



Larry Joseph Guidry

August 27, 2018

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Rayne, LA - A Mass of Christian Burial for Major Larry Joseph Guidry, USAF (Retired), age 83, will be celebrated on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne. Father Kevin Bordelon, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, will serve as celebrant. Interment will military honors provided by American Legion Post 77, Acadiana Veterans Honor Guard, and Keesler Air Force Base Honor Guard will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery No. 2, Rayne.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM, with a rosary being recited at 7:00 PM in Gossen Funeral Home, Rayne. Visitation will continue on Thursday from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM in the funeral home.

Mr. Guidry passed away on Monday, August 27, 2018 in a Lafayette hospital.

A native of Rayne, LA, Mr. Guidry was a graduate of Rayne High School. He served for three years in the U.S. Army, after which he returned to Louisiana to complete his Bachelor of Arts Degree at University of Southwestern Louisiana. Mr. Guidry then joined the U.S. Air Force, retiring after twenty-three years at the rank of Major. He served in Vietnam, as well as various bases throughout the United States. While in the Air Force, Mr. Guidry earned his Master of Arts Degree from Webster University.

Following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Guidry returned to Rayne, where he worked for many years as a teacher. He retired from teaching at St. Pious X Catholic School in Lafayette, and he was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Guidry spent his retirement years tirelessly working to improve the plight of veterans. He was an active member of American Legion Post 77, and he chaired the committee to construct the Veterans Memorial Park in Rayne. Mr. Guidry's letters regarding veterans' issues could be found in local and area papers on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and

Veterans Day, and he often wrote to his elected officials regarding veterans' issues.

Survivors include his sons, Troy Christopher Guidry of Rayne, and Mark Benedict Guidry and wife, Barbara of Lafayette; daughter, Kimberly Ann Guidry and husband, Mark Stephens of San Antonio, TX; brother, Eugene Guidry and wife, Letrice of Rayne; grandchildren, Joshua Todd Guidry and wife, Summer of Dry Prong, Brendon Michael Ferry and spouse, Alton Fowler of San Antonio, and Zachary David Ferry of Ft. Lewis, WA; and great-grandchild, Elliott Camille Guidry of Dry Prong.

Preceding Mr. Guidry in death were his parents, Armond Guidry and Lena Caillouet Guidry.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to American Legion Post 77, 213 American Legion Drive, Rayne, LA 70578

Condolences may be expressed online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

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

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Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery #2

400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.
504 N. Polk Street
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Rosary

AUG **29**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AN

“ I am sitting here so sad. I did not know my old friend and co-worker passed away. Larry and I taught together at St. Pius Elementary and remained friends after we both left. I just found this out today because I emailed him over the weekend about Veteran's Day and did not get a response. He always responded, so I thought maybe something was up. I searched and came up to this obituary. He was a fine man and he loved his children. He always spoke with such pride about them. He was a patriot and a true gentleman and I will miss him. I regret with my whole heart that I did not know that he was sick and in the hospital. I will always treasure your friendship, Larry! God's Speed!

Ann - November 12, 2018 at 04:37 PM

BG

“ My sincere and deepest sympathies to Larry's family. I taught across the hall from Larry at Armstrong in 1985. So proud of his work for the veterans and to the park he worked so hard on.
Beth Johnson Goins

Beth J Goins - August 29, 2018 at 10:49 AM

DF

“ I so enjoyed speaking with Larry at the City Council Meetings. We always set next to reach other. What a Great man that loved his Country that he Honorably defended. Rest In Peace Larry, You earned .it.

D.D. FOLDS

D.D. Folds - August 28, 2018 at 11:45 PM

AG

“ Had no idea he died until I saw Gossens notice! I will go out on a limb and declare that he was the most patriotic man in Rayne!! I am so glad that he got to see the completion and dedication of his beloved project, the Veterans Memorial in Rayne! God bless him, and God bless the United States of America, which he served and loved. Our sincere sympathy to Gene and all of Larry's family. From
lifelong friends of the Guidry family, going back to before I was born and my family being friends of the Guidrys. I remember fondly Miss Blanche, my Moms dear friend.

Fred and Annette Gossen



Annette Gossen - August 27, 2018 at 06:00 PM

JL

Spoke to him after weekday mass just days ago. What a shock to hear of his death. I too am glad he realized the dedication of the Veterans Park a tribute to our families who served in the military may angels lead him into paradise.

jeanette Guidry Leger - August 28, 2018 at 03:12 PM

KG

*RIP Mr. Larry! Thank you for your service to America.
You will be greatly missed.
Prayers to the family that God will give all of you the strength and guidance needed thru this difficult time.*

KELLIE GUILBEAU - August 30, 2018 at 10:12 AM