



## Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham

August 23, 1963 - May 13, 2026

Gisele “Babygirl” Lamouranne Cottingham, age 62, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at her home in Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Gisele was born on August 23, 1963, in Metairie, Louisiana, to John and Dora Lamouranne. She shared 41 loving years of marriage with her devoted husband, William “Billy” Cottingham.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Dora; her parents in-law W. O. and Alpha Cottingham; her brothers, John “Butch” Lamouranne, David Lamouranne, and Leon “Chookie” Lamouranne; and sisters-in-law, Mary C. Lowe (Bill) and Jennie Wren Cottingham.

Gisele is survived by her beloved husband, Billy Cottingham; her cherished fur babies, Bessie and Cookie Man; sisters-in-law, Barbara Lamouranne, Jan Lamouranne, Sue C. Price (Harold), brother-in-law Watson Cottingham (Beverly), and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will forever treasure her memory.

Gisele dedicated her life to helping others as a community educator and passionate advocate against child sexual abuse, rape, and incest. She was deeply committed to protecting children and supporting survivors. She also had a love for genealogy, music, and connecting with people wherever life

took her.

Over the course of 20 years, Gisele traveled throughout the country with her husband for his work, from Minnesota to New Jersey to Washington state, making lifelong friendships everywhere they went.

The family would like to extend special thanks to St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, Dr. Malik and staff, Kathy Crossin (California), Keven and Alexandra Rapp (Ohio), and neighbors Glenda and Connie for their love, care, and support during Gisele's journey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Gisele's memory to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.

Gisele's kindness, strength, humor, and loving spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

PONCHATOULA, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Visitation from the Chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 North, Ponchatoula, LA. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. until the start of the Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
(985) 370-9296

## Memorial Service

MAY 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
(985) 370-9296

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - May 18 at 12:37 PM

SS

*She was the sweetest. She will be missed.*

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**Sherall Scariano** - May 18 at 03:56 PM

BB

*Gisele was one of my dearest and most special friends. She was passionate, hilarious, loyal, and kind. We had so many deep conversations and I will cherish that forever. It pains me to see the photo memories yet is also gives me comfort knowing how much joy she gave to others. I love you, Gisele.*

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**Brenna Barzenick** - May 18 at 10:04 PM

MM

*Gisele was a beautiful human. I will miss our chats. Hugs, Mary Ellen*

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**Mary Ellen Martens** - May 19 at 05:20 PM

SB

“ Gisele was my best friend for many years and because of our difference of opinions in life, we didn't speak for these last two years. I wish there was a way I could change that but I know I can't. I often cry just thinking about it. I love you Gisele. I hope you know that.

Sherry Bisso

Sherry Bisso - June 02 at 03:22 PM

AR

“ To my beautiful cuz Gisele — your love, laughter, and kindness will stay with me forever. You were more than family; you were a true friend and a light in so many lives. I will miss you deeply and carry your memory in my heart always.

Alexandra Rapp - May 19 at 03:33 PM

BF

“ Beth & Kenny Wright & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham.



Beth & Kenny Wright & Family - May 18 at 12:59 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham.



May 17 at 03:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham.

May 17 at 03:18 PM



“ My sweet cousin had a heart of gold. She lived with love for all and found true friendship, love, and partnership in Billy. Thank you for being you. I will miss that smile and those good hugs.

**Jude Stabiler** - May 17 at 03:04 PM



“ Giselle was our friend, and we will deeply miss the way she could make us smile, even during difficult times, her fantastic cooking skills, and especially the love and kindness she showed toward our grandchildren. We will always remember how thoughtful she was, preparing holiday meals for us during times we had to work. That was just who Giselle was - caring, generous and always thinking of others. She brought warmth, laughter and comfort to so many lives. Being neighbors became a true friendship that we will always treasure. Giselle will always hold a special place in our hearts

**Glenda and Connie** - May 17 at 01:41 PM



“ We have lost a great a friend of ours 20 years ago and she will never be forgotten for charitable work she did in her lifetime your at peace sister Love Paul and Maria ❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

**paul griffin** - May 16 at 09:06 PM

AT

“ O I remember the day you were born, I was stationed over seas in the Air Force. Your mom wrote and told me she finally got A BABY Girl. RIP cuz

Albert Thiery - May 16 at 08:12 PM

DE

“ Remembering how we laughed till we cried cause you couldn't find a knife & cut the Doberge cake with the pizza cutter 🤪😂 & our times together in the French Quarter.



Dee Elmer - May 16 at 11:44 AM

PA

“ Patrick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham.



Patrick - May 15 at 07:03 PM

PA

“ Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gisele Lamouranne Cottingham.

Patrick - May 15 at 07:03 PM