



## James Billy Towry

June 2, 2018

Rayne, LA - A Mass of Christian Burial for James Billy Towry, age 81, of Rayne will be celebrated on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 3:00 PM in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne. Father Christopher Cambre, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, will serve as celebrant. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery No. 2 Mausoleum, Rayne.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018 from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM in Gossen Funeral Home, Rayne, with a rosary being recited at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Towry passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Acadia General Hospital.

A native of Marianna, Arkansas, Billy was a longtime resident of Rayne. A U.S. Army veteran, he participated in Operation Red Wing, during which he witnessed atomic bomb testing while based on the Pacific island of Eniwetok in the Bikini Atoll. Mr. Towry was a longtime member of American Legion Post 77.

Mr. Towry was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He retired as a surveyor with Columbia Gulf Transmission after forty years of service.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Billy enjoyed time spent gardening and cooking for loved ones, but his greatest joy in life was being with and caring for his family.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce Bergeron Towry of Rayne; son, James Brandon Towry and wife, Mary of Milton; daughters, Sharon Ann Towry of Baton Rouge, and Jan Tana Volland and husband, George of Baton Rouge; nephew, Bryan Towry of Pascagoula, MS; and grandchildren, Travis Benton Towry, Nina Ann Towry, Julia Marie Towry, Jon-Austin Volland, Brodie James Volland, and Blake Ann Volland.

Preceding Mr. Towry in death were his parents, Rufus Oscar Towry and Eular Smith Towry; infant grandson, Austin Lee Volland; sister, Louise Towry Helton; and brothers, Max

Ray Towry, Rufus Brodie Towry, and Richard Wayne Towry.

Serving as pallbearers are Mr. Towry's six grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff of Louisiana Hospice, Kelly Breaux, and Joan Doucet, and to Dr. Neal Duhon and Dr. Danielle Duhon for the compassionate care given to Mr. Towry. They also wish to thank Deborah Sonnier, who helped care for Mr. Towry at his home.

Condolences may be expressed 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.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery #2 Mausoleum.

400 East Betty Street  
Rayne, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.  
504 N. Polk Street  
Rayne, LA 70578  
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## Rosary

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Awesome man !  
Always full of joy ,, nonk billy and my dad Avery had many amazing times  
together and are probably hugging each other now !  
You will never be forgotten nonk*

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**keith bergeron** - June 05, 2018 at 08:06 AM

NL

“ *We share our condolences to Billy's family . It was a pleasure to know him & he'll  
always be remembered. He lit up a room with his smile and was such a likable  
person . May he rest in the peace of the Lord. Sincerely, Norman "Tookie" & Linda  
Ledet*

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**Norman Ledet & Linda Ledet** - June 04, 2018 at 09:51 AM

LG

“ *Mr. Billy, while serving in the military, rented a room from my grandmother Sadie  
Gilbert. I learned about this while i was in high school. Our entire family loved this  
extra special connection to Mr. Billy, and the entire Towry family. I've enjoyed all  
the years, starting with high school, when i got to know all of you so well. That  
wonderful smile of his carries on with Brandon, Sharon and Jan. God Bless you  
all.*

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**linda gilbert** - June 03, 2018 at 07:21 PM

DB

*Sorry to hear the passing of my good friend Billy. Condolences to Joyce and his family.  
I worked with Billy and the Survey Crew on construction projects. Whenever he came  
to Houma he would call on the radio and make sure I had Fresh Coffee ready for his  
arrival.*

*Dan Beacom*

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**Dan Beacom** - June 06, 2018 at 06:00 PM