



Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr.

October 10, 1937 - July 5, 2020

Earl was peacefully united with his Lord and Savior on July 5, 2020, at the age of 82. Preceded in death by his parents Earl J. Dietrich, Sr., Marie Chaillot Dietrich and his brother, Rodney Dietrich. He was a native and resident of New Orleans, LA. for thirty-four years, a resident of Chalmette, LA. for thirty-four years, and later relocated to Ponchatoula, LA in 2005. Survivors include his very beloved wife of 18 years, Rebecca Jane Dietrich, three sons, Kirk Edward, Craig Joseph, and David Michael, daughters-in-law Yvette, Nikki, and May and seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Survivors also include his sister Barbara Ann and brother-in-law Louis Deroche, along with two step-daughters, Susan Zimmerman (Dave), and Catherine Rutter (Tom VanStaven) and their son Luke VanStaven. Earl served with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for five years. He enjoyed raising his three sons in the outdoors, camping, fishing and hunting. In later years, Earl enjoyed his hobby of wildfowl woodcarving.

A graduate of Holy Cross High School, and Delgado Community College, he was employed in the Architectural & Engineering fields for forty-eight years. Prior to relocating to Ponchatoula, Earl was an active member of the Catholic Community of the Center of Jesus the Lord in New Orleans.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Tangi Humane Society in honor of Mr. Earl.

PONCHATOULA, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the

chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home in Ponchatoula, Saturday, July 11, 2020 starting at 11:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Kathryn J. Martin will officiate with interment immediately following in Rose Memorial Gardens in Hammond.

Cemetery Details

Rose Memorial Park Cemetery

908 Western Avenue
Hammond, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Mr. Dietrich gave me my beginning as a Junior Draftsman in 1977 while he was Chief Draftsman at De Laureal Engineers, when I was going to college and I was only 19 years old. I telephoned Earl (and spoke to him), on the 40th anniversary (Feb 2017) of when he gave me the opportunity to start my career, I thanked him very much, and again thanks to Earl and a lot of hard work, I am still practicing Civil Engineering and I thank him again for giving me the chance of a lifetime. Thank You Earl (signed youngster)*

Keith Meyer - November 23, 2020 at 04:11 PM

TF

“ *The Ratliff Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



The Ratliff Family - July 10, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



July 10, 2020 at 10:20 AM

BD

“ We grew up poor but it was a great consolation to have a brother like you. Louie and I miss you with all of our hearts. God bless. I'll see you when the trumpet blows and we all gather together. Love always, Barb



barbara DeRoche - July 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM

BF

“ Barbie and Louie (and family) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..



Barbie and Louie (and family) - July 08, 2020 at 10:50 PM

LS

“*Earl Dietrich, a man I've known my whole life as "Uncle Earl," my mom's older brother. I have to admit. As a child, I was a bit afraid of him. As a teenager, I respected him and got a glimpse of his protectiveness over his family. I remember one New Year's Eve night he did not appreciate the speed at which my new boyfriend was driving down a street surrounded by family and excited children shooting fireworks and he made sure to tell him in no uncertain terms to SLOW DOWN! When I bought my house on the lake, he gave me a flat-bottom boat and I was SO EXCITED. As an adult, I've witnessed his fierce devotion and loyalty displayed countless times. He was always there, an ever present help in times of trouble, a brother to both my mom and dad. I know my mom is saddened beyond words at losing her two brothers, a tremendous loss, a reminder at how fleeting life is, but we celebrate his life and how he has touched us all. We can find comfort in knowing that he is in the presence of our Most Precious Savior surrounded by angels, friends, and loved ones. As my mom said, "Until we meet again on the other side when the trumpet blows."*

Lynn Simmons - July 08, 2020 at 10:41 PM

CD

Thanks for sharing those memories, Lynn

Craig Dietrich - July 08, 2020 at 11:37 PM

SL

“*Susan, Dave, Catherine, Tom and Luke purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



Susan, Dave, Catherine, Tom and Luke - July 08, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



