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MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR AUGUST DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

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The summer has not suppressed this virus! Due to the state of Louisiana remaining in phase II of this pandemic we will not be able to have our meeting in August. I pray all is well with you all. News is light from our members. If you have anything please send it to me.

Last month I reported that Judith Soniat has retired. Ms. Judy was instrumental in helping to build the library collection and also building a productive and harmonious relationship with both our patrons and with the Terrebonne Genealogical Society. Carlos Crockett is now taking on some of her old responsibilities as it relates to genealogy and would also like to serve as a liaison between the library and our organization. He states the genealogy collection is very solid with resources that are not only local but from other parishes and states as well. He stated Ms. Judy was committed to genealogy and he is willing to give his all and everything he has to making sure he continues her efforts. He will report to Rachel LeCompte who is the reference supervisor his activities with our organization. He will be joining our organization. Let's all welcome Carlos and thank him for his efforts to help us.

DEATHS



Cecilia LEONARD RICHARD, 92, a native and resident of Thibodaux, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a date to be determined at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Thibodaux. Interment will take place at a later time as she requested her body be donated to science. She is survived by her sisters, Sr. Anne Leonard, O'Carm, Lorraine Folse, Miriam Esteve, and brother Gerard Leonard and Meriam; children, Charles Richard and Romney, Louise Ledet and Jimmy, Clare Lagarde and Johnny, Daniel Richard and Monna, and Anne Lejeune and

Brian; grandchildren, Brian Richard and Cathy, Gregory Richard and Karen, Eric Richard and Megan, Matthew Ledet and Ashlee, Sarah Daigle and Johnathon, John Berger, and Holly Cortez and Joel; step-grandchildren, Inga Baker and Andy, Alix O'Donnell, and Lindsey Boudreaux and Dustin; and great-

grandchildren, Abby and Jake Richard, Hannah Richard and Ethan Hunter, Ben Richard, Adam, Josephine, Annie, and Dagny Ledet, Olivia, Clay, and Owen Daigle, Lorcan O'Donnell, Luca and McCoy Baker, Dakota Boudreaux. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert Richard; parents, Elvain and Bertha Gaubert Leonard, brothers Herman, Francis, and Donald Leonard, and sisters Sr. Bertha Leonard, O'Carroll and Sr. Lucie Leonard, O'Carroll. Family was extremely important to Cecilia. She loved visits from family and friends. Her love for family life was demonstrated by her strong desire to make sure the needs of everyone around her were met. If she could not solve a problem, she would pray for a good outcome. One of Cecilia's greatest joys in life was involving herself in activities that allowed her to help people. She did this by volunteering for many years in the office of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral and at the Good Samaritan Food Bank. She also helped countless people discover their precious family ties in her loving and tireless work at the **Houma-Thibodaux Diocesan Historical Research Center**. She was a **member of Terrebonne Genealogical Society**. Genealogy was truly a passion in her life, and through her work in this field, she made many lasting friendships. In her last days, Cecilia expressed her appreciation for the care she received in recent times from family, friends and health care providers. In her own, often used words, she wanted to say to everyone, "Thank you EVER so much!" In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name to Sisters of Mount Carmel (PO Box 476, Lacombe, La., 70445) or your favorite charity.



