



Charles W. "Moon" Chappuis

October 8, 2014

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Rayne - Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, October 13, 2014 at a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne for Charles W. "Moon" Chappuis who died at 8:00 am on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at his residence.

Entombment will be in St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in the Mausoleum.

The Rev. Kendall Faulk, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church will be the celebrant of the Mass and will conduct the funeral services. Readings from the Holy Scripture will be given by his daughter, Mary Gayle O'Connell and his son, Dr. Charles W. Chappuis, Jr. Gifts will be brought up to the altar by his granddaughters, Courtney Chappuis Farmer, Lindsey Rogers, Adrian O'Connell, Catherine Chappuis, Kate O'Connell, Natalie Jurisich and Erin Holland. Music selections will be, I Believe, On Eagle's Wings, Here I am Lord, The Battle Hymn Of The Republic and The Our Father.

Born in Rayne, Mr. Chappuis was the son the late Archie A.

Chappuis and the former Elise Daboval.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, the former Carmelite (Lita) Brown, one son and five daughters and their spouses, Dr. Charles W. Chappuis, Jr. and Cynthia Glass, MD, Sunset, Anne Leonards and Leo J. Leonards, Joan Jurisich, Tracy Moody and Kevin Moody, Lafayette, Lynn Rogers and Michael Rogers, Crowley and Mary Gayle O'Connell and Patrick O'Connell, Overland Park, Kansas, brother Donald Chappuis, Brevard, North Carolina. Other survivors include thirteen grandchildren, Courtney Chappuis Farmer, Catherine Chappuis, Adam Leonards, Benjamin Leonards, Erin Jurisich Holland, Joel Jurisich, Natalie Jurisich, Adrian O'Connell, Katherine O'Connell, Lindsey Rogers, Tyler Rogers, John Thomson and Michael Thomson and great grandchildren, Benjamin Leonards, II, Joseph Charles Leonards, Emma Leonards, Noah Leonards, and Kaidence Rogers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Joseph Chappuis, his brothers, Richard Chappuis, Brigadier General Steve Chappuis, Dr. Jack Chappuis and his sister, Dorothy Kemper.

After graduating from Rayne High School in 1942, Mr. Chappuis entered LSU in Baton Rouge. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He was in Company A, ROTC. His schooling was interrupted when he volunteered for the service in 1943. He was ordered to Camp Polk and he then received a first alternate appointment to West Point. As an alternate he attended Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania and Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Mr. Chappuis was advised that he would enter West Point providing his principal failed the mental or physical tests. However, his principal passed the tests

and Mr. Chappuis was ordered to Ft. Benning, GA. for a weapons course and then he attended and graduated from Officers Candidate School as a Second Lieutenant. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II having served with the 28th Cavalry Rcn. Sq. (Mecz) in Germany and retired with the rank of Major. He was awarded with the following medals, World War II, American Campaign, Army of Occupation, Good Conduct and the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign. He later received the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal from Governor Jindal.

Mr. Chappuis graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge receiving a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1949. He later entered Law School in 1952 and received a Bachelor of Law Degree from LSU in 1955 and a Juris Doctor Degree in 1968. He entered the practice of law with his uncle, Abner C. Chappuis and later into a law partnership with Judge Denald A. Beslin. He was the attorney for the City of Rayne for approximately 28 years and attorney for Rayne Building & Loan Association. He retired from the practice of law in 1991.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and served as a Lector for many years. He served as chairperson for the 125th St. Joseph Anniversary Committee. He was an Honorary Member and Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1897, member of Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Msgr. Mollo Assembly No. 325, member and past Judge Advocate of American Legion, Arceneaux Post No. 77, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Harold Bossley Post No. 6720, past President of Acadia Parish Bar Association, past President of Rayne Lions Club, Charter member and past Vice President of Notre Dame High School, Director for forty six years

and past Vice President of Rayne Building & Loan Association, former director of Rayne State Bank & Trust Company for 17 years and member of Acadiana Retired Officers Association and member of Military Officers Association.

