



## Thomas "Tommy" D. Petitjean, Sr.

December 21, 1929 - October 9, 2011

Thomas D. "Tommy" Petitjean, Sr.

Rayne - Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. for Thomas D. "Tommy" Petitjean, Sr., 81, who died Sunday, October 9, 2011 in Lafayette General Medical Center Hospital, Lafayette, LA.

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

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Evelyn Sonnier Petitjean of Rayne, one daughter, Andree Petitjean Wingate and husband Marvin of Rayne, two sons, Mayor James J. Petitjean and wife Lyn of Rayne, Joseph S. Petitjean of Rayne, six grandchildren, Alexis Wingate, Alanna W. Hensgens and husband Karl, Elise Petitjean, Pete Petitjean, Ann Petitjean, Mariette P. Mahaffey and husband John Michael, four great grandchildren, Audrey Mahaffey, Nicholas Mahaffey, Katherine Hensgens, Caroline Hensgens, one sister, Josie P. Cook of Rayne, one brother, J. Dave Petitjean, Jr. and wife Audrey of Crowley.

He was preceded in death by son, Dr. Thomas D. Petitjean,

Jr., parents, J. Dave Petitjean, Sr. and May Prejean Petitjean.

He was born Saturday, December 21, 1929 in Rayne, LA, son of the late Joseph Dave Petitjean and the late May Prejean Petitjean.

Tommy was the quarterback of the 1944 State Champion Football Team at Rayne High School. He went on to receive an athletic scholarship to LSU and finished his collegiate football career at McNeese State University.

Mr. Petitjean graduated from SLI, now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1951.

Mr. Petitjean served in the U.S. Army, during the Korean War. He was elected to the Acadia Parish School Board and the Acadia Parish Police Jury. He held membership in various organizations including the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner's Special Council, Acadia Parish Rice Growers Association, Rice Council, Louisiana Agriculture Industries Association, USL Alumni, McNeese Alumni, Rayne High School Booster's Club, Louisiana Fertilizer Commission Member, and Industrial Development Board for the City of Rayne, Inc.

Pall Bearers will be his grandson Pete Petitjean, son in law Marvin Wingate, nephews Louie Cook, Dave Cook, Robert Cook and J. Dave Petitjean, III.

Honorary Pall Bearers are B.I. Moody, Charles Chappuis, Douglas Moody, Buddy Gilbert, John Menard, Merrick Young and Donald

Sonnier.

A rosary will be recited Monday, October 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Gossen Funeral Home.

Friends will be received at Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne, LA. Monday, October 10, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 11, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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.

# Tribute Wall

J

“ *My deepest sympathy go out to your family during this time of sorrow. The death of a love one is very difficult. Therefore, I'd like to share scripture that may help. Please, read John 6:40, 44.*

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**J Nunnally** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

ML

“ *Andree, Mrs. Evelyn and family,  
So sorry to hear of Mr. Tommy's death. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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**MONA V. LEGER** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KA

“ *Jimbo and Lyn  
I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to read about your Father passing away.  
You and your family are in my prayers.  
Please tell Pete  
Kathi Yammarino*

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**Kathi Yammarino** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

FK

“ *Tommy was a leader, mentor, and role model for many including myself. I too will miss him....*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss,  
our prayers will be with you all!*

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**Fred and Karen Hoyt** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

CA

“ Dear Mrs. Evelyn, Andree, Jimbo, and Joe,  
Our prayers go out to you and your family. We will always remember Mr. Tommy's happy outlook on life and how he always had a kind word to offer. His love for all of you was evident and may you treasure all of the wonderful memories you had with him. May God's love and strength be with all of you.  
Love and Blessings,  
Charlotte P Gulotta, Darlene P Russell, Annette P Ebert

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**Charlotte, Darlene and Annette Petitjean** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

AN

“ I guess it's always the little things you remember about a person. Although I spoke to Mr. Tommy only a dozen or so times in my life, it was easy to tell he was a good man the first time I met him. He was the kind of man that deserved Mr. in front of his name and I hardly ever heard someone call him just "Tommy". I have always admired how fiercely proud and supportive he was of his son. The world is lesser with his passing but made greater by each life he touched.  
R.I.P. Mr. Tommy.

