



## Janell Emma Istre Fontenot

August 20, 1955 - April 30, 2023

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Jennings: It's with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot announces her passing from this life on April 30, 2023, at the age of 67. Janell was born in Jennings, LA to Daniel and AnnaBelle Istre on August 20, 1955. She worked as a Blackjack Dealer and a Notary Public for many years, jobs which she loved dearly. Janell was a very faithful Christian, who loved the Lord, who loved praying for others and reading her bible; as well as sharing her gift of healing by treating people who came to her. Janell loved life, loved to laugh, loved to dance, and make others laugh with her fun-loving humor. She loved people and lived life with a grateful heart. Janell loved going to the casino, loved to play card games (Bourre), dice games (Farkle), and bingo. Her greatest joys came from family get togethers and spending time with her family and making memories with them, especially her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Janell is survived by her mother in which she had an endearing love for, AnnaBelle Courville Istre of Jennings, LA; her former husband, Herman Kilchrist of Orange, TX; her sons, Rusty Dale Fontenot of Lake Charles, LA, Joey Dale Fontenot of Scottsdale, AZ; her daughters, Katie Jo Reed (Allen) of Jennings, LA, Samantha Jo Fontenot (Joe) of Lacassine, LA; her four grandchildren, Treavor Blevins, Justin Fontenot, Allavean Reed, Annabelle

Reed; her three great grandchildren, Blakely Leblanc, Ally Smith, Alden Smith; her brothers, Larry Thibodeaux (Lydia) of Mermentau, LA, Kenneth Istre (Angie) of Jennings, LA, Phillip Istre (Laura) of Jennings, LA; her sister, Judy Simon (Shawn) of Jennings, LA, Becky LeJeune (John) of Jennings, LA, Eunice Morgan (Scott) of Kinder, LA; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Janell is now rejoicing with the family that preceded her in death her father, Daniel Reed Istre; two brothers, Thomas Ray Istre, Randy James Istre; her nephew, Nathan Phillip Istre.

Funeral Services for Janell Emma Istre Fontenot will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home Chapel in Jennings on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 4:00 PM. A burial will follow in Istre Cemetery in Mermentau Cove, LA. Those chosen to honor Janell as her pallbearers will be Rusty Fontenot, Joey Fontenot, Phillip Istre, Ken Istre, Allen Reed, Joe Rutledge, Logan Istre and Al Himel.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 9:30 AM until the time of her service at 4:00 PM.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Istre Cemetery

2326 Swift Rd  
Morse, LA 70559

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 3. 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS  
511 N. Cutting Avenue  
Jennings, LA 70546  
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# Tribute Wall



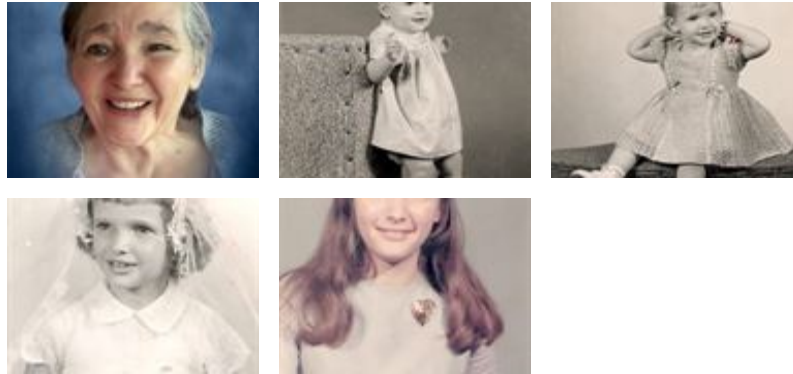
“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot.*



May 02, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Matthews Funeral Home** - May 02, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot.*



May 02, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Deborrah Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot*



Deborrah Dixon - May 02, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot.*



May 02, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Amanda Benoit sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot*



Amanda Benoit - May 02, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ *Amanda Benoit sent a virtual gift in memory of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot*



Amanda Benoit - May 02, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ So sorry for you'll lose. Praying for her family. Love you Mrs Eunice praying and sending love to you'll.



Amanda Benoit - May 02, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot.



May 01, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Janell Emma Istre Fontenot.



May 01, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about Janell's passing. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. Prayers going out to Aunt AnnaBelle, her brothers,sisters, children and grandchildren.

Janice Istre-LeJeune - May 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM