



## Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler"

December 23, 1925 - August 16, 2016

Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler" passed away on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 3 pm. Husband of the late Ura V Armand Descant. Father of Denny P. Descant (Carol) and Darla Descant McNamara. Son of the late Celestine Mary Armand and Pierre J. Descant. Brother of the late Lenora Riche, Lizera Baron, Clophine Dugas, Larma Descant, Isabel Rabalais, Edgar Descant, Elise Trump, Louise Rachel, Leo Descant, Cecilia Rachel, Murry Descant, Marvin Descant and Eura Ortego. Pierre was the last survivor of the 14 Descant children. Grandfather to Amy Bonnaffons (Bill), Christopher Pierre Descant (Jodi), Erin Mouledous (Scott) and Kaitlin McCaulley (Bryan). Great Grandfather of Bryce, Ashley and Brooke Bonnaffons, Cullen Pierre Descant, Owen Pierre and Emma Louise McCaulley, and Jolie Mouledous.

Pierre was 90 years old and a resident of New Orleans and Kenner for the past 50 years and a native of Evergreen, Louisiana (Avoyelles Parish). He served 20 years in the U S Coast Guard, with his last duty station being Commander of the Coast Guard Station at West End on the Lakefront in New Orleans. He served during World War II. He was a member of the CFMA and American Legion 377. He was a parishioner of St. Philip Neri Church and served as an usher. Pierre was the founder, along with his wife, Ura V of the "CAJUN FIDDLER BAND". He loved performing and singing his Cajun French songs. He performed all over Louisiana including Jazz Fest. Pierre was a wonderful husband and a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Pierre loved life, his family, GOD and Cajun music.

Thank you to all the staff at Nouveau Marc. And especially to Nancy's Private Care. And special thanks to to Trudy Mercantel for being a true and loving friend to dad and his family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. Interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) or St. Anthony Church Food Pantry 116 S Knoll Bunkie LA 701322 (318)346-2739.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler"*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *sadly i saw this recently,, played bass guitar with him many times ,many places..rip dear friend..i have the memories to cherish*

**John Scott** - October 10, 2017 at 11:44 AM



“ *Jeanne Hepler Pitt purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler".*



**Jeanne Hepler Pitt** - August 18, 2016 at 08:25 AM

JP

“*Mr. P.D.*” was an icon to me. He lived a life of his own making, and such a great life it was! Retired from the Coast Guard, he was the captain of a private yacht when I first met him - Darla and I were in 3rd grade together. Here he was, still a young man, and retired from the Coast Guard with a pension, and the captain of a yacht! As the captain of a private yacht, he traveled and enjoyed great times with the owner of the yacht, who came to love P.D. like a son. (I can't remember the yacht owner's name... it's on the tip of my tongue...)

When that job was done (the yacht owner retired from yachting), P.D. again showed his spunk, entrepreneurship, and creativity. He TAUGHT HIMSELF how to play the fiddle. Then he launched a brilliant career as The Cajun Fiddler, playing the old cajun songs he grew up with and danced to as a young man in Louisiana's Cajun country. I remember when he brought that first fiddle home, and was playing around with it in the living room. Years later, he was a firmly established New Orleans tradition. He was the real deal.

I basically grew up in P.D.'s house with Darla - I spent as much time at their house during grammar school as I did at my own. His wife, Ura V., was an amazing cook. Her cajun dirty rice was to die for. I remember many a meal at P.D. and Ura V.'s table - spread out like a feast were a plethora of dishes at every meal - and P.D. and Ura V. would always say to me "C'est bon, Jeanne?" to which I would be expected to reply "Oui, c'est bon." That was all the cajun they taught me. Cajun French was their way of talking about me and Darla without us understanding a word of what they were saying. They would say something to each other in Cajun and chuckle about us.

P.D. was a wonderful father and husband, and a very interesting person with a strong character. There's not another like him.

*Jeanne Hepler Pitt*

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**Jeanne Hepler Pitt** - August 18, 2016 at 07:10 AM

JA

*What a great story. Happy you got to know them. I don't know anyone in the family that didn't have a warm spot in their heart for them both. Love and Prayers, Uncle Pete and Aunt V*

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**Jan** - August 18, 2016 at 01:43 PM

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“ *Carla Franks sent a virtual gift in memory of Pierre J. Descant "Cajun Fiddler"*



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**Carla Franks** - August 17, 2016 at 08:54 PM