



## Jennifer Lee Fleming

July 10, 1949 - June 30, 2023

### JENNIFER LEE FLEMING, AGE 73

and a lifelong resident of Franklinton passed away Friday evening June 30, 2023 at University Hospital in New Orleans. She was a Class of 1967 graduate of Franklinton High School, where she was a member of the cheerleading squad. Jenny then obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Southeastern Louisiana University and worked in nursing home care, home health and was the nurse for the Washington Parish School System throughout the parish. She taught an adult LPN class for a time and later retired as a nurse for the State of Louisiana, one of her duties was working alongside the Office of Emergency Preparedness following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. During her children's early years, Jenny took a break from nursing and operated the Gingerbread House day-care for nearly 10 years. She was a "mother" to a huge number of children that have fond memories of Mrs. Jenny still to this day.

Jenny was a talented craft-maker and artist. Her design was chosen as the Washington Parish Fair Doubloon in 1988 and recently her painting was the 2022 Washington Parish Fair Poster. Jenny volunteered at Mile Branch Settlement, where she often sold her crafts, and worked with other areas the Fair. She enjoyed reading, traveling to the Gulf Coast and spending time with her friends and their families on camp outs, LSU games, Mardi Gras parades,

float trips on the Bogue Chitto and other family parties. Recently she really liked to get together with her classmates over dinner to share stories of “the good old days”. She also enjoyed working in her flower gardens and going out to eat with her daughter, as the two of them seemed to be inseparable. Jenny loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, following and supporting them in all their activities.

She is survived by:

Daughter: Mechelle Fleming Schilling of Franklinton

Sons: Matthew Wayne Fleming and wife Karla, of Pineville, La and Mitchell Milton Fleming of Hammond, LA.

Grandchildren: Brody Scott Schilling, U.S. Coast Guard, Los Angeles, California; Allie Christine Schilling and Emmalee Kate Schilling of Franklinton.

Sister in law: Diane Caldwell of Bogalusa.

Niece and nephews: Amy Branch and husband Al of Franklinton; John Hopkins “Sean” Caldwell, Jr. and wife Nicole of Thomas; Ellis Lee and wife Mary of Elk Grove, CA

“2nd Daughter”: Jeannie Kay Burris and her family

Special Friend and Companion: Earl Campo of Amite and his family, as they enjoyed spending many fun times at cookouts and get-togethers

Also survived by numerous beloved great-nieces, great-nephews and many dear friends

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years Milton Wayne Fleming, parents Ellis Lee and Christine Kaloszi Lee, brother Kenneth Lee, father in law and mother in law Milton and Effie Fleming, brother in law John Hopkins Caldwell, Sr. .

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Monday July 3rd from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and after 9:00 am on Tuesday. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Tuesday with Rev. Joey Miller, Rev. Leon Hickman, Rev. Pat King and Re, Frederick Brumfield officiating, with a special reading by friend Chris Bird.

The family wishes to express a sincere thank you to Dr. Blanco, nurse Keely, Dr. Malik, Dr. Aduli and their staffs for the loving support they provided Jenny and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center ([www.marybird.org/give](http://www.marybird.org/give)) or the mailing address Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Attn: Development Department, 1203 Tyler Street, Covington, LA 70433.

Pallbearers: Brody Schilling, John H. "Sean" Caldwell, Jr., Maurice "Meaux" Landry, Robbie McDaniel, Ken Allen, Mike Tate

Honorary Pallbearers are Al Branch, Allen Burris, John Thomas Caldwell, Connor Caldwell, Taylor Branch, Manny Branch, Olander Smith, A.W. Foy, Donald Folsie, Dr. Ricardo Blanco, Dr. Faizan Malik, David Pigott, Mitch Overton

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ O so many years of memories with Jennifer! Cherished moments forever. Will always smile and have a good chuckle if ever I watch Shenandoah.. 😊

Sharon Beckett - July 05, 2023 at 07:54 AM

RT

“ Our condolences and prayers go out to your family today and the days to come. Mechelle, Allie, Kate and Brody, may the wonderful memories of your Mother/Nana always be with you and help lessen your sadness in time.



