



**THE COMMEMORATION AND BURIAL OF  
CARMEN JEAN COMEAUX**

**TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY**

**APRIL 24, 2024**

## **THE OBITUARY Carmen Jean Comeaux ~ ~ *April 9, 1974 - April 19, 2024***

Carmen Jean Comeaux peacefully passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024, at St. Joseph's The Carpenter House in Lafayette. Carmen was born in Concord, New Hampshire. She relocated to Lafayette, Louisiana and attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where she obtained a degree in Child and Family Studies in 2011. Carmen was a devoted and faithful wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed nature, bird watching, the beach, her stepchildren, grandchildren, and husband, Scott. Carmen was a faithful Christian servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Survivors include her husband and best friend of 18 years, Scott Comeaux of Lafayette; step-grandchildren, Toby Matthews and Eva Comeaux, stepson, Ruslan Comeaux, his wife Taylor, and their children Olivia and Jayde Comeaux of Carencro, stepdaughter Tatiana Comeaux of Lafayette; her mother, Nancy Downing of New Hampshire, her sister, Sandra Downing of South Carolina, two brothers, Chester Downing (Rebecca) and Keith Downing of New Hampshire, two half-sisters, Julie Morgan of South Carolina and Jeannie Langston of North Carolina; mother-in-law Lanell Comeaux of Carencro, sisters-in-law Mandy Fisher of Carencro, Kay Crane of Georgia, Laurie Comeaux of Florida, brother and sister-in-law David and Susan Comeaux, several aunts and uncles, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and many cousins.

Carmen was preceded in death by her father, Chester Alvin Downing, father-in-law Leon Comeaux, and brother-in-law Jeffrey Crane.

The family would like to offer special thanks to caregivers and friends, Christina Ruth, Michelle O'Connor, Irene Winters, Darlene Wiltz, Katie Anderson, Ava Groves, Mike LeBlanc, Kelli Ringle, David and Susan Comeaux, Alice Guedry, Bruce and Alison Lye, Denise Copeland, Lanell Comeaux, Kay Crane, Suzanne Manuel, Denise and Ken Broussard, Dr. Steven Saccaro and staff, Dr. Brady Guillory and Traditions Health Hospice staff, St. Joseph's The Carpenter House, Mouton Gardens' neighbors, Pastor Peter Johnston and the entire Trinity Anglican Church family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Carmen to Acadiana Animal Aid, Miles Perret Cancer Services (337-984-1920), or Trinity Anglican Church Missions Fund (via website at [www.trinitylafayette.com](http://www.trinitylafayette.com) or download the free Trinity app [trinitylafayette.com](http://trinitylafayette.com)).

### **ABOUT THE SERVICE**

The funeral of a Christian is an occasion of both sorrow and joy – our sorrow in the face of death, and our joy in Jesus' promise of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Please silence your phones.

*All stand and sing* **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

***Chorus:*** Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
A band of angels coming after me,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Oh, *Chorus*

If you get there before I do,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Oh, *Chorus*

The brightest day that ever I saw,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
When Jesus washed my sins away,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Oh, *Chorus*

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
But still my soul feels heav'nly bound,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Oh, *Chorus*

*Please stand for* **THE ANTHEMS**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever.

I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And with your spirit.**

*Priest*      Let us pray.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Carmen, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit for the* **WELCOME & FAMILY REFLECTIONS**

*All remain seated for* **MY GOD, MY GOD O WHY HAVE YOU**

**My God, my God, O why have you forsaken me, O why?  
Are you so far from giving help and from my groaning cry?  
By day and night my God I call; Your answer still delays  
And yet you are the holy one, who dwells in Israel's praise.**

**For see how dogs encircle me! On every side there stands  
A brotherhood of cruelty; they pierce my feet and hands  
My bones are plain for me to count; men see me and they stare  
My clothes among them they divide, and gamble for their share**

**Their lion jaws they open wide, And roar to tear their prey  
My heart is wax, my bones unknit, My life is poured away  
My strength is only broken clay, My mouth and tongue are dry  
For in the very dust of death; you there make me to lie**

**The Lord my God is not far off; the third day I'm reborn  
He rescues me from lion's mouth, and from the oxen's horns  
All you who fear the Lord, praise Him! Praise Him, Israel!  
Your afflictions He has seen and heard; He delivers you from hell.**

**All ends of earth remember this; and turn now to the Lord  
For He is King and every knee shall bow before His Word  
And generations yet unborn; all boys and girls to come  
Shall rise and know His righteousness; and proclaim what He has done.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:4-8

For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

**He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

**Philippians 3:8-14**

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### *All stand for* **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

I know that my redeemer lives, **Glory, Hallelujah!**

What comfort this assurance gives, **Glory, Hallelujah!**

**Shout on pray on we're gaining ground, Glory, Hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, Hallelujah!**

He lives, he lives who once was dead, **Glory, Hallelujah!**

He lives my everliving head, **Glory, Hallelujah!**

**Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground, Glory, Hallelujah!**

**The dead's alive and the lost is found. Glory, Hallelujah!**

## THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev’d Dr. Peter Johnston



## **THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY**

*As requested by Carmen: the musical offering will be sung by the Trinity Children's Choir and financial offerings will support the Trinity Missions Fund.*

*All stand to sing*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYERS**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*All sit or kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ. By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*Priest* In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Priest* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*People* **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

## **O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth over them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

## **BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Chorus:* Behold our God seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare.  
Come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

**Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!  
(Chorus)**

## **THE COMMENDATION**

*Priest* Into your hands, O Lord, we commend your servant Carmen.  
We commit her body to its resting place: earth to earth, ashes to ashes,  
dust to dust. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own  
fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive  
her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

*Priest* Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,  
*People* **where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life  
everlasting.**

*Priest* You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind;  
*People* **and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we  
return.**

*Priest* For so did you ordain when you created me, saying “You are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.”

*People* **All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our  
song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*All stand to sing* **BLESSED ASSURANCE**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Chorus:*     **This is my story, this is my song,  
                  Praising my Savior all the day long.  
                  This is my story, this is my song,  
                  Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*Chorus*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

*Chorus*

*All proceed to the St. Peter Catholic Church Cemetery (102 N. Church Street, Carencro).*

## THE COMMITTAL

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me. He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister Carmen, and we commit her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her, the Lord make his face to shine upon her and be gracious unto her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace. **Amen.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Priest* Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and may her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*People* **And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

*All sing* **AMAZING GRACE**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

## **THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your Spirit.**

*Priest* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*



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