



Sheila Parker Conque

January 15, 1949 - September 9, 2020

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Sheila "Rusti" Conque on Saturday, September 12th, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Abbeville, Louisiana.

Fr. Louis Richard, Pastor will officiate. Private gravesite services will be held at a later date.

Visitation with the family will be at the church from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

The family requests that all masking and social distancing guidelines be observed during visitation and celebration of the Mass.

Rusti died peacefully on September 9th, 2020 at her home with her husband Durwood, her daughter Andrea, and her son-in-law Joseph. She was the only child of Jim and Wilda Mae Parker who predeceased her. For the last seven years, Rusti was treated for multiple myeloma by her friend, Dr. Gene Brierre. The family thanks him and his staff, especially Eric Buller, PA, for their dedication to her. The family also thanks Hospice of Acadiana and its staff, especially Jonathan Bourque RN, for their most kind attention and care in her final weeks.

Rusti was born on January 15, 1949 and grew up in LaPlace, Louisiana. She

attended both Louisiana Tech in Ruston and LSU in Baton Rouge, where she earned a Master's Degree in social work. It was there that she and her husband Durwood met and married 48 years ago. Rusti worked in foster care and as a counselor for behavior-disordered children in Iberia Parish before retiring to remain at home as a full-time mother to Andrea. For the rest of her life, she was always active in her community as a volunteer counselor, music minister, religion teacher, and grief care volunteer. She was especially proud of her children's choir, Voices of Angels, which she directed for many years at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Abbeville. She also served on the Board of Directors of Hospice of Acadiana for ten years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Hospice of Acadiana online at the Hospice of Acadiana Donation Page, or by mail to 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
300 Pere Megret St
Abbeville, LA 70510

Service

SEP 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
300 Pere Megret St
Abbeville, LA 70510

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Rusti was my roomie at LSU and I told Dee Conque he needed to meet her! I have tried looking her up many times but she was not on FB so I hit a brick wall. She named my first cat Emilie and I am on Emily Cinco right now. I remember her and Dee so fondly! She was maid of honor at my tiny wedding and I have never stopped thinking of her. We both loved music and she was good at it. Love you always girl, and I will see you on the other side....from Pat O’Leary Crane

Pat O’Leary Crane - May 13, 2024 at 07:43 PM

CM

“ Dear Durwood,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Take Care, Cathy B Miller

Cathy B Miller - September 12, 2020 at 05:46 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Hospice of Acadiana Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Sheila Parker Conque.



Love, Your Hospice of Acadiana Family - September 11, 2020 at 10:02 AM

WG

“ Judge Conque and Family - Prayers on the loss of Mrs. Conque.

Wanda M Guillory - September 10, 2020 at 07:57 PM