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**Anonymous** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KA

“ To the Petitjean Family,  
Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Tommy was such a kind and generous individual he will be missed by many.  
Jerry and Karen Leonards

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**Karen Leonards** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

CA

“ Evelyn, Andree, Jimbo, and Joe - I am SO sorry to read about Tommy's death. We didn't get the paper until 2:00 - or we would have been at the funeral. It's easy to remember the good times - and the good friend - and hard to believe that he's gone. He was a good coach, a good friend, a good man. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with you all.

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**Carl Blanchard** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

KD

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I wish I could make it back into town to be with you all. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.

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**Kellie DeRouen Duhon** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

EB

“ Jimbo, we send our deepest sympathy from all of our family to yours at this sad time. God's peace be with all of you.

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**Earl and Carolyn Bertrand** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

RP

“ You will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family.

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**Richard Pizzolatto** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to to the entire Petitjean Family. Mr. Tommy played such an important part in my life. I know the Rayne community is deeply saddened with the loss of such an extraordinary man. May he rest in peace.

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**Jack Bonin** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

SH

“ *Jimbo, Andrea, Joe and Mrs Evelyn - my thoughts and prayers go out to each one of you. May the many wonderful memories of such a fine man forever give you peace and comfort. Mr Tommy was always so kind and so welcoming - always made you feel at home.*

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**Sharen Wynn** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MT

“ *Our prayers are with you in your time of bereavement. Mr. Tommy was such a great man with a contagious smile. He will definitely be miss.*

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**MaeBelle & Tracy** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

TI

“ *My prayers goes out to each on of You,  
May God continue to bless each one of you now and forever.*

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**Tim Mayfield** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

VO

“ *To Evelyn, James (Jimbo) and the rest of the family that I am not quite sure that I know, you have my deepest condolences for the lost of Tommy. He was such an inspiration to all of us for so many years. May the memories that he has built bring you peace and comfort through the next few months..*

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**Voorhies Begnaud** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

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“ Jimbo,  
I always enjoyed visiting with your Dad at Menard Tire. He always had great stories from his childhood and of course LSU.  
We will keep ya'll in our prayers.

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**Norman Saltzman** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

DF

“ Our prayers and condolences to your family for your loss. May you find strength through family, friends and prayer during this time.

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**Damian and Mae Lynn Simoneaux and Family** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MI

“ I remember Mr. Tommy for having been such an influential and distinguished community leader and public official. I still think of him any time I hear the phrase “school board.” However, I think his greatest legacy and gift to the rest of us are his children as it is easy to see how his spirit of service and family lives on in them.

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**Mike Prejean** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

JA

“ Ms. Evelyn, Jimbo, Audrea, & Joe: I was sadden to hear of Mr. Tommy's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this most difficult time. Mr, Tommy was a very pleasnat & kind person. Ms. Evelyn and Mr. Tommy always made everyone feel welcomed at their home when visiting or picking up Tom to go get a D.P. @ Dairy Queen. Your hudson (Ms. Evelyn), and your dad (Jimbo, Andrea & Joe) was a very special person. and will be greatly missed. Elizabeth and I will keep all of the family in our prayers.

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**Janice Trahan** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MA

“ Jimbo and family, please accept my sincere sympathy. I am blessed to have fond memories of Tommy. God Bless.

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**Mayor Al Broussard** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

ES

“ Jimbo and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I would meet Mr. Petitjean at the Crowley Post Office when I worked for Chris and Gil. Always stopped to speak to me. May God and time bring healing to all of you.

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**E P and Angela Shreve** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

BH

“ The Holstead family is very sorry to hear about Tommy's passing, He will be missed.

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**Billy Holstead** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MM

“ My heart and prayers are with the entire family at the loss of this wonderful man. May God bless and comfort you while giving you peace during this sad time.

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**Martha (Young) Miller** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

MF

“ Your family will be in our prayers. He was a great man and will be missed by many. He's memory will always be in your hearts.

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**MArk & Christine and family Dupont** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. May the wonderful memories and love of Mr Tommy comfort and give you strength through- out the days ahead. Mr Tommy will be remembered by his sweet smile and his gentle ways. God bless his soul and his family.

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**LALANDE DAVID and SUSAN and FAMILY** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM

PA

“ The Thevis Family and The Credeur Family is so sorry about the loss of your love one. Our Prayers is with the Family.

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**Paula Thevis** - October 29, 2013 at 04:07 PM