



## Johanna Bourgeois Fitts

June 10, 1952 - March 13, 2012

Johanna Bourgeois Fitts returned to our Lord on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the age of 59. A native of New Orleans and a resident of Destrehan for the past 34 years. Beloved wife of Richard Alan Fitts. Loving mother of Richie C. Fitts and Alanna Fitts Lee (husband, William). Daughter of the late Gloria Polkey Bourgeois and Edward Bourgeois, Sr. Sister of Susan A. Bourgeois and Edward Bourgeois, Jr. Godmother of Jessica Pierce. Also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. "Ms. Jo" was a preschool teacher for 18 years at St. Charles United Methodist Church CDO. She taught lessons of love and kindness to everyone she met. Jo was devoted to her family and her Catholic faith. Jo will be dearly missed by her family, friends, neighbors and community. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 13396 River Rd., Destrehan on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Interment in St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the American Brain Tumor Association, Attn: Ida, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Ste. 550, Chicago, IL 60631, [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

13396 River Rd.  
Destrehan, LA 70047

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
13396 River Road  
Destrehan, LA 70047

## Funeral Mass

MAR 16. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Johanna Bourgeois Fitts*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Johanna's family and ALL who loved her. Johanna had a very loving nature - made everyone feel that they were family. I feel privileged to have known her and blessed that she touched my life. She was one of the kindest souls I ever met. She was beautiful through and through. IF there are angels on earth, she was certainly one of these.*

**Susan A. Montelius** - March 16, 2012 at 10:28 AM



“ *Jo and I have been friends since grammar school. Her sweet gentle spirit has always been there for me. Even when she became ill, she always asked about my family before speaking about herself. She faced this health crisis with the same faith and sweet gentleness as she faced any issue. My heart breaks for you all. She asked me to keep in touch after she was gone and I am happy to do so. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.*



*Love.*

*Mike and Iris Trahan*

**Iris Arceneaux Trahan** - March 16, 2012 at 09:11 AM

IT

“ *Iris Arceneaux Trahan lit a candle in memory of Johanna Bourgeois Fitts*



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**Iris Arceneaux Trahan** - March 16, 2012 at 09:06 AM

ML

“ *Richard, Ritchie, and Alanna, my heart is with you today as you say goodbye to my dear friend Jo. Knowing her all these years has made me a better person. I loved Jo like a sister. May your wonderful memories of her take you thru the next days, weeks, and months. Rejoicing in the knowledge that she is "Safely Home"! My thoughts and prayers are with you today.*  
*Margaret D. LeBlanc*

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**Margaret D. LeBlanc** - March 16, 2012 at 07:20 AM

BB

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy in regards to the loss of your wife. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May God take her into His arms.*



*All our love & prayers for you and your family!*

*Kindest regards,  
Bucky Brinkman and family*

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**Bucky(henry) Brinkman** - March 16, 2012 at 07:12 AM

EB

“ There was rejoicing in Heaven when Johanna's spirit was recieved by Jesus Himself on Thursday. Such a beautiful life. Such a dear sister. Safetly in Juesus' arms now, she is in His rest, never to stuggle or shed a tear again. Thank you Lord for Your Promise, and for Your Mercy. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Please pour out Your Blessing upon this family in this time of loss and bereavement. Forgive us our sins. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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**Edward J Bourgeois** - March 16, 2012 at 01:51 AM

TC

“ Richard, Alanna and Richie,  
My heart breaks for you all. I am so very sorry for your loss. Jo was a wonderful person who accepted everyone and shared joy with all she came across. I have many fond memories of her and am very saddened to hear of her passing. Richard, its hard to go forward without your soulmate. I always enjoyed the relationship you and Jo shared. It was and still is an inspiration. Relish the joy she brought to you life and honor that. I see my mother struggle with this daily since the passing of my father last November. It is hard, but doable. I wish you peace. Many hugs to you. Alanna and Richie, it is hearbreaking to lose the physical connection with a parent, but know they are always with you, in your heart and spirit. Take comfort in the love your Mother had for you both. Your Mom will live on through you.

*Celebrate the life and love that was Jo!*

*Much love,*

*Tracie Henning Chase (tray724@sbcglobal.net)*

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**Tracie Henning Chase** - March 16, 2012 at 01:38 AM

CB

“ Richard, Richie and Alanna I am so very sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of Jo. She was an amazing woman with an amazing heart! I am so blessed to of had her and you guys in my life. Praying for peace for all of you. Take care. Love you!

