



## Dianne Mae Balfantz Coates

May 23, 1945 - March 31, 2024

Dianne Mae Balfantz Coates passed away Sunday, March 31, 2024 at the age of 78. She was a native of Bear Island and a resident of Springfield, LA. She loved riding and driving 18 wheelers across the country with her husband. She was a member of the Eastern Star Ponchatoula Chapter. She loved to tell stories of her life and her adventures of being on the road to her friends and family. She loved her animals so much, especially her cats. She never seemed to be in a hurry for anything. She was a graceful southern lady and enjoyed her peaceful country lifestyle.

Dianne is preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Lionel Coates; her mother and father, Emily and Gottfried Balfantz; and her sister, Helen Balfantz Leader.

She is survived by her brothers, Godfrey Balfantz Jr. (Bobbie), Ernie Balfantz (Rosemary), and Eddie Balfantz (Sandra); special nieces and caregivers, Robin Leader Bernard (Godchild), Cindy Leader Neuschafer, and Jessica Marlow (She looked forward daily to Jessica's Famous Oatmeal as she called it); nieces and nephews, Angela Vancel, Kalen Methvien, Jolie Gregoire, Jake Balfantz, Hunter Balfantz, Erin Brettel, Evan Balfantz, and Elisa Brown; along with numerous great nieces, great nephews, family, and friends that will miss her dearly.

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 Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. The service will be officiated by Rev. Paul Taylor. Pallbearers will be Devin Gregoire, Evan Balfantz, Jake Balfantz, Bentley Balfantz, Allen Wall, and Charlie McKinney. Honorary pallbearers will be Danny Neuschafer and Mitch Bernard. Interment will follow in Carter Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Carter Cemetery

Carter Cemetery Rd.  
Springfield, La

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dianne Mae Balfantz Coates*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - April 07, 2024 at 10:29 AM