



## Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.

July 20, 1933 - October 16, 2025

Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.

Rayne, LA - Funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at a 2:00 pm Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne for Horace Thibodeaux, Sr., 92, who died Thursday, October 16, 2025 at The Carpenter House in Lafayette, LA.

Interment will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in Rayne, LA.

Fr. Edward Duhon, Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Mire, LA will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

Horace served two years in the US Army during the Korean conflict and four years inactive reserves. When he returned home in 1955 he attended Molar Barber College in New Orleans. He was a barber since 1956 and chose to work in Rayne because that was his wife's hometown. During his stay in Rayne, he served as a member of the Knights of Columbus and Grand Knight and received Knight of the Year in 1977. He also served the American Legion Post 77 for many years. During this time he served as Post Adjutant, Sergeant-at-Arms, Vice Commander, Commander, Advisor to the Commander, Judge Advocate and Youth Activity Chairman. He also received

the Mike Gehr Blue Cap Award, the Bobby Bergeron Award and numerous local awards.

He served 12 years on the City of Rayne Athletic Committee and a Little League coach for more than 20 years. He became a member of the Rayne Lions Club in 1960 and was a pitcher for their softball team. Later he served as Frog Jockey Chairman for 9 years. The Lions Club awarded him the Lion of the Year Award in 1995. He also served as President of the club in 2000-2001. The City of Rayne honored him by selecting him as the Rayne Frog Festival Parade Grand Marshal in 1999. He was named Beta Sigma Phi Outstanding Male of the Year in 1996.

Last but not least, his greatest accomplishment besides being a great father and husband as his untiring dedication to scouting. He worked 10 years under the leadership of another scoutmaster in Rayne until he formed his own troop, Troop 61, in 1967. He retired 35 years later and passed the honor to a young man that helped him for many years. He helped the young scoutmaster when asked but was there at all of the meetings. All together his work in scouting surpassed 45 years and "going". Through scouting he was honored with the Silver Bearer Award, the St. George Catholic Award, District Award of Merit, National Outstanding Scoutmaster Award and the Bill McGoffin Award. He also served on the Scouting Catholic Committee for 4 years.

Survivors include his son, Michael Thibodeaux and spouse Judy, twelve grandchildren, Amber Thibodeaux, Dustin Thibodeaux, Trevor Thibodeaux, Justin Thibodeaux, Christopher Thibodeaux, Brandon Thibodeaux, Brooklyn Thibodeaux, Chris New, Michelle Estraca, Terri Gamble, two brothers, Carroll Thibodeaux and spouse Louise Thibodeaux, Harvey Thibodeaux, daughter in law, Janet Ledet, companion, Evelyn Barousse, Mrs Evelyn's children, Carrie Monceaux and spouse Karl, Debbie Richard and spouse Keith, Damon Hoffpaur and spouse Dee, and her grandchildren, Mallory Chaumont, Beau

Monceaux, Natalie Richardson, Jessica Babineaux, Buddy Hoffpauir, Zach Hoffpauir and many great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rena Baronet Thibodeaux, son, Horace Thibodeaux, Jr., parents, Sidney Thibodeaux and Benite Duhon Thibodeaux, brother, Andrus "Pie" Thibodeaux.

Pallbearers will be Dustin Thibodeaux, Trevor Thibodeaux, Justin Thibodeaux, Chris Thibodeaux, Karl Monceaux, Rodney Ledet.

A Rosary will be prayed Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Memorial contribution can be made in Horace Thibodeaux's name to Scouting America Troop 61, 701 Prevost Rd., Rayne, LA 70578.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at [www.gossenfuneralhome.net](http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

OCT **22**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass

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OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
401 S. Adams Ave.  
Rayne, LA 70578

## Cemetery

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OCT **23** (CT)

St. Joseph Cemetery #2  
400 East Betty Street  
Rayne, LA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.*



**Gossen Funeral Home Inc.** - October 21, 2025 at 11:31 AM

LI

*I didn't know Horace long but I consider him a very good friend. I pray for his peaceful repose and for peace in the hearts of all his dear ones.*

**LOUIS SOILEAU IV** - October 21, 2025 at 11:44 AM

KA

*i knew Mr. Thibodeaux for many years. he was a wonderful person. He will be missed by a lot of Rayne folks. may you rest in peace.*

**KATHERINE ARCENEUX** - October 22, 2025 at 08:53 AM

TB

“ *Toby Benoit lit a candle in memory of Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.*



**Toby Benoit** - October 21, 2025 at 11:30 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Francis lit a candle in memory of Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.*



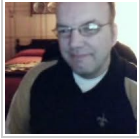
**Brenda Francis** - October 21, 2025 at 10:48 PM

RG

“ *Rhonda Guidry lit a candle in memory of Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.*



**Rhonda Guidry** - October 21, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Joe Petitjean lit a candle in memory of Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.*



**Joe Petitjean** - October 20, 2025 at 10:57 PM

DC

“ *Sincere condolences and prayers to the Thibodeaux family. Mr. Horace was an amazing man. May he rest easy in the arms of our Lord and Savior. God bless 🕊️ ☐*



**Daphne Comeaux** - October 20, 2025 at 10:09 PM

RM

“ *Ronnie Myers lit a candle in memory of  
Horace Thibodeaux, Sr.*



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**Ronnie Myers** - October 20, 2025 at 06:50 PM