



Margarite Conner Bourque

August 1, 1938 - June 15, 2026

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Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at a 1:00 pm Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kaplan, LA honoring the life of Margarite Conner Bourque, 87, who was called home on June 15, 2026 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Fr. Mikel A. Polson will officiate the Mass and conduct the funeral services.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in Holy Rosary Catholic Church. A Rosary will be prayed on Thursday at 12 noon in the church.

Interment services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Pecan Island, Louisiana. Honored to serve as pallbearers are: Joshua Bourque, Luke Harrington, Kyle Bourque, Jonathon Bourque, Kale Scheuermann, and Trent Menard.

Margarite Conner Bourque was born on August 1, 1938 to Alga Conner and Mayvel Veazey Conner. She was born and raised in Pecan Island, LA. At the young age of 15, Margarite left her childhood home and married Leonard Bourque, Sr. He was the love of her life. Anyone who took the time to listen to

her talk about him and their past adventures could feel the love that she had for him. It was evident in the way she spoke of him to all who were willing to pull up a chair and listen. Together, they raised 7 children: Barron, Rhonda, Richard, Leonard Jr., Phillip, Stephanie, and Malcom.

For twenty years, Margarite and Leonard owned Pecan Island Food Store. On any given day, one could find her behind the register, greeting fishermen, hunters, members of her community, and strangers, who were just passing through. During these years she was dedicated to serving her community and took pride in offering some of the best products and services to such a rural area.

After retirement, she and her husband, Len, found great pleasure in traveling. She often spoke of the memories they made while traveling from as close as their local camping club to as far as Mexico. If the walls of that motorhome could talk, oh what stories it could tell. A time filled with sharing a love of the outdoors, cooking and entertaining, a competitive game of cards, but most of all, fellowship!

Margarite was a lady of many talents. In her 87 years, she was known for sewing, quilting, painting, baking, tag teaming any woodwork project that her husband had envisioned, but the most cherished talent of all was the homemade Christmas gifts that she would create for her children and grandchildren each year. Over the years, she has gifted homemade quilts, baby blankets and bonnets, wooden clocks, Christmas ornaments, homemade coasters, embroidered pillow cases, diamond art pictures, pot holders, dish warmers, and sun catchers, to name a few. Homemade gifts made with love are the ones that will be cherished and missed most of all by those who were blessed to receive them!

She had sixteen grandchildren! As each of her grandchildren got married, they would receive a king size quilt as a wedding gift. She made sure to stay busy

and work ahead so that the tradition would continue for each one of them to receive such a special gift from her. So much love was stitched into each patchwork square. Each piece told a story, but the story wasn't just in the fabric; it was in the making. Who cut the squares? Who dedicated the time stitching them together? Who the quilt was meant to warm? That's who Margarite was! If you received a gift from her, it was well thought out and gifted from her heart.

In years past, Sundays were known for having family gathered around her dining room table to enjoy a feast that she had prepared for those that she loved most. The sounds of spoons scratching Magnolite pots filled with pot roast and fresh veggies, followed by homemade tarts and lemon cream pies made those who were blessed to attend, appreciative for her time devoted in her kitchen.

Later in life, Margarite made the decision to return to school and get her diploma. Education was important to her and she instilled this in her children and grandchildren. What better way to practice what she preached than to receive her diploma in her forties, proving that one is never too old to achieve a goal that is worthy and holds importance to them, all while unveiling her perseverance and GRIT! Once she made up her mind to do something, there was no one that was going to change it! A character trait that most envy from a strong, independent woman!

Margarite was a devout servant of the Catholic faith and all that it entailed. She could be found leading the rosary before mass, hosting a prayer group, or attending daily mass. She was a member of The Ladies Altar Society in Pecan Island and The Catholic Daughters in Kaplan, LA where she devoted her time to supporting her church and its congregation. Any of her grandchildren will tell you that having the priest over for dinner was the norm

and if you slept over, you could be found kneeling bedside reciting the rosary before bed, or if you were traveling home from any road trip with them, Mother Mary led us home. She was a woman of faith and even through the loss of a child, her husband, a grandchild, and a great grandchild, her faith never wavered.

