



## John Lee Istre Sr.

January 9, 1945 - October 30, 2025

John Lee Istre Sr.

Rayne/Crowley, LA - Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 3, 2025, at a 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne for John Lee Istre Sr., 80, who died Thursday October 30, 2025, at his residence in Crowley in

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

The Very Rev. Brent L. Smith VF of St. Joseph Catholic Church will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass and will conduct the funeral services.

John was a proud Veteran of the United States Air Force. Following his military service, he dedicated 15 years to the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office, where he retired as Assistant Warden. During his career, he also served faithfully as a Corrections Officer, Kitchen Supervisor, and Training Division Deputy.

John was a devoted husband, loving father, and cherished grandfather. He will be remembered for his kindness, dedication, and the love he shared with his family and friends. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife Nell Prevost Istre, daughter, Jena and spouse David Coty Bordes, son, John Lee Istre Jr. and spouse Rachel Istre, Grandchildren, Andrew and spouse Elizabeth Bordes, Ashley Istre and spouse Grant Broussard, Brittany and spouse Shayan Gulzar, brothers, Ervis Istre, and Lawrence and spouse Vicky Istre, his sister-in-law Patty Sureta Istre brothers-in-law, Leewood John Prevost, Gregory Lafosse.

John was preceded in death by his parent's father, Celestin and Beatrice Dupont Istre, brothers, Stephen Istre, Ernest Istre, Harry Lee Istre, his sister, Linda Ann Istre, father-in-law, Clarence J. Prevost, mother-in-law, Marie Alice Prevost, Brother-in-law, Carlton J. Prevost, sisters-in-law, Linda Duhon Istre, Ella Mae Istre.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Bordes, David Coty Bordes, Ryan Istre, Lawrence Istre, Ervis Istre, and Grant Broussard.

A Rosary will be prayed Sunday 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 Sunday November 2, 2025, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and on Monday November 3, 2025, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am.

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.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery #2 Mausoleum.

400 East Betty Street  
Rayne, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

NOV 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

NOV 3. 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of John Lee Istre Sr.*



**Gossen Funeral Home Inc.** - November 02, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of John Lee Istre Sr..*



November 04, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *I first met Johnny at a new years ball and dance back in 1966 where he and his future wife Nell and my future wife Brenda shared a table and a wonderful evening. We became instant friends and even though our lives went in completely different directions we have remained friends for close to sixty years. Nell, John and Jena we are very sorry for your loss and may Gods loving grace comfort you through a very difficult time  
Doyle and Brenda Maggard*

**Doyle Ray Maggard** - November 02, 2025 at 03:45 PM

TG

“ Johnny was about 7 years older than me. I was 6 years old when my dad relocated his nursery across Hwy. 90 highway from the Istre family. Johnny was always extremely polite. As a child he always treated me with respect as I felt he was looking out for me. I am sure there were several gaps of a decade or so before we would run into each other, Every time we met it was like everything stopped while we caught up on what had been going on in our lives. Johnny was a kind and gentle man. Running into him was always a pleasure because you knew the next few minutes were going to be extremely friendly, peaceful and enjoyable. Ironically, I was the one that drew the plans for Johnny and Nell when they built their home in the early 70s. I am quite sure when Johnny met St. Peter at the gates of Heaven, he had as big of a welcoming smile Johnny as Johnny had for others.  
Rest in peace my friend.  
Tim Gossen

Tim Gossen - 2 seconds ago

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Tim Gossen - November 02, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss

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gloria Thibodeaux - November 01, 2025 at 11:41 PM

PB

“ Pat And Margaret Bergeron lit a candle in memory of John Lee Istre Sr.



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Pat and Margaret Bergeron - November 01, 2025 at 01:31 PM

PB

“ Mrs. Nell & Family, I am very sorry for your loss of Mr. John. My prayers for you are for God to provide you all with peace and comfort during this difficult time and in your coming days.



Patsy Brousard - November 01, 2025 at 11:23 AM

TM

“ Toboy & Marie lit a candle in memory of John Lee Istre Sr.



Toboy & Marie - October 31, 2025 at 06:04 PM

MC

“ Mary Comeaux lit a candle in memory of John Lee Istre Sr.



Mary Comeaux - October 31, 2025 at 05:19 PM