



# THE S\*M\*A\*R\*T CAJUN



Summer 2011

## Louise Fowler Richard

Born on June 18, 1930

Departed on July 19, 2011 and resided in Ruston, LA.

Louise Aycock Fowler Richard, age 81, passed away Tuesday July 19, 2011, at Northern Louisiana Medical Center. Visitation was held at Kilpatrick Funeral Home Wednesday July 20, 2011. Funeral Services were held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston on Thursday, July 21. Officiating was Rev. Rolly Walker and Rev. Jerry Hilbun. Interment followed in the Pines Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

She was born June 18, 1930 and was a longtime resident of Ruston, Louisiana, and recently Toledo Bend, Louisiana. She and her first husband owned and operated Ruston Hardware and Sporting Goods until his death in 1986. She was an avid outdoors man who loved to hunt and fish. She loved gardening, crocheting and sewing. Louise and her second husband enjoyed traveling and were members of numerous motor home clubs. They also loved entertaining friends and family at their second home on Toledo Bend. She was also well known for her patriotic support of the military and veterans. In previous years, she was actively involved in Alpha Chi Omega Social Sorority, Ducks Unlimited and Girl Scouts as well as Junior Guild.

Louise was preceded in death by her first husband, James Crad Fowler, and her parents Tootsey and Cooksey Aycock.

She is survived by her husband Robert J. (Bert) Richard, Sr.; And daughters "the 3 Ds": Donna and husband Dee Belcher of Ruston, La.; Dianne and husband Bill Andries of Many, La.; and Dawn and husband Dickie Colvin of Benton, Tn.; six grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. She is also survived by stepson Butch Richard and wife Sally of Shalimar, Florida; stepdaughters Renee and husband Charles Buckman of Southern Pines, N.C.; and Revette Breaux of Ruston; eight step-grandchildren; and one step-great granddaughter.

***Louise will be greatly missed by all her SMART Cajun friends. She was a special person; always thoughtful, giving of herself, her time, talents and resources; always full of laughter. She has gone away from us, but will never be forgotten.***

## Future Musters

**October 4 - 6, 2011**

**Kemper Williams RV Campground  
Patterson, LA**

**Host: Joe and Joycie Comeaux**

**January 9 - 11, 2012**

**Canyon Trails RV Park  
San Marcos, TX**

**Host: Hoss and Elaine Bergeron**

**November 14 - 16, 2011**

**River Town RV Park  
Vicksburg, MS**

**Host: Bill and Geri Blansfield**

**Mid March 2012 - Lake Charles, LA area**

**Host: Jim and Magdalene Martin**

**April 25 - 30, 2011 - Ya'll Come at Poche's**

**Host: Francis and Lynette Arceneaux**

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# VOTE FOR YOUR NATIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Candidates are Craig Christensen and Larry Sockwell

Voting by email ends on September 1, 2011

Anyone attending the National Muster will be able to vote there.

## **HEALTH NEWS ...**

**Maxine Firmin** - was hospitalized in Dallas, TX for heart problems connected with bronchitis. She reports that she is doing well.

**Dollie Autrey** - had a back operation that involved cementing several areas of the vertebrae; she is healing and the pain has diminished. **AC** is doing well keeping up the housework.

**Victor Buccola - Hoss** and **Elaine Bergeron** visited with **Victor** and reports that he seems to be in good shape physically.

**Jimmie Faye Sullivan** - Had neck surgery a week ago to correct two vertebrae that were pinching the spinal chord. She will be wearing a neck brace for about five more weeks. She appears to be in good spirits.

**Maggie Highton - Maggie's** mother passed away August 17, 2011.

**Dick Axell** - recovering from shoulder surgery and doing well, although he continues to sleep in his recliner to be comfortable.

**Please keep all of our friends and their families in your thoughts and prayers.**

## **TRAVEL NEWS ...**

**Tavernaro's** - visited New York, Canada and Vermont which completes their visits to all 50 states.

**Heldt's** - spent July 4th at the Air Force Academy, visited with the **Lloyds** and friends near Silver Cliff, CO., Visited a county fair at Salida, CO and watched kids trying to catch a pig, also visited with next door neighbors from 28 years ago. While at Centennial RV, Montrose, CO. they met a host, **James Sockwell**, brother of **Larry**.

**Baddinger's** - attended a muster in Goshen, IN.

**Bergeron's** - visited a NRA campground in NM, left and had to return because of a forest fire blocking I-25 at Raton Pass, NM. Later they continued on to the Air Force Academy.

**Fontenot's** - visited southern Utah and Colorado, had problems with their truck and returned home with a new one.

**Lloyd's** - hosted at Cherry Creek State Park, CO.

**Blansfield's** - hosted at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, MI.

**LeBlanc's** - traveled around the upper Midwest, and included in their stops Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore where they visited **Bill** and **Geri** for a few days

**SMART Cajun Muster**  
**October 4 - 6, 2011**

Fill out this form and mail to: **Joe Comeaux, 4680 Comeaux Rd, Maurice, LA 70555.** Phone: **337-893-7413**

To arrive **no later than September 25, 2011.** Muster fee: **\$12.50 per person. Guests \$12.50 per person.**

**Location: Kemper-Williams Park & Campground, 264 Cotten Rd, Patterson, LA 70392.** Phone: **985-395-2298.** Parking fee: **\$20.00 per night, to be collected by Joe Comeaux.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

SMART # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks out to the muster host) Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Motor home \_\_\_\_\_ 5th Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking (Y) (N) Playing Golf (Y) (N) **Please indicate if you would like to help with one (or more) meals** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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While **Charles LeBlanc** and **Bill Blansfield** whiled away the hours at local golf courses around the Honor, Michigan area, **Dianne** and **Geri** scoured the countryside in search of garage sales and their many hidden treasures. However, their G.P.S. took them on a surprise course that they did not plan on! They cautiously watched out for area bears! There was no place to turn around, but after many miles came to a "real" road



**Bill and Geri** camp ground hosting ...

Hosting at Platte River Camp Ground, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore was a wonderful experience for **Bill** and **Geri**. Their first time as volunteer hosts proved to be very enjoyable. Surrounded by natural beauty, the camp ground boasts large, neat wooded sites for both tents and RV's. Lake Michigan, with it's sparkling water and vast beaches is beautiful, as are the many, many area lakes, where you will find canoeing, kyaking, floating, fishing and just being lazy on the beach, are being enjoyed. Climbing the towering dunes and hiking the many trails through the forests are also popular at Sleeping Bear.

Recently *Good Morning America* conducted a poll, asking people to vote on the most beautiful place in America ... and guess what ... the winner was ...Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore!

**Cajun's October Muster...**

Patterson, LA, nestled on the banks of the Lower Atchafalaya River, known as a fishing and shrimping area, is always a fun place to be, and that's where the **Comeaux's** will host in October. They promise some good food, with a member of their Good Friends Camping Club doing the cooking! There are two casinos in the area, if that's your favor. The Atchafalaya at Idlewild, a pristine golf course planned among nature, claims "the #1 best course in the state"! Also in Patterson is the La. State Museum exhibiting model wooden ships, along with a history of the state's cypress and aviation industries.