



Willie Richard

July 26, 2014

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Rayne, LA - Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Monday, August 4, 2014 at 1:00 pm for Willie Richard, 99 who passed away Saturday, July 26 at Lafayette General Hospital in Lafayette.

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

Mr. Richard was a native and resident of Rayne for most of his life. He retired with Superior-Mobil Oil Company with 33 years of service. He remained active as a cattle farmer for over 70 years. He was involved in rice farming and supplied water to area farmers. Mr. Richard was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Acadia Parish Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his son, Willie "Bob" Robert Richard and wife Donna of Slidell; one daughter, Cynthia Broussard and husband Glenn of Scott; five grandchildren, Kurt Richard, Deborah Bowers, Karen Burns, Chad Broussard and Tami Broussard; and 8 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Claudia Hanks Richard; his parents Numa Richard Sr. and Cora Legere Richard; five brothers, Lenis Richard, Odilon Richard, Numa "June" Richard, Gardy Richard and Nelson Richard; and four sisters, Agnes Tanner, Sadie Petitjean, Annie Monte and Leona Dearbonne.

Friends will be received Sunday, August 03, 2014 from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm & Monday, August 04, 2014 from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm at Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne, LA. A Rosary will be recited at 7:00 pm Sunday, August 3, 2014.

Pallbearers will be Kurt Richard, Chad Broussard, Gregory Richard, Jason Hanks, Joey Richard and Ryan Richard. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Falcon and Russell Dartez.

The Richard Family would like to express its deepest appreciation to Russell Dartez, Elwood Constantin, Patsy Guidry, Gwen Guidry and the nursing staff on the 5th and 9th floor at Lafayette General Hospital. They will be forever grateful to family, friends and neighbors for their kindness during the last years of his life.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

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

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

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“ So sorry for your loss!
Words can never describe the pain of losing a loved one esp. one of 99 long years!! I didn't get the chance to know Uncle Willie only met him at his 99th birthday party and from tears in his eyes at one point I knew it meant alot to him.
I want to thank Georgette Richard esp. for all she did for him and was at his beck and call every time that phone rang. He loved u alot Georgette and knew u were always there for him.
Prayers to the family but I know there is a party in heaven with maw maw (Leona Dearbonne) and my dad (Daniel Dearbonne) and many more relatives that have passed, with cajun music, dancing, and Gumbo :)
May they all R.I.P.

Tawnya Love (Dearbonne) - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

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“ Willie was a good friend, a father figure to me, a true hard-working man, tough Cajun. Always worried if I had some rice. I'll miss him, "Doc" .

Louis Martin - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

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“ may god bless him & his family.

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“ *When The Lord calls our Loved ones Home, He leaves a gift of Memories in exchange. You're in our thoughts and prayers every step of the way. Nehemiah 8:10 The Joy of The Lord is our Strenght. Amen*

Leeanna & Connie Francis - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

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Connie Francis - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM

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“ *This picture of Uncle Willie with his warm smile and twinkle in his eye brings a flood of fond memories. My heart is heavy that I can't be there to say goodbye and express my sorrow in person to family and all who loved him.*

What an impressive and long life he had! May he rest now in peace with the heavenly Father and family.

*With love and deepest sympathy,
Claudette Hanks Reichel*

Claudette Hanks Reichel - September 04, 2014 at 09:26 AM