



Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner

December 2, 1969 - May 14, 2024

Amber, age 54, passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. She was born and raised in Ponchatoula, where she was heavily involved in the community. She was a natural born educator, and a School Board Administrator. Amber taught at and later became principal of Tucker Elementary School, where she was once a student. She loved and adored every student that she took in her care. She later became an Elementary Curriculum Supervisor for Tangipahoa Parish School System. Amber had a creative spirit that was shown in her photography and paintings. She was an avid reader and coffee drinker. She was known by her family to be a prankster and loved to laugh and make people laugh. She loved to dress up as movie and book characters for holidays and school events. Amber was Homecoming Queen in 1987 and Strawberry Festival Queen in 1988. Above all else, Amber's true joy was spending time with her family and loved ones. Whether it was the holidays or watching her kids and grandkids play sports she enjoyed spending time with them. Her grandbabies who lovingly named her GiGi and her nephews that named her Nanna truly owned her heart. Amber will forever be loved and greatly missed by all those that loved her.

Amber is survived by her daughters, Megan Averitt (Justin) and Victoria Troxler (Hayley); son, John Robert Gardner (Jenison); mother, Cynthia Bates Gregoire; sisters, Andrea LeFebvre (Andrew Sr.) and Yvette Gregoire Cornish (Christopher); grandchildren Kai, Barrett, and grandchild on the way;

nephews, Andrew LeFebvre Jr. (Jenna) and son Anderson, and Christopher LeFebvre and daughter Lily, Trey Singleton, and Gregory Singleton; and niece, Brynn Henry; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Amber is preceded by her father, John L. Gregoire; maternal grandparents, Cecile DeGruy Bates and Jack W. Bates; paternal grandparents, Louis and Eva Gregoire

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Tangipahoa Parish Schools from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at <https://www.unitedwaysela.org/DPIL>

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy. 51 North Ponchatoula, La 70454, on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and continuing on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. where we will go in procession to the Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ponchatoula, on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Fr. McDuffie will be officiating. Interment will follow in Ponchatoula Cemetery.

Condolences and other information may be found at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Ponchatoula Cemetery

Hwy 22
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Visitation

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
255 North 8th Street
Ponchatoula, LA

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Oh Mrs.Cindy...I am devastated to hear of Amber's passing. She was always a Beacon of joy and hope for all the youngsters and anyone who knew her. My prayers for you, her children and her family that God will comfort your pain and heal your hearts...I love you 🥺 Shelly Watts Cummings

Shelly Watts Cummings - May 21, 2024 at 03:32 PM

JS

“ Ms Gregoire, I am sorry that I never met your daughter, Amber. After reading her obituary, I am not surprised. She had a great mom. Joel and I are glad to inform you that we gave money to the Dolly Parton foundation. Our prayers are with you and your family. Love Jim and Lynn Smith.

Jimmie D Smith - May 18, 2024 at 09:25 PM

BM

“ Brittany Maxion lit a candle in memory of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner



Brittany Maxion - May 18, 2024 at 04:17 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



May 17, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LR

“ Leslie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber Renee Gregoire Gardner.

Leslie R. - May 17, 2024 at 01:57 PM

KM

“ Katie M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber Renee Gregoire Gardner.

Katie M. - May 17, 2024 at 10:51 AM

NL

“ I am so sorry to hear this my sincere condolences to Cynthia and all relatives. Prayers hugs for all.

Nadine Burton Lagarde - May 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



May 16, 2024 at 10:55 PM

JZ

“ Jo ann ross and michael zelman purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



Jo ann ross and michael zelman - May 16, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SG

“ Sandi Guillot purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



Sandi Guillot - May 16, 2024 at 04:18 PM

SW

“ Such a lovely friend, a beautiful person and family, you will always be in my heart May God bless Stacy Badeau Watts

Stacy Badeau Watts - May 16, 2024 at 04:11 PM



She was my classmate friend and just a beautiful soul R.I.P#❤️

Kym Higginbotham - May 16, 2024 at 07:30 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



May 16, 2024 at 03:18 PM

LF

“ Love, Your CBS Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber Renee Gregoire Gardner.

Love, Your CBS Family - May 16, 2024 at 03:18 PM

B(

“ Billy Kearney (DRP) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



Billy Kearney (DRP) - May 16, 2024 at 12:35 PM

B(

“ Billy Kearney (DRP) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber Renee Gregoire Gardner.

Billy Kearney (DRP) - May 16, 2024 at 12:35 PM

CG

“ I was so fortunate to get to spend a lot of time at Tucker as a service provider. Amber always did what was best for kids. She was so funny and full of joy. She always included us in anything she did for her staff. She went above and beyond for everyone she knew. She will be so greatly missed. Our school system and community has lost a wonderful person.

Christy Gray - May 16, 2024 at 09:25 AM

LD

“ Love, Carolyn and Michael Daniels purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.



Love, Carolyn and Michael Daniels - May 16, 2024 at 08:56 AM

LD

“ Love, Carolyn and Michael Daniels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amber Renee Gregoire Gardner.

Love, Carolyn and Michael Daniels - May 16, 2024 at 08:56 AM

SS

“ The sudden loss of someone who has always spread such joy with everyone she encountered is very heartbreaking. Amber's beautiful and infectious personality will never be forgotten by those of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

There are no words that will really help ease the loss of someone so special, but remembering her smile, her laughter, and her kindness towards others will hopefully help push away the pain and provide a feeling of comfort knowing she was a inspiration to others.

"It is not the length of life, but the depth of life"- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Stacey (Reid) Sanchez - May 16, 2024 at 08:21 AM

CR

“ *My prayers are with all of Amber’s family.
Now she can rest in the arms of Jesus.* 🙏
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Charles and Jeanette Richard - May 15, 2024 at 11:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Amber Renée Gregoire Gardner.*



May 15, 2024 at 11:02 PM

TT

“ *Amber was a great 1st grade teacher who truly cared for each and every one of her students! She was creative and animated and captured the hearts of many children. I had the pleasure of co-teaching with her back in the late 90s through 2004. I will cherish the memories we shared together both professionally and personally. My prayers and thoughts are with her and her family!*
Sincerely,
Tessie Tournillon

Tessie Tournillon - May 15, 2024 at 08:21 PM