*Clint Buckner*

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**Clint Buckner** - March 15, 2012 at 10:35 PM

CM

“ Our heart is full of sorrow from the loss of a loving wife, mother, cousin, and friend. Jo was such a kind, gentle, loving soul. I know she is at peace with our other departed loved ones. She will be forever missed by everyone who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*With our love,*

*Charlene and Michael Messmer*

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**Charlene Messmer** - March 15, 2012 at 04:27 PM

JH

“ Aunt Jo was such a wonderful woman. She was always worried about everyone else before she worried about herself. She was suffering from a terrible disease. God took away her pain and suffering. He received such a beautiful angel. She will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Jamie Henderson and Family*

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**Jamie Henderson** - March 15, 2012 at 04:19 PM

RL

“ *Richard, so sorry about the loss you and your family have suffered. I hope she didn't suffer as did Johnnie, my wife, when she died from endometrial cancer in 2009. I feel for you but know that God will take care of you if you have faith and turn it over to him. God bless you and your family. Ralph and Wanda (Walker) Liliedahl.*

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**Ralph Liliedahl** - March 15, 2012 at 12:12 PM

ES

“ *Alanna,*

*Our condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May Gods love and support continue to strengthen you all.*

*The St. Julien Family*

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**Eli st** - March 15, 2012 at 05:23 AM

MI

“ *Mr. Richard, Alanna, and Richie- I am so sorry to hear the news of Mrs. Jo's passing. She is such a beautiful person, inside and out, just as she raised her children. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Mia Incaprera** - March 14, 2012 at 11:04 PM



“ *Richard, Alanna, & Ritchie*

*Our hearts ache for the loss of your beloved wife and mother, Johanna. She always impressed us as being a very kind, gentle, and loving person and we will always remember her sweet disposition. Her physical body is no longer with us on this earth, but her spirit will live forever in our hearts and in our minds. May the memories of her love and kindness always bring you comfort. God has a new angel in heaven, who is sure to be watching over you all the days of your life.*

*With deepest sympathies,  
Vicki & Michael LaBiche*



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**Victoria LaBiche** - March 14, 2012 at 09:03 PM

DF

“ *Richard, Alanna, Richie and family,*

*Our deepest condolences on the loss of your beautiful wife and mother. She is at peace and resting with our Lord now. We pray that God gives you all the strength you need to endure this difficult time. We are with you in spirit and we share in your sorrow.*



*Herb, Doris, Adam, Jason, and Daniel*

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**Doris Fundora** - March 14, 2012 at 06:41 PM

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“ *Doris Fundora sent a virtual gift in memory of Johanna Bourgeois Fitts*



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**Doris Fundora** - March 14, 2012 at 06:27 PM

AA

“ *Alanna, Mr. Richard, Richie, and Family:*

*My heart breaks for you. I know the pain you are feeling. The love you have for your mom will never fade but time will heal your pain. Cherish the memories you have of her. Your mom, was a beautiful, kind, and inspiring woman and I'm grateful to have met her. She's at home in heaven now. May God comfort you during this very difficult time.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Annette & Mario Alvarado and The Au Family*

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**Annette Alvarado** - March 14, 2012 at 06:08 PM

GA

“ *Dear Richard, Richie, Alanna and Family,  
If there ever was an angel on this earth it was your beautiful wife and Mother, Johanna. I know she is at peace with Aunt Gloria and Uncle Lou. May God Bless you with beautiful memories. Ronnie and I will never forget her. We will keep you in our prayers.*



*Love,  
Gracie and Ronnie Arcement*

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**Gracie & Ronnie Arcement** - March 14, 2012 at 04:56 PM

CE

“ I am praying for you and your family! She was a beautiful person inside and out. She will be looking down on you smiling everyday because you are such a wonderful person! ?

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**christine caraway escobar** - March 14, 2012 at 04:48 PM

SC

“ Alanna, my condolences to you and your whole family. I can't even imagine your pain. That's such a great picture of your mom--it's how I'll always remember her.

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**Sarah Chifici** - March 14, 2012 at 04:40 PM

DP

So sorry Richard, Alanna and Richie, even though we can't be there with you at a difficult time like this our prayers and thoughts are with you.

*Danny & Glenda Perkins*

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**Danny Perkins** - March 14, 2012 at 05:11 PM