



## Colleen Howes Bodker

April 27, 1927 - April 23, 2019

Colleen Howes Bodker passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at nearly 92 years old. Born and raised in Ponchatoula, she married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life for seventy years, A.J. Bodker. Colleen enjoyed going to her family camp on the Tangipahoa River, gardening, cooking, and spending time with her family. She was a stay at home mom who became the best “mawmaw” to her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Colleen was a nurturer who made everyone feel at home and comforted by her presence. She spoiled her loved ones with candy and her special chocolate chip cookies and homemade mayhaw jelly.

Colleen is survived by her husband A.J. Bodker; their four children, Peggy (Tony), David (Diane), Mellie, and Carol (John); five grandchildren, Jay (Aimee), Lee, Amy, Megan (Dean), and Becky; three great-grandchildren, Brock and Elizabeth Wiggins, and Hudson Kelley; and her brother, Orville Howes.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Lucille Howes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude’s Hospital or the First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Aaron Gordon will officiate the service with interment to follow in Wetmore Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Wetmore Cemetery

Hwy 22  
Ponchatoula

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

1st Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula  
197 S 4th Street  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

## Funeral Service

APR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

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197 S 4th Street  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Sorry to learn of the loss of your wife Mr. Bodker. May Mrs. Colleen Rest In Peace. My thoughts and prayers are for you and your family.

Duval H. Arthur Jr. - May 21, 2019 at 12:49 AM

DA

“ May your warm memories of this wonderful woman heal your grief. We are thinking of you and praying for you. Tom and Donna Gay Anderson

Donna Gay Anderson - April 29, 2019 at 03:38 PM

LF

“ So sorry to hear of her passing today (Brad called me). She was such a wonderful person and neighbor to us for so many years! Remembering the good times and her sweet, calming disposition and her undying love for her family!!

John, Lori, Brad, Leigh and Amy Fresina

Lori Fresina - April 26, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Colleen Howes Bodker.



April 25, 2019 at 11:57 PM

EM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Bodker family for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Evelyn Kluka Meier*

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**Evelyn Meier** - April 25, 2019 at 09:20 PM

CA

“ *A.J., Peggy, David, Mellie and Carol, we are so saddened by your great loss. Though we will be unable to be with you Friday, our prayers abound for you and the whole family. May you know the everlasting comfort of His presence.*

*Jim and Carroll Anderson*

*Proverbs 31:28*

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**Carroll Anderson** - April 25, 2019 at 08:42 PM

MR

“ *A. J. and family - Nancy and I just heard the sad news. You are all in our prayers and we feel privileged to have known you and Coleen for more than 50 years and have the utmost respect for you both.*  
*Moe Richmond*

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**Moe Richmond** - April 25, 2019 at 08:08 PM

GL

“ *So sorry for the loss of this beautiful lady. I never met her that she didn't smile and ask how we were doing. When speaking about her family, her love for them was effervescent! May your tears of today be overshadowed by your beautiful memories.*

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**Gwen and Bobby Lee** - April 25, 2019 at 04:49 PM



YC

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Colleen was a very sweet and likeable person. Will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Yvonne Ciruti Charbonnet - April 25, 2019 at 01:19 PM

MB

“ Mrs. Colleen was beautiful inside and out. My heart is with all of you: Mr. A.J., Peggy, David, Mellie and Carol. I wish I could be there to give you all a big hug.  
Love - Mary Ellen (Hungate)

Mary Ellen Boelhower - April 25, 2019 at 08:41 AM

AL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my prayers!

Andrea Gregoire LeFebvre

Andrea LeFebvre - April 25, 2019 at 08:28 AM

KM

“ So sincerely friendly, kind and gracious, Colleen has always brought encouragement to me as she has to many others. I've looked forward to every chat and find it hard to believe she's already made her final voyage to her Heavenly home. Miss her already.

Kathryn J. Martin - April 24, 2019 at 10:32 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .

Jessie Cox - April 24, 2019 at 02:16 PM

GA

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

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**Gordon Anderson** - April 24, 2019 at 01:02 PM

JB

“ *Mr. Bodker.... so sorry to hear about the passing of Colleen. I know she was and will always be the "love of your life." I loved all the stories you told about the two of you. I know your strong faith will get you through all of this. You were a pair... please take care of yourself and let us know if you need anything. I love you... Julie Bruhn*



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**Julie Bruhn** - April 24, 2019 at 12:47 PM