Mr. Chappuis loved to travel. He visited England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, several countries in Europe including East Germany before the wall came down, Morocco, Gibraltar, Mexico, Alaska, Kauai, Maui, Hawaii, Oahu, Israel, Japan, Hong Kong and China. While in Hong Kong, he and his daughter, Anne, walked on the wall of China. Mr. Chappuis' favorite trip was to the Holy Land with his daughter, Mary Gayle, in 2000. At the 5th station of the Way of the Cross, Jesus had put his hand against the wall to keep from falling. The stone has rubbed away from so many pilgrims touching the spot where Jesus' hand touched. Mr. Chappuis placed his hand directly in the spot where Jesus had his hand.

The family would like to thank the staff of Louisiana Hospice and Palliative Care, Jennings, Louisiana, especially Catha Duhon and Kelly Breaux for their excellent care and compassion.

Pallbearers will be his six grandsons. Honorary pallbearers will be Braxton I. "BI" Moody, III, Richard D'Aquin, Judge Denald A. Beslin, Henri Billon, and Milo Nickel and the directors of Rayne Building & Loan Association. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Rayne Catholic Memorial Fund and Notre Dame High School in Crowley.

A rosary will be recited Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm at Gossen Funeral Home, Rayne, LA.

Visitation hours will be held at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA, Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm and Monday, October 13, 2014 from 8:00 am until 10:00 am.

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.

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *One of the kindest men I have ever known. My prayers, heart & thoughts out to you all.*

Peggy Cormier Dickson - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

RJ

“ *Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

Robert & Jeanette Hebert - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

JJ

“ *Lita and family,
Please accept our deepest sympathies. Some of my fondest childhood memories are from barbecues in Rayne with Uncle Charles and the greater Chappuis family. We are so grateful for your kindness to our families after Katrina. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Love,
Jimmy, Julie and family*

Jimmy and Julie Chappuis - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

JB

“ *Dear Charlie, We are so sorry for your loss, but know Moon is in heaven and is at peace. George misses him and so missed their correspondences in the past. Our prayers and sympathy to all of the family. George so wanted to come, but he is still not strong since his back surgery. Things have not been as easy for him lately, but his spirits are good. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU, DR. GEORGE AND JEANETTE110*

Jeanette and Dr. George Bourgeois - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

AD

“ *Mary,
Michael & I are thinking of you & your entire family. I know your father is at peace now and I know that you will find solace in your loving family. My best to all of them. I am unable to attend the services because of family commitments bur send my prayers and love to all of your family.
Sincerely, Abie*

Abie Dupont - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

RJ

“ *Dear Lynn and Ann family;

We regret to hear about the lost of your Dad. We were impressed with his accomplishments by reading the orbit.

He is now in God, and praise Be His Name.

Ray and Jean LaCour family.(Our second message)*

Ray and Jean LaCour - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

BS

“ *may god bless him & his family*

baverly & sybil comeaux - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

RA

“ *Lynn, Michael and family:

Please accept my sincerest sympathy for the loss of Lynn's dad. Praying that your sweet memories of your loved one brings you peace and comfort during this difficult time. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Raelyn Conque - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

KA

“ *Joan and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you ... I wish I could be with you,
but know that I will continue to pray for your peace and comfort
during this difficult time. I love you all!*
Karen Hamel

Karen Hamel - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

PE

“ *What a wonderful man he was! I only know him from church but
always spoke to me after reading. He will be missed. His wonderful
and great welcoming personality. May he rest in peace. God bless
and watch over all of you at this time.*

Peggy Lake

Peggy Lake - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

SF

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. I have many fond memories of
visiting with your family we we would go to mom-and dad's
home(Dr. and Mrs. Elmo Petitjean) Kim remembers going over and
swimming in the pool with the kids and enjoying the kindness your
parents showed to her.*

*Please accept. My condolences in this time of loss but remember
the great times you all had as a family*

Susan Petitjean Flores

Susan Petitjean Flores - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

JR

“ Charles,
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family!

*Judy Romero Scott
Class of 1970*

Judy Romero Scott - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM

DO

“ *Early this morning, I looked up into the crystal clear Idaho and saw the red, red moon of the lunar eclipse. Little did I know that it was also marking the passing of another Moon, my Uncle Charles.*

As Mother's youngest brother, Uncle Charles held a special place in our family lore. I so remember his laugh, his smile and the twinkle of his eye. All these things were a great blessing to us and to his family. I shall join from afar in the grieving of the family's loss and in the celebration of such a wonderful life. Don

Don Kemper - October 16, 2014 at 02:01 PM