



Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue

February 11, 1934 - August 15, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that the family of St. Rose native, Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue (née Gilardi), born February 11, 1934, announces her passing. The Lord called her home peacefully in her sleep on August 15, 2025, at the age of 91.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Nancy Gilardi (née Bonura); her first husband, Achille Lemoine and second husband, Warren Zeringue; and all her siblings: Joseph "Bud" Gilardi, Anthony "A.J." Gilardi, Samuel "Sonny" Gilardi, Benny "Pat" Gilardi, Gasper Gilardi, and Manuella "Bae" LeBlanc.

She is survived by her children, Chay Lemoine, Deborah Benton (née Lemoine; in memoriam, spouse, Glenn), and Sharon Weinert (née Zeringue; spouse, Jürgen); grandchildren, Jenelle Cummings (Adam), Brian Weinert (Mary), and Taylor Benton (Alexandria); six great-grandchildren, Lukah Cummings, Callen Cummings, Blakely Cummings, Palmer Cummings, Evelyn Weinert, and Gracynn Benton; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend their utmost gratitude to her godchild, Gina Brewer (née LeBlanc), her caregivers with NOLA Home Care, Notre Dame Hospice, and the staff at St. Anna's Nursing Care. Many thanks to the family's longtime friend, Father Tom Bouterie, for performing last rites and blessing her as she prepared to greet the Lord. He told her "your bags are packed. You're

going on the greatest trip of your life”.

Rita lived her entire life in six houses on the same street of St. Rose, LA. Nearly every day she would ride her bike and chat with neighbors, bringing home tomatoes, pecans, crawfish, shrimp, and just about anything that would fit in her basket. During her tenure working the voting polls or working concourse security checkpoints at New Orleans International Airport she made many friends and memories which she would often recall with family and visitors in hilarious stories. She enjoyed traveling and going to the casino with her friends, but her greatest joy was her family. Memories of the smell of her famous roast and creamed potatoes when you walked in the door (and fried dough in the morning!) will forever live in our hearts. She was a true Italian grandmother; no one ever went hungry in her house. Every visitor heard her mantra right away: "Wash your hands!" There was no doubt it was her way or the highway. For the rest of her story, as Rita would say, "...it's none of your business." She captured the hearts of many during her 91 years, and her sense of humor and charm will be dearly missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Funeral Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Visitation from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 11:30 a.m. Interment in St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery, Destrehan, LA. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

13396 River Rd.
Destrehan, LA 70047

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.

August 21, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.



August 21, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ We are so sorry for family's loss and wish you all comfort and peace. Patrick and Susan McAdam



Susan McAdam - August 19, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Nola Home Care purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.



Nola Home Care - August 18, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TF

“ *The Parquet family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.*



The Parquet family - August 18, 2025 at 11:27 AM

PE

“ *Pat, Darlene, Deanne', Darla and Eliza purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.*



Pat, Darlene, Deanne', Darla and Eliza - August 17, 2025 at 06:47 PM

DA

“ *So very sorry about the loss of your mom. Memories of everyone hanging out at Maw Maw and Paw Paw's house when we were all younger are precious. From me and my siblings we send love to all of you. Darla LeBlanc*

Darla - August 17, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.*



August 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM

BR

“ For the last two years I was there with her five days a week, and it felt like we were practically family. She was always so sweet and caring toward me, and I'll never forget the time we shared. We'd sit together with our snacks and watch the Saints games, and those little moments meant the world to me. She'll always have a special place in my heart -Bre ❤️



bre - August 17, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JU

Bre... The time you shared with her made a world of difference. She enjoyed your company and spoke of it often... Thank you for being there...

jurgen - August 18, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.

August 16, 2025 at 11:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.



August 16, 2025 at 11:56 PM

KE

“ Karol and Bob Eastman purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.



Karol and Bob Eastman - August 16, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ Karol and Bob Eastman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.

Karol and Bob Eastman - August 16, 2025 at 09:13 PM

RL

“ Debbie,
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She live a good long life. You are official a member of the orphan club. You know that when you lose both of your parents to become the member of the orphan club..
Reenie Logreco



Reenie Logreco - August 16, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vita Rita "Sister" Zeringue.



August 16, 2025 at 06:43 PM