

# Obituaries



## Emma Jean Coates

Services for Emma Jean Coates were held at 11AM, Monday, June 7, 2021 at Lismore Baptist Church, Monterey, LA with Bro. Daniel Westberry and Bro. Albert Coates officiating. Interment followed at Coates-Perritt Family Cemetery, Monterey, LA under the direction of Magnolia Funeral Home, Alexandria.

Emma Jean Coates, 74, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2021 at her home. She was a fun loving, outgoing, friendly person who loved people and loved to visit with everyone.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

Edgar and Lola Roberts; husband, Johnny Coates; siblings, Alda Wheeler, Melba Roberts, June Ferguson, Becky Clarkson, Ray Roberts, AD Roberts, Jimmy Lee Roberts and Nelson Roberts.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Norma Wiley and husband Ben of Larto, LA, Willie Lee Coates Jr. of Ruston, LA, Vera Coates of Jonesville, LA, Albert Coates and wife Amanda of Ida, LA and Sandi Delaune and husband Raymond of Carriere, MS; eight grandchildren, Summer

Gemar, Josh Coates, Bryan, Haylee, Hannah and Heather Coates, Dewayne Whetstone and Chelsie Morgan; seven great grandchildren, Lily, Sam and Jonah Gemar, Summer and Shelby Whetstone, Hunter and Harlee Morgan.

Pallbearers were Alfred Gemar, Johnny Gemar, Sam Gemar, Roger Wheeler, Walker Wheeler and Ryder Wheeler. Honorary pallbearers were Joshua Coates and Harold Book.

To extend online condolences, please visit [www.magnoliafuneralhome.com](http://www.magnoliafuneralhome.com)

## James "Jim" Crocker



James "Jim" Crocker, 78, of Wildsville, LA was born on Tuesday, October 06, 1942 in Truman, AR. and passed away Wednesday, June 02,

2021 at Tulane Medical Center of an acute illness. He was a self-employed farmer for several years and loved to garden and share with the community. Jim was an avid outdoors man, he loved hunting and fishing. More importantly he loved his family and loved spending time with them. Jim was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, and so much more. He will be dearly missed by everyone that knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Albert Crocker and Jennie Belle Smith Crocker and his sister, Virginia Cooper.

Jim leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Patsy Jo Ingram Crocker; daughter, Sandra Deville and her husband Joe; daughter, Pamela Miles

and her husband Andrew; son, Michael Keith Crocker; daughter, Kimberly Schwieso and her husband Dean, and daughter, Robin Renee Crocker; two sisters, Beatrice Blasingame and Imogene Baxter; 10 grandchildren, Christopher White and his wife Camille, Brantley White and his wife Kyrsta, Andrew White and his wife Jamie, Brandi Ensminger, Jonathan White and his wife Kelly, Casey Griffin and her husband Lee, Tyler Schwieso and his wife Megan, Jordan Schwieso and his wife Resa, Parker Schwieso, and Palmer Schwieso; and 19 great-grandchildren.

To leave an online condolence for the family please visit [www.youngsfh.com](http://www.youngsfh.com).

## Theresa Mae Laing



Theresa Mae Laing, age 72, of Acorn, Arkansas, died Saturday, June 5, 2021, at her home with her family by her side. She was born on Tuesday, August 31, 1948 to Alvin and Rita Lutz Pavlicek in Sealy, Texas.

Theresa was known to her friends as Mrs. Terri. She was a devoted wife to the love of her life, Michael "Mickey" Laing. She was also known as Mom and Nana to her immediate family which will miss her dearly. She was a selfless person that loved people and her work. She worked for 40 years as a dental assistant in Jonesville, Louisiana and then in Mena, Arkansas. Anyone that knew her knows she never had a bad day. Mrs. Terri was always smiling and happy to help her patients, coworkers and friends. As a Mom and Nana she always put family first, she never missed a ball game or school function. Her grandbabies were the loves of her life and watching them grow up was her light. She loved her bingo family and they helped keep her going in the end when she really needed it. Mrs. Terri fought a ten year battle with Parkinson's and she never let it get her down. She was truly a strong courageous person all the way till the end. Theresa was a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend and will be missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Michael "Mickey" Dale Laing; and one sister, Muriel Palvicek.

Theresa is survived by her son and daughter in law, Todd and Amy Gaddis Laing of Acorn; three brothers, Bill Pavlicek of Columbus, Texas, Alvin Pavlicek of Weimar, Texas, and Edward Palvicek of Columbus, Texas; two sisters, Darlene Stryk of Schulenburg, Texas, and Nina Sue Day of Tuscola,

Texas; two grandchildren, Michael Donovan Laing and Maryclaire Mae Laing of Acorn; Godmother to Bryn Rose Stryk of Schulenburg, Texas and several nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

A private memorial service will be held by the family. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Bowser Family Funeral Home in Mena, Arkansas.

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## One year



*It's been one year since we started using your name in the past tense. One year since we've seen you smile, heard your laughter and found strength in your warm embrace. It's been one year since we held you close and said our last goodbye. One year since we watched them carry you away and felt thunder shake the ground as you stormed through the other side. One whole year has passed and not a single picture, memory or milestone has you in it. The Earth has made a full trip around the sun without you. I had no idea that a giant spinning rock holding 7.9 billion people could feel so empty. For an entire year, we've cried ourselves to sleep when the days are long and the absence of you becomes all too real. One whole year and not even a piece of our hearts have healed.*

*On the flip side of all that, what gives us the courage to carry on just like you said we should is that for one whole year, you have not fought for breath or struggled to stand. For one year now you've not felt pain or sadness. One year has passed since you've reunited with family and friends that helped pave the way before you. One year since heaven has been filled with smiles and laughter that only you could do. One year since you got your heavenly reward for a life well lived and a job well done. One year since you gained your wings. Instead of walking, now you run. One year after all the struggles and nights that you cried, you are praising and worshiping, at long last, by your Father's side.*

**In loving memory of Reggie Dale Whatley  
October 6, 1952 - June 10, 2020**

Written by: Candice Whatley

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