



Willie Louis Leger

August 23, 1930 - May 23, 2015

Rayne--A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Willie Louis Leger, 84, of Rayne will be celebrated on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne. Serving as celebrant is Father Michael Steven Guidry, with Father Kendal Faulk and Father Samuel Fontana serving as concelebrants. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery #2 Mausoleum.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. until service time in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne, with a rosary being recited at 10:40 A.M. in the church.

Mr. Leger passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 7:40 P.M. in his residence.

Born in 1930 in the Mire Community to Adonicien Leger and Edith Stelly Leger, Willie was a lifelong residence of Rayne. He attended elementary and secondary public schools in Rayne, graduating from Rayne High School in 1948.

Willie was in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany as a radioman. He earned the rank of Corporal before his discharge in 1953. In 1954 he married Jeanette Guidry Leger, to whom he remained married for over 61 years until his passing.

Willie was employed with Coca Cola Bottling Company in San Antonio, TX, capturing national recognition sales in 1955. He returned to Louisiana, and was employed with the U.S. Post Office as a clerk/carrier from 1958 until his retirement in 1990 as Supervisor of Postal Operations.

As a valued member of Acadian Council 1897 of Knight of Columbus, Willie served as Grand Knight in 1980 - 1981, and he held several other offices, including Treasurer. He was also named Knight of the Year on two occasions, the only Knight earning that distinction. He also garnered the distinction as Family of the Year. Willie also held membership in American Legion Arceneaux Post 77 from 1957.

Willie was a great cook, and enjoyed cooking for 25 years for Knights of Columbus meetings and banquets. His love of fishing was a joy for his children and grandchildren, spending many weekend days in the nearby ponds, and at the cost for crabbing and fishing from the banks. He loved to whittle, and he made many walking canes, and he had a passion for clocks and watches, lovingly caring for his collection. Willie also loved plants, especially caring for cactus, and his unusual pets, such as a barn owl, snakes, rabbits, and pigeons. Summers always found Willie and his family traveling out of state, visiting the capitols of every state visited. Retirement provided Willie with the opportunity to visit all 50 states, and several visits to Canada, Mexico, and wonderful visits to his former duty station in Germany, as well as Rome and Venice in Italy, France, and Monaco.

Willie was a devoted son to his parents, a devoted, compassionate helpmate to his wife, and a loving father and grandfather. His greatest joy was caring for and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of over 61 years, Jeanette Guidry Leger of Rayne;

daughters, Debra L. Green and husband, Scott of Rayne, Cheryl L. Neu, M.D. and husband, Jay of Lafayette, and Helen L. Johnson, R.D.H. and husband, Jay of Shreveport; son, Edward. N. Leger of Rayne; sister, Elva Jane L. Venable of Lafayette; brother, James Aristotle Leger of Lafayette; grandchildren, Jeremy Gilbert and wife, Christina, Janine Guidry, Jason Neu, Jacob Neu, Christina Gautier, and Elizabeth Leger; great-grandchildren, Tylin Winbush, Raven Guidry, Leah Guidry, twins Owen and Olivia Gilbert, and Isabella Gilbert; and step-grandchildren, Hannah Johnson, Chloe Johnson, and Collin Johnson.

Preceding Willie in death were his parents, Adonician Leger and Edith Stelly Leger; and sister, Ruby L. Domingue.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial donations be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rayne Catholic Elementary, or to Notre Dame High School.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne has been entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery #2

400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Our very dear Mrs. Jeanette, we are just hearing about your loss. Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lester & Rhonda Kidder - May 29, 2015 at 12:09 AM

GO

Rhonda, I need Ms Jeanette's home address so I can send a sympathy card from our CDA court. Can you please get it for me ? You can give it to Bonnie if you don't have my phone #. Thx!

GeorgAnna Robichaux, CDA Regent, OLoG - June 02, 2015 at 07:01 AM

MR

“ Thinking of you, Aunt Jeanette, Debra, Helen, Cheryl, and Edward! Much love to all of you and to Uncle Willie. Melanie (O'Quin) Rice and family

Melanie Rice - May 27, 2015 at 12:30 AM

JH

“ My sincere sympathy to Jeanette and her family! Knew Jeanette & Willie, when they lived in San Antonio. Back in the early 50's! Two young couples, just getting started!

Janeil Hendrex

Janeil Hendrex - May 24, 2015 at 06:56 PM

BL

“ My sympathy to Jeanette, Cheryl and their families!!! Rest in peace Mr. Willie !

Beverly Lantier Leger - May 24, 2015 at 05:20 PM

CB

“ *RIP my Uncle Willie (Paran). To my Aunt Jane and my cousins and their families, so sorry for your loss. May God be with you all in your time of sorrow.*



Carolyn Broussard - May 24, 2015 at 05:19 PM

RM

“ *To Jeanette and family. I was heartbroken to hear about Willie's passing. He was a very good man and you were both very close to my Bro-in-law and dear sister Rosemary. I know I was supposed to sing for his funeral, but I'm a little out of pocket right now. I am in Cardiac Extensive care doing tests to hopefully qualify me for a heart pump. Still don't know if I will be a candidate for that or not. Please keep me in your prayers.*

I wish there was something I could do for you dear friend, but I can't do anything to help myself. Know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. God will sustain you and your family, knowing that he is now resting in the Arms of our Lord an Savior. Our love to you during this sad time in yours. Jesus will give you PEACE.

In deepest sympathy,

Ron & Floyanne (Moreau)

Lafayette, LA.

Ron Moreau - May 24, 2015 at 12:44 PM

BC

may god bless him & his family

baverly & sybil comeaux - May 25, 2015 at 08:15 AM

PB

My thoughts and prayers are with you Jeanette and your family. May God bring you comfort in knowing many people share your grief.

Patsy & Charlie Bienvenu

Patsy Bienvenu - May 25, 2015 at 02:04 PM

JJ

Thinking of all of you and praying for comfort.

Janet Johnson & Family

Janet Johnson - May 29, 2015 at 10:36 AM

AD

My sympathies Jeanette. Willie was such a good man as well as a good "Catholic Daughter". Men like him are few and far between.

Anita Dupre - May 29, 2015 at 11:53 AM