Betty Anne DEYEIDE LOCKWOOD, 92, passed away on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020. Betty was a native and resident of Houma, La. Family and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, at Annunziata Catholic Church in Houma, La., from 10:30 a.m. until service time. A Mass of Christian burial will begin at Annunziata Church at 1 p.m. Burial will follow services in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Gray, La. Betty is survived by her children, Lisa Anne Lockwood LeBlanc and husband Charles, Michael Gregory Lockwood and Laurie Lockwood Duplantis; 12 grandchildren, Stephen James and wife, Claire Maciborski LeBlanc, Emily Joyce TISDALE and husband Zachary, Suzanne Mary LANDRY and husband Bryant Jr., Brian Douglas and wife Samantha Kanode LeBlanc, Carl Anthony and wife Melanie Fishleigh LeBlanc, Kurt Charles LeBlanc, James Edward and wife Bethany Falgoust LeBlanc, Julia Elizabeth LeBlanc, Claire Louise LeBlanc, Beth Nicole LeBlanc, Valerie Anne LeBlanc, Mitchell Paul Duplantis and wife Chelsea Kirk Duplantis. She is also survived by her 19 great grandchildren, Lucas LeBlanc, Caleb LeBlanc, Hannah LeBlanc, Isabelle LeBlanc, Daniel LeBlanc, Joshua LeBlanc, Caroline LeBlanc, Adeline LeBlanc, Madelyn Landry, Adam Landry, Liam Landry, Ava LeBlanc, Clara LeBlanc, Alivia LeBlanc, Evan LeBlanc, Rosalie LeBlanc, Charles LeBlanc, Ella Duplantis, Betty Duplantis; brother, Jerry Carroll DeYeide and wife Alvina Arceneaux DeYeide; nieces, Christine Borowski Leachman and husband David, Karen Borowski Ball and husband Frank, Heather Borowski Palm and husband Frank, Stefanie Borowski Ford and husband James; great nieces, Greer Hymel Cook and husband Jeffrey and their son, Cory Todd, Carin Lapeyrouse Schreiber and Michael and their children, Juede and Violet, Erin Lapeyrouse Schmid and husband Karl and their daughter, Amelia. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Sherman William DeYeide and Irene Alexina Jolet DeYeide; grandparents, Frederic Daniel and wife Cora Augusta Foster Jeude; and Henry Clay and Marcelline Melicier Daigle Jolet; and her siblings, Daniel David DeYeide, Violet Agnes DeYeide Borowski and husband Ted; godparents, Celestine Jolet Hepler and Julius Dupont. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Louisiana State Police Troop C "Grant-a-Wish" P.O. Box 607, Schriever, LA 70395 due to the kindness they showed her grandson, Kurt. Betty was very active

in her community. She worked at the Terrebonne Parish Library and drove the first bookmobile owned by the state of Louisiana. She also drove the bookmobile for Terrebonne Parish. She owned and operated Wildwood Heights Kindergarten and Playschool. She taught Project Learn and was a substitute teacher in Terrebonne Parish from 1983 until her stroke in November of 2016. She taught religion at Annunziata for 25 years and volunteered at the East Houma, Bourg, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes libraries. Betty was a Terraineans Maid for two Mardi Gras balls. She was a member of the Annunziata Altar Society and a Eucharistic Minister. She belonged to the Saint Bernadette Single's Ministry, Friends of the Library and was a lifetime **member of the Terrebonne Genealogy Society**. One of her greatest joys was reading to her grandchildren and the many children who frequented the library. She loved to teach. She touched the lives of many, most especially her family. Miss Betty will be dearly missed, always loved and never forgotten. Chauvin Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. At the request of family, Annunziata Church and in accordance with CDC regulations; please wear mandatory face mask at all visitation, services, and burial locations.



