



Augustus "Sheldon" Hoffpauir

July 20, 1938 - April 16, 2026

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend passed away peacefully at the age of 87, on April 16, 2026, at Landmark Nursing Center. Sheldon was born on July 20, 1938, in Indian Bayou to James and Fadra Hoffpauir, one of 12 children. Graduating from Indian Bayou High School in 1956, he went on to serve three years in the U.S. Army with his twin brother Weldon. He worked as a pipeline welder for Columbian Gulf Transmission for 30 years. After retiring, he continued to weld for local farmers and the city of Rayne for several years, while also crawfishing his own ponds until the age of 83, pulling an aluminum boat.

Sheldon enjoyed having coffee and donuts with friends at Gautreaux's Donut Kitchen, lunch at Frog City or Gabe's, and his "very important" afternoon meetings for beer, bragging, and lots of "BSing" among friends at bars such Frog City and American Legion in Rayne, which was his home away from home. He loved his family, friends, community, and animals, especially dogs, cats, birds, and racoons. Sheldon enjoyed riding motorcycles, four-wheelers, and tractors, and was a collector of antiques, caps and knives. He truly mastered barbequing and loved showing off his skills for family reunions and at community gatherings.

Sheldon belonged to a very large family and was preceded in death by his parents James and Fadra Hoffpauir; his brothers, Elwood, Ufford, Macon,

Richard, and Huey Hoffpauir; his sisters Nell Savoy and Almeda LeDoux; and his only son Walter "Slade" Hoffpauir. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sylvia Hoffpauir; his daughter Pamela Hoffpauir; his stepchildren, Chad (Danette) Duhon, Tracy Davenport, Rhonda Evans (Joe Luna), Sheila (Edward) Elliott and Frank Guillory, Jr.; his brothers E.C. (Falice) and Weldon (Dean) Hoffpauir; sister Margie Walsh; his grandchildren, Micheal Hoffpauir, Brittany (Jesse) Anderson, Danielle Valle, Tyler (Scott Fever) Davenport, Drake (Melanie) Duhon, Justin Evans, Trent (Callie) Elliott, and Chance Elliott; his great grandchildren, Samuel, Slade and Silas Anderson; Chloe and Sophia Duhon; Christopher Elliott; and Trinity Luna; as well as his pets, cat Billy and his dog Smokey. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Honored to be pallbearers are Adam Hoffpauir, Micheal Hoffpauir, Drake Duhon, Justin Evans, Trent Elliott, and Chance Elliott.

Special thanks to the staff at Landmark Nursing Center and Lamm Hospice for the care they provided for Sheldon in his final weeks and to Nora Peyton who assisted with his caregiving and became a dear family friend, during his final 6 months.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 19th, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA; and on Monday April 20th, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 at Indian Bayou Community Church. Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM, on April 20th, at Indian Bayou Community Church, with Reverend John Locascio officiating. Burial will be at Indian Bayou Cemetery immediately following the service.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne,

LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Indian Bayou Cemetery

Indian Bayou, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.
504 N. Polk Street
Rayne, LA 70578
(337) 334-3141
info@gossenfuneralhome.net
<http://gossenfh.funeralplan2.com/>

Visitation

APR 20. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Indian Bayou Community Church
1029 LA Hwy 700
Rayne (Indian Bayou), LA

Service

APR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Augustus "Sheldon" Hoffpaur



Gossen Funeral Home Inc. - April 18 at 10:59 AM

CM

“ I worked with Sheldon for 36 years at Columbia Gulf. I enjoyed working with him everyday day. Sending our prayers to Sylvia and family. -Carol and Helen Menard.

Carol Menard - April 18 at 08:19 PM

FC

“ Francis Comeaux lit a candle in memory of Augustus "Sheldon" Hoffpaur



francis comeaux - April 18 at 10:24 AM

FC

Be it known my school name was homer...the best friends who taught many a new word in English were the twins...

francis comeaux - April 18 at 01:37 PM

BG

“ Bernadette Guidry lit a candle in memory of Augustus "Sheldon" Hoffpauir



Bernadette Guidry - April 18 at 09:46 AM

CO

“ Sheldon was an exceptional man. His heart was huge and did for people in so many ways. I had the pleasure and honor to work with him at the Rayne Station from 1988 to 1991. His work ethic was unmatched. His knowledge and abilities to fit and weld boggled my mind. I miss him but as Dr. Seuss once said, “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”



Charlie Ochello - April 18 at 09:05 AM

LH

“ Larry & Sandra Hornsby lit a candle in memory of Augustus "Sheldon" Hoffpauir



larry & Sandra Hornsby - April 17 at 07:22 PM

DC

“ Sincere condolences and prayers for the Hoffpaur family 🙏 Rest in Peace Sheldon.

Daphne Pryor Comeaux
Kevin Pryor
Chad Pryor



Daphne Comeaux - April 17 at 06:06 PM

RM

“ Ronnie Myers lit a candle in memory of Augustus "Sheldon" Hoffpaur



Ronnie Myers - April 17 at 02:45 PM