In September 2005, the devastating Hurricane Rita caused Margarite and her husband to leave Pecan Island and relocate to Kaplan, LA. Here Margarite found the camaraderie of community within her church and began to establish roots; however, Pecan Island always had her heart.

Margarite is survived by her 6 children: Barron Bourque (Lenez), Rhonda Bourque Harrington (Brent), Richard Bourque (Joanie), Leonard Bourque, Jr. (Lisa), Stephanie Bourque Scheuermann (Karl), and Malcom Bourque (Carolyn). 16 grandchildren: Richelle Bourque Marceaux (Gabe), Lana Harrington Menard (Trent), Joshua Bourque, Ashley Bourque Waguespack (Mike), Luke Harrington (Ashley), Jaimee Bourque Romero (Jacob), Krystle Harrington Hood (Jayson), Leah Bourque, Julie Bourque Deal (Bo), Kyle Bourque (Sally), Jonathon Bourque, Kale Scheuermann, Mary Beth Bourque Baudoin (Kyle), Aimee Bourque, and Callie Scheuermann, 37 great grandchildren, 5 great, great grandchildren, her furbaby Marli, and her sister Shirley Lege.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard Bourque, Sr., her parents Alga Conner and Mayvel Veazey Conner, her son Phillip Bourque, her grandson Douglas Bourque, her great granddaughter Addyson Bertrand, her brothers Wallace Conner and Robert (T-Bob) Conner, and sister Mary Ena Conner LeMaire.

Margarite's faith filled spirit will be missed by all who were blessed to be known and loved by her. She has loved us our whole life and we will miss her

the rest of ours.

Her family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the medical staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette, LA. Through her hardest days, they showed her and her family continuous love, support, and compassion.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

28220 W Hwy 82
Pecan Island, LA 70510

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
602 Church Ave
Kaplan, LA 70548

Rosary

JUN 18. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
602 Church Ave
Kaplan, LA 70548

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EM

“ Condolences goes out to Ms. Marguerite's family. When she would go to church at Cabrini she always sat in the front left . Now thats exactly where her Granddaughter and her family sits. Ms Marguerite you will always be remembered.

Eva Morrison - 36 minutes ago

TC

“ My Aunt Margret was always full of wisdom and great recipes she helped my Nanny Jackie her God daughter teach me to sew for 4H when I was in high school and we would often sleep there as kids and always a home made breakfast and prayer as my grandpa Wallace sister it was so many memories we shared and I go to grandma Mavels and sleep and here more memories growing in Pi just is different never was there any stranger we saw each other at Mass and was it was truly a blessing Love u Aunt Margaret You were one of a kind

tonia conner - 43 minutes ago

GL

“ We met Margarite through our friends Tunie and Jackie Broussard. Margarita was such a delightful warm-hearted lady who made you feel like you'd known her forever. Listening to her life lived stories were always so interesting and often funny. Visiting with her when we went to La was a highlight of our trip. We will miss her loving personality. Fly with the angels dear friend.

Gayle and Leon LaFleur - 58 minutes ago

JH

“ *She was always such a Lady. Always with her big, loving , kind smile is the only way I ever saw her. I always told her that she was my idol. She will be greatly missed* 🙏❤️

Jacquelin Hebert - 2 hours ago

SI

You will truly be missed sweet Margarite. I know there is a place reserved for you in heaven just as there was for your sister Mary Ena. Just as we miss Mary Ena I am sure you will be missed by your family and all who loved you.

Sherry LeMaire Inabnet - 2 hours ago

SB

Such a special Lady. Inside and out. Will miss our coffee visits when I go to Kaplan. And Will miss our tex every morning to see how we were doing. And what was going on. Please give Lidian Faye a hug when you get to Heaven.love you my friend. 🙏❤️☕☕
Shirley Bonsall

Shirley Bonsall - 1 hour ago