



## Ethel Mary Delahoussaye

June 18, 1934 - April 25, 2020

Ethel was born on June 18, 1934 to parents, Henry & Effie DeRouen Duplantis . She went to be with her Lord after a long struggle with dementia on April 25, 2020. A memorial mass will be celebrated later.

She was a dedicated member of the Catholic Church and enjoyed teaching catechism, and singing in the choir with her granddaughters, Loren & Adrienne. Daily she prayed the rosary and prayed for her loved ones.

Growing up in Avery Island, she shared many stories of exploring the Island with her brothers, Wilton “T-Wit” Fitch, and Johnny & Sammy Duplantis. She especially loved playing baseball in the cow pastures.

Ethel met her love, Elmo Delahoussaye, one Saturday at a dance. They married on November 29, 1952. They dreamed of starting a family, but it took them ten years before welcoming their precious baby boy, Steven Jude. A few years later their family was completed as they brought home a baby girl, Andrea D. Purdy. During those long 10 years of praying for their own children, they enjoyed a house full of nieces and nephews. Their oldest niece, Jenny Fuselier, couldn't pronounce Aunt Ethel correctly. It came out as “Aunt Aggie” as she is still fondly remembered by this name today. So many have very fond memories with Aunt Aggie & Uncle Mo. Her caring ways, compassion and nurturing heart are a few attributes that remind us of her devotion to God and

family.

Andrea married Gene “Skip” Purdy, and Ethel began dreaming of grandchildren. She loved reading books, preparing “healthy” meals, nursing injuries, playing with her grandchildren (even catching lizards & frogs with Thomas), and just being Granny to Loren P. Kupihea (Brok), Adrienne P. Harless (Ted) and Thomas P. Purdy and girlfriend Allyson Provost. Steven married Christine Darby and his dream of becoming a father became reality when he adopted her four beautiful daughters, Kristen, Ashley & Katlyn Delahoussaye & Alexis D. Maturin (Seth).

Ethel spoke many times of having great grandchildren and prayed for that day that she could welcome and enjoy them. Before dementia overcame her, she was able to love and enjoy four Greats! She will rejoice in knowing that she now has 20 little ones that adored her. She was a great “Aggie”, an outstanding Mom but really shined as “Granny”!

As the children grew older, Elmo & Ethel purchased their first motorhome. They enjoyed camping with family and the many friends they met as members of the Bayou Rambler’s Camping Club. She enjoyed their monthly campouts with the club, where she enjoyed playing cards with the ladies. They were proud to visit almost every state. One of their most memorable trips was to Canada with friends and granddaughter, Adrienne.

She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Jude Delahoussaye; grandson, Ethan Thomas Purdy; granddaughter, Kristen Lynn Delahoussaye; brother, Johnny Duplantis; sister-in-laws, Lucy Dubois Fitch & Elgine Delahoussaye Norris; and brother-in-laws Donald Norris & Louis Lancon.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in memory of Ethel D. Delahoussaye to St. Jude’s Children Hospital. Online donation page: <https://fu>

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Or mail in her name to: Memorial Giving  
501 St. Jude Place  
Memphis, TN 38105

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 West Lafayette St., Maurice, LA.  
70555, 337-740-3123, is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Aggie was always smiling -- I was so very blessed to have moved from a friend of the family to a member of her family! Much love and prayers to Mo, Skip, Andrea and the entire Delahoussaye/Purdy clan -- she is home and at peace!!

Heidi Parker Martin - April 29, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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We were one of those who made that trip to Canada with Ethel and Elmo and Adrienne. Always enjoyed their company and playing hand and foot with Ethel. She was quite a gal. Our condolences to you and your family.

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Condolences to my Uncle Elmo and my cousin Andrea Delahoussaye/Purdy along with Skip and the grandkids/great grandkids. R.I.P. Aunt Aggie ,you will surely be missed

Deborah and Frank Donovan - April 29, 2020 at 05:26 PM

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“ Latasha Leon lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mary Delahoussaye



Latasha Leon - April 26, 2020 at 01:54 PM