



Patricia Bates Michel

July 17, 1943 - April 21, 2026

Lafayette -

It is with deep sorrow the we announce the passing of Mrs. Patricia Bates Michel. Born in 1943, Pat passed peacefully at her Lafayette home on April 21st, 2026. She left the world and rejoined her husband with beautiful timing, as this was also their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Pat was originally from the small community of Nicholville, Alabama and moved to Louisiana as a child, though always maintained close ties with her Alabama family. She graduated from Terrebonne High School in 1961. While she was attending Nicholls State University, she met the love of her life Jethro 'Jet' Michel. They married in 1963 and resided in Morgan City, LA and then Lafayette. She raised two sons, and in the 1970s, returned to college at USL and graduated with a degree in accounting. She was employed at John Chance and Associates until retiring.

She always enjoyed keeping up her garden, sewing and quilting, playing the piano, and traveling. A trip to Rome was one of her highlights. Ever the cook, yeast rolls and fried chicken were specialties. And everything was done in tandem with her husband Jet. They were one of those couples that seemingly spent every minute together.

Pat is survived by her son Blair and his wife Olivia; her son Kelly and his significant other Annette; two brothers and sisters and in law, Ralph and Eleanor, and Allen and Sandra; nieces and nephews from both brothers, and her aunt in Alabama, Betty Jean Black.

By less than a year, she was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Jet Michel. Also preceding her were parents Mary Boudreaux Bates and Manuel Boudreaux.

Pat suffered from Parkinson's Disease in her final years, and the family wishes to offer much thanks to her caregivers near the end of life, along with Natalie and other staff from Hospice of Acadiana. Her cremains will be laid to rest in Morgan City beside her husband.

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

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“ *Robert and Julie Mayo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Patricia Bates Michel.*



Robert and Julie Mayo - April 24 at 11:23 AM