Russ & Glenda Talley - July 04, 2023 at 08:46 AM

RD

“ Richard And Dianne Dillon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lee Fleming



richard and dianne dillon - July 03, 2023 at 11:33 PM

MO

“ Ms. Jenny came into my life through her daughter, my sister from another mister, Mechelle. Mechelle and I became extremely close when she was at Fort Meade, carrying her first child, Brody. During that time, I knew Ms. Jenny mostly through telephone calls. I would complain to Ms. Jenny that Mechelle had a habit of waking me up past midnight, craving a chocolate shake from Hardee's (among other things! lol). We finally met at Fort Meade, Maryland when Mr. Wayne and Ms. Jenny came to help Mechelle set-up her home. I immediately felt the tight bond they had as a family. It was a bond I had not experienced in my lifetime. I also learned Ms. Jenny's role in the family...keeping tabs on Mr. Wayne and calming down Mechelle! What I did not expect was Ms. Jenny being my second mother. From that day, I would visit Franklinton, LA to experience the Washington Parish Free Fair and Mardi Gras celebrations. While my Air Force career kept me from being physically present, whenever we talked it was if we had never been apart. I was her "Mitch #2."

The last time we saw each other was in Arizona, as both Mr. Wayne and my mother were battling cancer. Despite Mr. Wayne's fragile condition, Ms. Jenny took the time to make the trip to visit my mom at the hospital. That's just one example of how caring and selfless Ms. Jenny was. The exhaustion and pain of Mr. Wayne's battle took a toll, but she still made time for me and my mother. Little did I know she would soon be faced with her own battle - one she fought with courage and strength.

Ms. Jenny...I miss you so much it hurts. While your earthly body is no longer with us, your soul is very much alive and present as we grieve your loss. I know for certain you are with Mr. Wayne, looking down on us and holding Mechelle, Matt, Mitch and grandkids in your arms. We are so very fortunate to have you on this earth. - With love, The Overton Family

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Mitchell Overton - July 03, 2023 at 02:17 PM

BC

“ *Brett and Chelsi Chiasson purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Jennifer Lee Fleming.*



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**Brett and Chelsi Chiasson** - July 03, 2023 at 02:09 PM

BC

“ *Brett and Chelsi Chiasson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jennifer Lee Fleming.*

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**Brett and Chelsi Chiasson** - July 03, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jennifer Lee Fleming.*



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July 03, 2023 at 01:41 PM

JM

“ *Jennifer was such a sweet soul. I was a couple of years ahead in high school, but I knew Jennifer! I have such fond memories of her. Jennifer left this life on a river of prayers! No doubt she is resting in peace. May God comfort her family with wonderful, loving memories. Praying for the family as they come to terms with her loss.*

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**Judy McCasland Micelle** - July 03, 2023 at 11:55 AM

BF

“ Bless her heart, she’s with her true love again Michelle, our thoughts and prayers are with tall



Bridgett Gill and family - July 03, 2023 at 07:35 AM

MB

“ My deepest condolences to the family! Praying for you all during this time!

Marchantia Brumfield - July 03, 2023 at 02:00 AM

JL

“ Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lee Fleming



juanita luper - July 03, 2023 at 12:26 AM

SY

“ Jennifer was like sunshine on a rainy day. We didn't get to visit often, but when we did, there was always laughter and hugs. She was always involved in the community, and she will be missed so very much. God Bless and RIP. 🙏🏠 Sylvia and Paul



SylviaLaPointe - July 02, 2023 at 11:30 PM

DP

“ *Sending love and prayers to the family of a wonderful friend and memories we all shared at our Christmas parties with all our friends. You will never be forgotten and dearly missed.*



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**Deby Pigott** - July 02, 2023 at 10:03 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Simon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lee Fleming*



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**Brenda Simon** - July 02, 2023 at 09:58 PM

BS

*Rest in peace, my friend! Prayers for this precious family!*

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**Brenda Simon** - July 02, 2023 at 10:00 PM

BJ

“ *Betty Jones lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lee Fleming*



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**Betty Jones** - July 02, 2023 at 09:47 PM

LD

“ Jennifer and I have been friends for years. We used to love cruising around Franklinton in her turquoise and white Metropolitan. Although we lost contact for several years after I left Franklinton, we picked right up after we had never stopped. She was truly a very dear friend to me and I hope I was to her. I will miss our visits and phone calls. May God give you peace and joy.

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**Linda Stringfield Day** - July 02, 2023 at 07:50 PM

JB

“ Judy Rollins Burch lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lee Fleming



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**Judy Rollins Burch** - July 02, 2023 at 07:15 PM

SB

“ Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lee Fleming



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**Susan Barber** - July 02, 2023 at 06:31 PM