayers go out for Karol. May she enjoy everlasting happiness. Our condolences to the family. May our "petite cousine" rest in peace. Carol Doucet

Carol Doucet - February 27 at 01:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 25 at 11:16 AM



“ We Love you, Dad and Lyle purchased the Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



We Love you, Dad and Lyle - February 24 at 04:17 PM



“ 370 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - February 24 at 01:41 PM



“ I am overwhelmed by the extensive remembrances of Karol's work and accomplishments. A true trailblazer in life and in the church, she devoted her entire being to whatever it was she committed to doing. I enjoyed her friendship, but realize now how I only knew just only what was at the surface, and for that, it makes me sad. I know she will truly be missed, but her spirit will shine on in those that knew and loved her. You are all in my prayers.

Lisa Breaux - February 24 at 11:13 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 24 at 09:08 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 24 at 09:06 AM



“ Leah Schmidt, Marie Vicknair & Missy Matthieu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



Leah Schmidt, Marie Vicknair & Missy Matthieu - February 24 at 08:51 AM



“ She was such a wonderful person to know. She always had a smile and she made everyone feel welcome. May she rest in peace

Jeanne Bergeron - February 23 at 11:35 PM



“ To Mrs Karol's family: many of my childhood memories are from hours spent at Northside Academy of Dance Studio, especially Saturday morning dance classes. May she enjoy her dancing in heaven with love ones that have gone before her. Kim Primeaux Aucoin.

Kim Aucoin - February 23 at 09:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 23 at 08:50 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 23 at 08:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 23 at 07:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 23 at 07:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Karol Domingue Meynard.



February 23 at 02:52 PM



“ To the Family: Many happy memories of the early 70's at St. Genevieve Parish when Karol was a member of our Choir. She is singing to the Lord in heaven! Chaplain Carey Landry

Chaplain Carey Landry - February 23 at 09:01 AM



“ Chaplain Carey- We actually sat around her bed singing all of the Hi God songs & could see her trying to sing along with us. She even softly said “Joy, Joy, Joy” as we had forgotten that one. - great memories

Brigitte - February 24 at 06:06 AM



“ We actually sat around singing all of the Hi God songs we could think of as mom tried to sing along. She even softly said “Joy Joy Joy” to let us know we forgot one.

Brigitte - February 24 at 06:13 AM



“ Michael K Walz lit a candle in memory of Karol Domingue Meynard



Michael K Walz - February 23 at 08:46 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Karol D. Meynard.



February 22 at 06:42 PM



“ Burt Arceneaux and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Karol D. Meynard.



Burt Arceneaux and Family - February 22 at 06:00 PM



“ To Karol's Family,

A beautiful lady with a wonderful spirit. May she rest in peace. I will be praying for the repose of her soul as well as the entire family. She will be missed.

Sincerely,

Liz Webb Pavy

Elizabeth Pavy - February 22 at 05:47 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy for Ms. Karol. Her loving memories will forever be in your hearts. I will forever cherish the memories of Northside Academy of Dance in the early 70's. I was able to meet up with her at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in the last years and reminisce about the good old days. RIP and enjoy the fruits of heaven.

Raymond & Katherine Conques Freeman - February 22 at 05:47 PM