Richard "Doc" David WHITNEY, Sr., age 70, passed away surrounded by his amazing family on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9:30 p.m. He was a native of Houma and a resident of Hahnville, LA. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Doc is survived by his wife of 51 ½ years, Helen Marie Herman Whitney; sons, Richard "Rick" David (Nicole Domangue) Whitney, Jr., Aaron "AP" Paul (Jennifer Dempsey) Whitney, Chad Michael (Amanda Bowden) Whitney, Bryan "Bee" Daniel (Amy Robertson) Whitney, Joshua "Pookie" Jude (fiancé, Holly Acosta) Whitney, Simon "Si" Matthew (Cora Fox) Whitney, Zachary Drew (Stephanie Laurie) Whitney, Hunter "Big Love" Gage (fiancé, Sarah Wiltz) Whitney, Forest "Forty" Christian Whitney, and Xavier "Gummy" Drummond (Shannon Nagele) Whitney; daughters, Jennifer "Jenny" Leigh Whitney, Victoria "Tori" Kristine Whitney (Jason) Fenger, Anastasia "Tasia" Rebecca Whitney (Alex) Louque, and Abigail "Doodle Bug" Aria Whitney; brothers, Gregory A. Whitney, Sr., Phillip L. (Nonna) Whitney, and Christopher D. (Heather) Whitney; sisters, **Patricia A. Whitney**, Ella C. (Lee) LeCompte, Mary F. Whitney, and Elmay M. Whitney (Irvin "Buddy") Hotard; grandchildren, Richard "Ritchie" Whitney, III and Hayes J. Whitney; Jake H. Whitney, Claire M. Whitney and Andrew P. Whitney; Maggie M. Whitney and Jack C. Whitney; Lukas F. Koelbel, Jasper M. Koelbel and Oliver L. Koelbel; Adalynn R. Whitney, Aurey B. Whitney, Avyn C. Whitney and Aleya A. Whitney; Jason P. Fenger, Jr.; Gavin J. Acosta, Colin M. Acosta and Everett R. Acosta. Doc was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley Bernard Whitney, Sr. and Elmay Marie Domangue Whitney; brothers, Stanley B. Whitney, Jr., Thomas N. Whitney, Sr.; sister-in-law, Fabian T. Whitney. Doc was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved being surrounded by his 14 children and 18 grandchildren. He was a parishioner of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. He was a retired Chiropractor of Houma Chiropractic Clinic and was the co-founder of Whitney & Richardson, a commercial credit services firm. He was a volunteer firefighter and carpenter. He was an active member of the Screen Actors Guild, with many notable roles in film, TV, stage, and commercials. He was the founder of the YouTube Channel "Old Man's Kitchen". He was a prolific photographer and author of children's books and other print material. He was an accomplished pianist and singer. Doc loved to perform and will be deeply missed by his audience of family members and by all whose hearts he touched. Let's give him a standing ovation with a prayer!

In lieu of flowers "pay his love and kindness forward". Chauvin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Whitney / Domangue family.



Yvonne Marie RODRIGUE, 68, a native and resident of Chackbay, passed away on Jan. 24, 2020. A memorial service was held in her honor at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Thibodaux. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elus Paul and Stella Marie Rodrigue. Yvonne had several places of employment; the most meaningful for 15 years was the **Historical Research Center with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux**. Gratitude and thanksgiving to all who extended love and assistance to Yvonne along her journey of life. She was a kind, humble and loving individual, who will be missed by those whose lives she touched. Yvonne donated her body to science in hope that she would continue to contribute to the good of humanity even after her death.



Terry Anthony CHAISSON, 86, a native and resident of Houma, passed away on Jan. 23, 2020. A religious service was held in his honor at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 at Bayou Blue Assembly. Burial follow in Holy Rosary Cemetery in Houma. He is survived by his son, James Anthony Chaisson Sr. (Vicky); daughters Laurie Landry (Todd) and Kristie Portier (Jody); brothers **Joseph Chaisson (Juanita)** and Thaddeus Chaisson (Wilma "Sis"); grandchildren James Anthony Chaisson Jr., Jeremy Chaisson, Alexander Landry, Lane Portier, Kyle Barker and Jade Portier; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Stuckey Chaisson; parents Raoul and Leah Legendre Chaisson; brother Ambrose Louis Chaisson; and sisters Corine Rodrigue, Angeline Domangue and Mary Poincot. He served in the Marines, worked for McDermott and served in the Marine Corps League. He loved living the Cajun lifestyle. Samart Funeral Home of Houma, Bayou Blue was in charge of arrangements.

Our condolences go out to all the deceased and their families. May the souls of the faithfully departed Rest in Peace.

BOOK SALES

We still have books to sell. If you are in need of a book please contact Jess Bergeron at (985) 876-2348.

I hope that everyone has received their copy of the Spring/Summer 2020 Edition of the Terrebonne Life Lines. WE ARE IN NEED OF ARTICLES FOR THE FALL/WINTER ISSUE OF THE LIFE LINES. Please email them to me at wmoore1048@aol.com or mail to TGS P O Box 20295, Houma, LA 70361-0295.

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