



Jake Thomas Ragusa III

March 9, 1960 - January 13, 2023

Jake, age 62, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 13, 2023. He was a resident of Ponchatoula, LA. Jake was a devoted parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He dedicated many years in the technology department in the education system and even after retirement worked as a consultant. Jake enjoyed going fishing and just being outdoors. He was happiest surrounded by his family, especially the ones that called him Paw Jake. Family was truly the most important thing to him, and he took every opportunity he had to spend time with those he loved. Jake was always there when you needed him, spoiled his grandbabies rotten, and absolutely adored his wife. He was the definition of a family man and made sure those he loved knew it. Jake left his family with the happiest of memories and will be forever missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Danette Ragusa; son, Seth Ragusa; daughter, Abigail Ragusa Buzzetta (Joseph); mother, Dolores Ragusa Sparacino (Paul); sisters, Sonya Raymond (Matt), Cristi Ragusa (Tony); brothers, Steve Ragusa (Lisa), Danny Ragusa (Laura), Jeff Ragusa (Susan); and grandchildren, Melodie Mulkey, Ellis Ragusa, Emery Ragusa, Landon Ragusa, Karleigh Johnson, and Kennedy Johnson.

Jake is preceded in death by his father, Jake Thomas Ragusa Jr.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at ww

w.stjude.org/donate in honor of Jake.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 N.

Ponchatoula, LA 70454, on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, January 20, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. until the Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Interment will follow in Rosaryville Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Rosaryville Cemetery

Rosaryville Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

JAN 20. 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 Jake Thomas Ragusa III*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - January 18, 2023 at 10:43 AM

CB

“ *Danette, I will continue to pray for you and your family. What a wonderful husband, father, friend. May God continue to be your strength. Cristina Bentin*

Cristina Bentin - January 21, 2023 at 03:26 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I went to High School at Broadmoor with Danny and Jake. I haven't seen him in many, many years but was saddened to hear of his passing. I pray for God's mercy and comfort for the entire family. Much love in Jesus, Britt Williams*

Britt Williams - January 20, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 19, 2023 at 04:28 PM

MI

“ *Miriam lit a candle in memory of Jake Thomas Ragusa III*



Miriam - January 19, 2023 at 02:31 PM

KM

“ *Jake and I grew up together. We shared many trials and tribulations together. Jake had all the virtues of a loving father and family man. The best of all of us. Keith Marcel*

Keith Marcel - January 19, 2023 at 11:53 AM

FG

“ *From Logan Ganaway purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



From Logan Ganaway - January 19, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 18, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



January 18, 2023 at 04:59 PM



“ *SJS Girls Soccer Team* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



SJS Girls Soccer Team - January 18, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



January 18, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



January 18, 2023 at 09:46 AM

SF

“ Shannon Hailes and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



Shannon Hailes and family - January 17, 2023 at 07:46 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I worked under Jake for a short time. He was a great boss and a caring one. He worked hard and loved what he did. While I was still in the classroom, Jake worked with me to make sure my business department was up to date in technology. He will be missed. May our Lord wrap His arms around you, Danette, and your family giving you all strength and courage today and all the days to come, Blessings of peace and love, Cheryl Santangelo

Cheryl Santangelo - January 17, 2023 at 06:39 PM

SJ

“ So sorry to hear this news. Jake did so much to promote technology in Ascension parish for the students, parents, and teachers. He was always available and ready to help whenever there was a technology issue and excelled in his field. I was lucky to have been able to work with him. My condolences and prayers to Danette and the family. 🙏❤️😭. RIP Jake. You will be missed by so many!

Susan Nickens Jordan - January 17, 2023 at 06:02 PM

YF

“ *Your Ascension Public Schools Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



Your Ascension Public Schools Family - January 17, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 17, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 17, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 17, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 17, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *SJS Basketball Teams purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



SJS Basketball Teams - January 17, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *APSB-Technology Department purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



APSB-Technology Department - January 17, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:57 PM



“ *Love, Aunt Deedy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



Love, Aunt Deedy - January 17, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Love, SJS Angels Dance Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



Love, SJS Angels Dance Team - January 17, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Jake became my brother 36 years ago when he married my sister. Thanks to him I have a beautiful nephew and niece that I treasure with all my heart. And I can honestly say, nobody, absolutely nobody, could have loved my sister better than he did. And for that I am truly thankful that he came into our lives.*

Daphne Aguillard - January 17, 2023 at 11:11 AM

AP

“ Angie and Judy Peraza-Rueda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



Angie and Judy Peraza-Rueda - January 16, 2023 at 07:57 PM

TM

“ The Mayers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



The Mayers - January 16, 2023 at 05:15 PM

AF

“ Aunt Audrey Crochet and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



Aunt Audrey Crochet and Family - January 16, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



January 16, 2023 at 03:59 PM



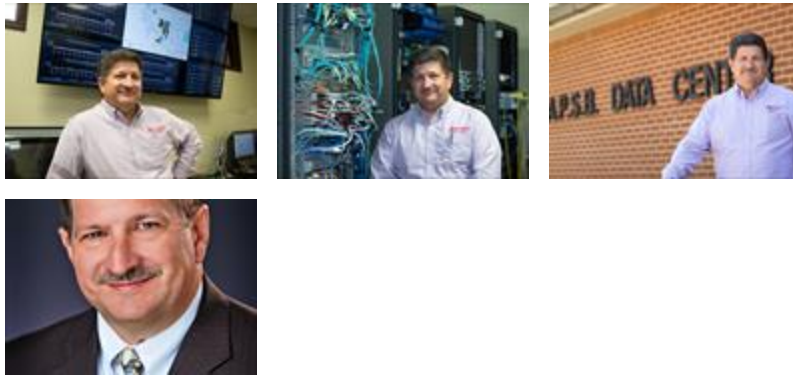
“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.*



January 16, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Jake in Ascension*



Jackie Tisdell - January 16, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Paul Buteaux lit a candle in memory of Jake Thomas Ragusa III*



Paul Buteaux - January 16, 2023 at 03:03 PM

PB

“ Paul Buteaux purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jake Thomas Ragusa III.



Paul Buteaux - January 16, 2023 at 02:44 PM

JT

“ This is so hard to believe. Jake was an AMAZING co-worker who was completely dedicated to doing what is best for students. His dedication didn't stop when he retired, and he recently stopped by before the holidays to check on his Ascension team. I am so very sorry for your loss. He loved his family and spoke of you all the time.



Jackie Tisdell - January 16, 2023 at 02:33 PM