



Professor Honorable Randolph Michael Howes MD PHD

August 17, 1943 - June 24, 2023

Dr. Randolph Michael Howes, an incredibly loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend was taken to be with our Redeemer and his just reward after struggling with congestive heart failure on Saturday, June 24, 2023. He has lived since 1994, in Kentwood, Louisiana.

Dr. Howes was born on August 17, 1943, in Madisonville, Louisiana and raised on a small strawberry farm in Ponchatoula, where he attended St. Joseph's Catholic School, Ponchatoula High School, and Southeastern Louisiana University. He went on to be the first in Tulane's Medical School to concurrently receive his Medical Doctorate and his PhD in Biochemistry. He went on to be the first in Johns Hopkins Hospital's history to complete General and Plastic Surgery board eligibility in six years. His claim to fame was the invention of the Arrow-Howes Multi-lumen Catheter, that has been credited with helping over 25M lives worldwide. After retiring in 1994 from his private practice in New Orleans, he became a dedicated patient advocate and a prolific writer of over 30 medical books, along with an anthology series and science fiction series, in total over 50. He has traveled extensively and has met Presidents, Nobel Laureates, numerous singer/songwriters, and countless entertainers. Dr. Howes found intense mental work pleasurable and healthy, not as a burden. "Work," Rand wrote, "prevents one from growing old. My work is my life. I cannot think of one without the other." He gave everything he had until there was nothing left to give. He sacrificed himself for his work to help mankind.

Few among us are so complete in ourselves, so certain of having lived as we intended and how we ought, that we can let go of life merely because it is finished. His work will live from now on and will be looked at as innovative, ahead of his time, and will dwarf his catheter invention. He is a mixture of a surgeon, scientist, and visionary. Rand is that rare combination and that lifted his work above the common sphere of scientific achievement. Human connection draws most physicians to medicine. They yearn to somehow improve the condition of others. Rand did just that. His philanthropic work in the Philippines with the Balikbayan Medical Missions were very close to his heart.

Rand is survived by his wife, Robin Piatt Howes, his son, R. Michael Howes, II and his wife Michelle and their three children, Aubrey, Shelby and Cody, and his second son, Damien Clifford Howes, his sister-in-law, Wendy Howes, as well as nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Clarence Clifford Howes, mother, Magdalena Raiford Howes, brother, Clarence Henry Howes, and grandson, Aaron Michael Howes.

He had this magic- that will always be unique to him and never, will no one, be able to repeat it.

Psalm 19:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70403, on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ponchatoula on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with interment to follow in Ponchatoula Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ponchatoula Cemetery

Hwy 22
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Mass of Christian Burial

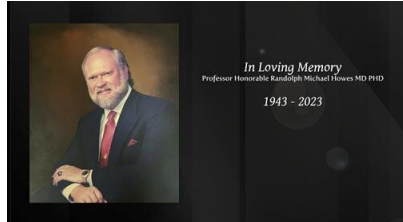
JUN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
255 North 8th Street
Ponchatoula, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Professor Honorable Randolph Michael Howes MD PHD*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - June 26, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Professor Honorable Randolph Michael Howes MD PHD.*



June 28, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Rand was one of a kind, caring and doing so much for humanity in general yet always there for the individual, no matter one's station in life. Ahead of his time in cancer research--he had and shared the answers. We've always been extra 'specially proud he's our "Ponchatoula boy"!*

Kathryn J. Martin - June 26, 2023 at 04:25 PM

DS

I had the privilege of teaching chemistry to one of SLU's premeir graduates. He was truly a brilliant individual who God used to serve many fellow sisters and brothers worldwide in a variety of ways throughout his lifetime. Though we had little contact after his graduation, Rand would always express his appreciation for his eucational experience at the university I am certain that when he stands before our Heavenly Father he will be told "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Dr. Patrick Settoon - June 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM

RD

Dr Howes and Robin welcomed me into their home to work with him on sourcing some ingredients for his research. I learned so much about his research and approach to life during these visits to Circle H. Thank you Robin for sharing his genius with the rest of us.

Raymond Drude - July 10, 2023 at 02:03 PM

AH

“ *My sincere sympathy, Doc and Robin are wonderful neighbors. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Ann Huff - June 26, 2023 at 12:05 PM

SD

“ *Our deepest sympathy.
St Helena Parish Sheriff's Department*

St Helena Parish Sheriff's Department - June 26, 2023 at 12:03 PM

KF

“ *I will forever remember him and how much of a genius he was. I had the honor of attending his marriage to Robin with my best friend Damien Howes. He was always a man of wisdom. I will keep the memory of your smile. Fly high*

kendra Fung - June 25, 2023 at 10:52 PM



Prayers and condolences to the family.

Polly Bridges - June 28, 2023 at 09:59 AM