



Giselle Marie Gauthier Richards

February 16, 1956 - February 15, 2019

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Giselle Marie Gauthier Richards at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 2 PM with Rev. Jacob Thomas and Deacon E.J. Barre officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Kramer of Colfax.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, from 11 AM until 1:30 PM at the Kramer of Colfax.

Giselle Marie Gauthier Richards, 62, of Colfax, passed away on Friday, February 15, 2019, at Rapides Regional Medical Center.

Giselle is preceded in death by her parents, Preston and Mary Gauthier; her grandparents, Oscar and Henrietta Hodnett and Walter and Adele Gauthier; her sister, Joyce Gauthier Segreist; her brother, Russell Gauthier; and her nephew, Dewayne Arnold.

Giselle was born in Lafayette, LA and grew up in Ball and graduated from Tioga High School in 1974. She was a 1978 graduate of Northeast Louisiana University (NLU), now the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in journalism. In the summer of 1977, Giselle worked for the university newspaper, The Pow Wow, as a copy editor.

Giselle met her husband, Dru Richards, at ULM, who also majored in journalism. They married in 1978, and lived in Center, TX, until April, 1979, when they moved to Colfax to go to work for Dru's parents, W.D. and Helen Richards, owners and publishers of The Chronicle, a Grant Parish weekly newspaper. Giselle and Dru divorced in 1990, after 21 years of marriage.

At The Chronicle, Giselle initially did minor copy editing but was eventually made news editor. She was there for 22 years, covering major parish wide elections, "I suffered along with my husband and in-laws when on July 4, 1983, The Chronicle was destroyed by an

arson fire.” In 1999, Helen sold The Chronicle.

Giselle went to work at the Colfax Housing Authority, first as a housing clerk, and she was eventually promoted to Section 8 Manager. She worked at the Colfax Housing Authority from 2001-2014.

She was a Catholic and member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Colfax. Giselle was a member of the Ladies’ Altar Society and also served many years as Secretary. In 1993, Giselle organized and launched a celebration of St. Joseph’s 100th Anniversary, she compiled old pictures, letters and other historical items to write the history of St. Joseph, which was printed in The Chronicle in November, 1993. Giselle was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Gibbons, of Alexandria, LA.

Giselle is survived by two children, her son, Preston James Richards of Knoxville, TN and her daughter, Adele Louise Richards of Longview, TX; her sister, Hilda Stetz (Bill) of Sulphur, LA; four nephews, Dale Arnold, Patrick Stetz, Timothy Stetz and Christopher Stetz; her two aunts, Emilie Keifer (Simon) of Slidell and Sybil Johns of Simmesport, LA; several cousins, grand-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Building Fund, 139 2nd St. Colfax, LA 71417.

Cemetery

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
4000 Monroe Hwy
Ball, LA, 71405

Events

FEB 20 Visitation 11:00AM - 01:30PM
Kramer of Colfax
128 2nd Street, Colfax, LA, US, 71417

FEB 20 Mass of Christian Burial02:00PM
St. Joseph Church
801 Third St., Colfax, LA, US

Comments



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Giselle Marie Gauthier Richards.



February 20 at 11:21 AM



“ It was an honor knowing such a sweet person in school! You will be sadly missed! Hope you have a blast in Heaven! You are an angel!

Kemi Landry - February 20 at 10:28 AM



“ Giselle Richards was a wonderful mother. I have worked with her son, Preston, and know first hand the values she taught him. The family has my utmost respect, my prayers, and my condolences. Clemence Noakes, Knoxville, TN.

Clemence Noakes - February 19 at 09:44 PM



“ Drew , sorry to hear about Giselle . I know in college and after she was the love of your life. Sincerely , Bill Cloutet

bill cloutet - February 19 at 08:20 PM



“ Preston, I'm sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She is singing and dancing with the Lord and all her loved ones who have gone on before her...no more pain, no more sickness. She is having a fantastic reunion right now. It's just hard for the ones who have been left behind. Darlene from work.

Darlene McDaniel - February 19 at 01:27 PM