



## Joseph "Joe" Fetter III

April 16, 1949 - November 14, 2021

Joseph "Joe" Fetter III passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the age of 72 surrounded by his family. Known to his family as Buddy, he leaves behind his wife of 50 years, Joan Rester Fetter, his daughters, Melissa Maresma (Chris) and Amanda Milton (Caleb). He was the loving "Pops" to Myles and Walker Maresma and Mackenzie and Gavin Milton.

Buddy was born on April 16, 1949 Joe Joseph Jr. and Iris Fetter of Arabi, Louisiana. He is survived by his sisters, Charlotte Grannan (Patrick) of Pass Christian, Mississippi and Dr. Deborah Nastasi (Joseph) of Biloxi, Mississippi; and brother, Christopher Fetter of Chalmette, Louisiana. Buddy is also survived by his brother-in-law, Gene Rester Jr. of Bogalusa and Sarah Bourgeois (Paul) of Abbeville.

Joe graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1967. He graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University with a BA in Elementary Education and an MA in Elementary Administration. He taught at Mandeville Middle School and then served as Principal until retiring from the school system in 2007.

From 1969-1971, Joe served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Hepburn during the Vietnam War. Joe was very patriotic and instilled the love of country in his family. Joe was a member of the State and Local Retired Teachers Associations, the City of Covington Planning and Zoning Committee, and a dedicated member and usher for the First Baptist Church of Covington. Joe was also a member of Larry McKinney's Bible Study Class.

As an avid fisherman, Buddy enjoyed spending time with his grandkids on local rivers and catching a Big Ole Bass from his Ranger boat.

In lieu of flowers, Joe requested donations be made to the First Baptist Church Special Needs Ministry, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington LA 70433.

\*\*\*REVISED DATE\*\*\*

Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Service at The Chapel at First Baptist Church of Covington, 16054 Murphy Road, Covington, LA 70433 on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 12:00 NOON with visitation from 10:00 AM until service time. Interment will follow the service at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, 2280 W 21st Avenue, Covington, LA.

E. J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. The family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at <http://www.ejfieldingfh.com>.

# Cemetery

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**Pinecrest Memorial Gardens**  
2280 W 21st Avenue  
Covington, LA, 70433

# Events

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**NOV 18 Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM  
The Chapel at First Baptist Church of Covington  
16054 Murphy Rd., Covington, LA, US, 70433

**NOV 18 Funeral Service** 12:00PM  
The Chapel at First Baptist Church of Covington  
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# Comments

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“ I’m so sorry for your loss. It was always a pleasure to see Buddy at our retired teacher meetings. I will miss talking with him and catching up on family happenings. I will keep your family in my prayers. Sending heartfelt condolences.

Frances Chabreck (Freddy)

Frances Chabreck - December 22, 2021 at 11:02 AM

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“ Dear Joanie and family, Errol and I enjoyed being around Buddy and you. Buddy was sweet, kind and fun to be with. We got a kick out of his story about his boat passing him in his car on his way to go fishing. I may have the details not quite right, but his telling was funny. He was blessed with a loving family and friends and will be missed. Love and prayers for Buddy and family,  
Mary Grace and Errol

Mary Grace and Errol Roberts - November 24, 2021 at 01:56 PM

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“ Joanie, I am so sorry for your loss. Saying prayers for you & your family. Sincerely,  
Hester Thompson LeBlanc

Hester LeBlanc - November 19, 2021 at 12:50 AM

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“ It was an honor and privilege to have served with Buddy as an usher at FBC for several years. He was always pleasant and courteous and he amazed me with how many people he knew and those who new him. It almost seemed he knew everyone who either came through our Door 3 or passed by. We often exchanged fishing stories since we both liked to fish and were both tournament fishermen at one time although we never fished against each other that I recall. He was a devout Christian and loved his family and always exhibited those traits.

One cute little thing. We both have grandchildren who play soccer and swapped stories and schedules without realizing that my youngest grandson and his grandson were ON THE SAME TEAM, and that we attended the same game without realizing it for quite a while.

Harold Bergeron

Harold Bergeron - November 18, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ Thank you and I love this!!!!

Melissa Maresma - November 20, 2021 at 09:45 PM

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“ Dear Joanie, Melissa, and Amanda and your families, Buddy was such a positive and caring Christian husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend to many. My sons, Nathan and Adam, my husband, Ron, and I are deeply saddened by his passing. We all feel blessed that Buddy was our friend and mentor these many years. We pray that the loving memories of the life you shared with Buddy and the knowledge that he is at peace and resting in our Lord's loving embrace brings you solace in the days and years to come. Unfortunately, unexpectedly, we cannot attend his service today. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Much love to you all,  
Jeanne Aceves Smith

Jeanne Aceves Smith - November 18, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ Thank you!

Melissa Maresma - November 20, 2021 at 09:46 PM

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“ Mr. Buddy was one of the nicest people I have ever known. I will never forget his kind words when I informed him my father had passed. He will certainly be missed. My prayers go out to his family.

**Nick Vaccaro** - November 17, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ Thank you Nick..

**Melissa Maresma** - November 20, 2021 at 09:46 PM

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“ Joanie, so very sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. Have you, the girls, the grands and all of your family in my thoughts and prayers

**Janet Morgan Breland** - November 17, 2021 at 08:59 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 17, 2021 at 02:28 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 17, 2021 at 10:15 AM

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“ Amanda, and Mrs. Joanie, my prayers go out for you and your family. I am sorry for your loss.