July 08, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *I loved visiting my mom and Earl both in Chalmette and Ponchatoula. I have good memories from over the years with Earl and mom, like when it snowed in Chalmette on Christmas and when they took me to my first parade. Earl would give me holy heck when I wanted to go into New Orleans to explore and get good food. I would bring him back muffaletta from Central Grocery to make up for it and he did eat that with gusto! Earl taught me (twice) to pick a crab and eat it the right way. For a Yankee, this was a priceless lesson. Earl, you took great care of my mom and she has had the time of her life with you. I'm grateful you two met, and I'll miss you.*

Susan Zimmerman, Bend OR - July 08, 2020 at 12:45 AM



Thanks Susan for sharing those memories and thoughts about my dad. I remember going to tour a plantation once when you visited. We going to be there in Chalmette for Christmas but the snow was too heavy & roads were dangerous for us Louisianians. Lol / BTW that was in 2004 (8) months before Hurricane Katrina.

Craig, Earl's son - July 08, 2020 at 07:16 AM



Craig, what a memory you have! What a year that turned out to be ... I guess the next time I visited was 4 months after Katrina and Earl and Mom and me drove right to the old house and stomped around in the mud looking at the damage. They had evacuated to my house in Fort Worth and I think were there for almost 2 weeks. I also remember the plantation tour. :-)

Susan - July 08, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KM

“ *These beautiful tributes written by friends and relatives describe Earl so perfectly that they'll bring much comfort in times to come. He was indeed special and one of a kind! Always there to meet the needs of those around him, whether for humor or serious or anything between...*

Kathryn J. Martin - July 07, 2020 at 11:31 PM

CS

Your last sentence sums up him beautifully. Thanks for the kind words Kathryn

Craig Dietrich, Earl's son - July 08, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



July 07, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DM

“ *I met Earl at the Center of Jesus Lord. He took a real liking to my oldest daughter, Andrea, and her two girls. His woodworking was amazing- I always wanted to get one of his ducks for my husband but never did – they were beautiful. I used to call him “Grumpy Old Man”. He loved God and let everyone know it. What a glorious day it was when he met Becky. They complimented each other so well. My prayers go out to the family. He will be dearly missed. God Bless you all and may Earl forever rest in heaven*

Deborah Montambo - July 07, 2020 at 11:12 AM

CD

Thanks for sharing those memories.

Craig Dietrich - July 08, 2020 at 07:27 AM

TA

“*Earl was a special man...he looked out for me like a daughter and always gave me some straight advise on many things - faith, prayer, family, and just making sure I was okay. He always made me laugh and smile. I will always remember his tenacity and strength of character. Love you Earl. Rest in Peace.*”

Terrie Alby - July 07, 2020 at 09:47 AM

CD

Thanks Terrie for sharing your thoughts.

Craig Dietrich - July 08, 2020 at 07:20 AM

DK

“*Uncle Earl doted on me when I was the first baby in the family. He was always my tough Marine. When John and I started dating, Uncle Earl took him out to the driveway on Creole Drive to give him a growling talk about how John had better treat me right or Uncle Earl would kick his a**! He and his boys made it through high water to help my folks in one of the several floods they lived through. Gruff and funny and kind — I'm going to miss him.*”

Deb Kuchler - July 07, 2020 at 08:50 AM

CD

Thanks, Cuz

Craig Dietrich - July 08, 2020 at 07:25 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



July 07, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Earl Joseph Dietrich Jr..*



July 07, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *My Uncle Earl was a great man, a tower of of strength and leadership for our family. His love of our Lord was an inspiration to me. I have many memories of Uncle Earl from fishing to family holidays but my absolute favorite is of him dancing down the Soul Train line to YMCA at one of his parties! Still make me smile! I love and miss you Uncle Earl. Rest In Peace in the loving arms of our Savior. ❤️
Cheryl Olson*

Cheryl Olson - July 07, 2020 at 02:53 AM



Thanks Cuz

Craig Dietrich - July 08, 2020 at 07:25 AM