



Ethel Mae Istre

November 5, 1931 - September 19, 2024

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at Our Lady of the Lake Church for Ethel Mae Benoit Istre, 92, who passed away Thursday, September 19, 2024.

The family is requesting visiting hours to be held Monday, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM at Matthews Funeral Home in Lake Arthur. A rosary will be recited at 6:00 PM on Monday.

Inurnment will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday September 26, 2024 at Andrus Cove.

Ethel was born November 5, 1931, to Ulgare Benoit and Martha Mallette Benoit. She dedicated her life to the care of her large family. Ethel will be greatly missed.

Ethel is survived by her five sons, Ricky Istre and his wife Linda of Elton, LA, Layne and his wife Marie of Elton, La, Drexter Istre and his wife Karen of Forth Worth, TX , Roderick Istre of Portland, TX, and Patrick Istre and his wife Alice of Lake Arthur, LA ; six daughters, Juanita Gaspard and her husband Johnny of Lake Arthur, La, Belinda Myers, and her husband Mitchell of Lake Arthur, La., Phylliss Fontenot of Hathway, La, Pam Herbert and her husband Donald of Morse, LA, Rochelle “Shelly” Granger of Lake Arthur, La, Fabiola

Istre of Blanco, TX ; one brother, Joseph Charles Benoit of Gueydan, LA ; 52 grandchildren; 136 great grandchildren; 29 great great children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ulgare and Martha Benoit; husband, R.J. Istre; four brothers, Earl Benoit, Ray Benoit, Arthur Benoit, and Paul Benoit; one sister, Rose Benoit Morgan; one granddaughter Michelle Nicole Granger; two great granddaughters, Eva Maire French and Hallie Celestine; one great grandson, Micheal Fontenot; one great great great granddaughter, Aaliyah Lewis.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews Funeral of LAKE ARTHUR, La 317 Kellogg Street Lake Arthur, La 70549.

Cemetery Details

Andrus Cove Cemetery

Andrus Cove Cemetery Rd
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - LAKE ARTHUR
314 Kellogg Street
Lake Arthur, LA 70549
(337) 824-4420
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<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Rosary

SEP **23**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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SEP **24.** 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
203 Commercial St.
Lake Arthur, LA 70549

Inurnment

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Rochelle Granger - September 28, 2024 at 04:18 PM

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Love and miss you Mom 😭

Rochelle Granger - September 28, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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😭 Mom I Love You very very much and miss you so very much love
❤️ kisses 😊 and Hugs 📏 love you to the moon and back mom and
daddy

Fabiola Ellison - September 28, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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Miss and love you Mawmaw 😘❤️

Amanda Toole - September 28, 2024 at 07:16 PM



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Matthews Funeral Home - September 23, 2024 at 10:02 AM

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Mom such beautiful memories, just know I miss you terribly. Your beautiful smile and laughter. And most of all your support in how to handle things, but I will pray 🙏 for continued support. I miss you terribly and love you dearly ❤️❤️ give daddy a big big hug from me and Michelle as well, tell them I love and miss them as well. ❤️❤️❤️

Rochelle Granger - September 28, 2024 at 05:59 PM