**Donald Simmons** - November 17, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ I have only known Mr. Fetter briefly but he impressed us all so much with his kindness and compassion. I work with Melissa and just want to offer my thoughts and prayers to a very long list of others. He was quite a guy....my son Nicholas remembers him from MMS. Please just rest in peace now...Chaplain Mike STPH

**Mike Binnings** - November 17, 2021 at 07:05 AM



“ Thank you so much Mr. Mike

**Melissa Maresma** - November 20, 2021 at 09:47 PM

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“ Mr. Buddy was such a wonderful man who was loved by so many people. He always had a smile on his face and had a magical way of making you feel so special. He brought a ray of sunshine to every situation. He will be missed by so many people. May he Rest In Peace in heaven! We love you, Mr. Buddy.

**Jimmie Lee and Jimbo Williams**

**Jimmie Lee and Jimbo Williams** - November 16, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ Thank you

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ Thank you

**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 17, 2021 at 01:02 AM

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“ Joanie, Melissa and Amanda - I am so very sorry for your loss. All my kids at MMS loved Mr. Fetter as did my teacher friends. Your dad was such a kind man and he loved you dearly. My sincerest condolences on your loss.

**Jesse Hoyer** - November 16, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ Thank you

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 11:45 PM

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“ The Vogel Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



**The Vogel Family** - November 16, 2021 at 01:15 PM

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“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 16, 2021 at 12:52 PM

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“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 16, 2021 at 12:43 PM

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“ Oh my goodness. What a cool and wonderful man. Not only did he give me two of my best friends in Melissa and Amanda, but back in the day, he used to light up the stadium at every CHS football game. He energized everyone he touched. Unapologetically authentic, Mr. Buddy makes you want to be a better person, do the right thing, enjoy every minute of the joys of life, give back and be active in your community and always love your family and friends.

**Cindy Duvall** - November 16, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ Cindy how perfectly said my friend-he loved you so very much

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ Cindy you ALWAYS made him smile his amazing smile. Thank you for that.

**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ Joanie... what can I say? Joe was such a wonderful guy! As soon as you met him you felt like a life-long friend! Our friendship started when you were my typing teacher at CHS, continued when Lacie and Amanda went to Honeysuckle Cottage, and then when Joe and I worked together at MMS. Joe will be sadly missed by a multitude of people! Prayers for your family. Love you all!

**Seleta Berlin** - November 16, 2021 at 09:49 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 16, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ Joe leaves a wonderful legacy through the example he set for his children, grandchildren, and thousands of student lives he touched.  
Bill and Carolyn Brugmann

**Bill and Carolyn Brugmann** - November 16, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ Mr Fetter hired me at MMS years ago! He was one of a kind and so kind, funny, and cared about everyone! He made MMS such a great place to work. Parents loved him, students loved him, and, I believe pretty much anyone who knew him, loved him! He adored his family and they adored him. I really can't believe he's gone. I do know, however, he is with his Lord and Savior and not in any pain any longer! Rest easy Mr Fetter! You were one of the good ones!

**Terry Schaefer** - November 16, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ We love you Mrs. Terry

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ Oh how he loved you Mrs. Terry!

**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 06:00 PM

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“ Thirty years ago, I began a friendship with Joe as we were teachers at MMS. It was so heart-warming to see a man teaching fourth graders. He knew how to make all of us feel special. I will miss his warm “ good morning” greetings and hugs as I walked in the doors of church.  
Joe, I expect you to be waiting at heaven's door to greet me!

**Theresa Currie** - November 15, 2021 at 11:35 PM



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**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ Thank you so much! He loved his MMS family!

**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 06:01 PM

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“ Joe was a wonderful colleague at Mandeville Middle School. I was fortunate to work with him as a fellow teacher and administrator. His sense of humor with everyone and special connection with students made him much loved and appreciated. His love for his family was evident to all who knew him. I know he will be sorely missed by so many.

**Gayle Sloan** - November 15, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ Thank you Mrs. Gayle

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ Thank you Mrs. Gayle.

**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 05:31 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 15, 2021 at 06:37 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



November 15, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Melissa and Amanda in the loss of Buddy. I will always remember his smile and welcoming hug whenever i saw him. My memories of him are often at Covington High games where he was an avid fan. I am so blessed that his life touched mine. God bless you guys. I know your strong faith will help you through this difficult time. Your memories will always keep Buddy alive in your hearts.

**Hana Jeansonne** - November 15, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ Thank you so much!!! The Lions were his heart!

**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ Thank you

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 11:46 PM

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“ Dear Joanie and Family: I am so sorry of Buddys passing. Nick told me a few weeks ago that he has been sick. Ronnie loved being on Planning and Zoning with him. He was a great person to be around - always a smile and made time to stop and talk when he would be passing by on his bike. I'll be keeping you and the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Vaccaro

**cindy vaccaro** - November 15, 2021 at 05:22 PM



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**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 06:03 PM

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“ Mr. Buddy was in my corner for 25 years. He supported me as a high school athlete, encouraged me in college from afar, and continued to support and encourage me in my career with St. Tammany Parish Schools. To me, has been a mentor; a faithful Covington High supporter; the father of two very dear friends; the husband to an amazing lady; but mostly, a man among men.  
I am so thankful I got to share in his life in some capacity and I know his legacy will live on through his beautiful daughters and son-in-laws and his amazing grandchildren.  
2 Timothy 4:7 & 8 says "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day."  
Mr. Buddy has truly fought the good fight. And I have no doubt he is celebrating his eternal victory now. He will be terribly missed but always remembered and thought of with pride and love.  
-Belinda (Stein) Pennison

**Belinda Pennison** - November 15, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Love you B

**Melissa Maresma** - November 16, 2021 at 05:05 PM



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**Amanda Fetter Milton** - November 16, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Fetter III.



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