

## Lawrence Westley Richardson

July 19, 1954 - December 7, 2022

Lawrence, age 68, went to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. He was a resident of Harahan, LA. Lawrence was born on July 19, 1954 in Independence, LA. Lawrence was a former employee of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Gargoyles Clothing in New Orleans, and numerous florist shops. He moved from Louisiana to Salt Lake City, Utah in his early 20's. When the circus came through there in September 1980, he talked to the elephant trainer about a job. Four months later, he was hired and traveled throughout the United States with the Blue Unit of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey. He also traveled with the Gold Unit of the circus to Tokyo, Osaka, and Sapporo in Japan. After traveling for many years with the circus, Lawrence returned to Louisiana for work as a co-owner of Gargoyles Clothing, and he later worked at numerous florist shops, always taking much pride in his work. He was a wonderful baker, and his family looked forward to eating his delicious goodies, especially at Christmas. Besides baking, Lawrence loved watching old classic movies and gardening too. He often lent a helping hand to others, talked much of his faith, and stated that he was ready for Jesus whenever Jesus was ready for him. Lawrence was a unique and kind-hearted man and will be deeply missed.

Lawrence is survived by his sisters, Dorothy "Dot" Fletcher (Elbert) and Barbara Campbell; his affectionate pet cat, Spencer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Ollie Richardson; three brothers, Marvin Leon, Albert David, and Billy Joe Richardson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W, Hammond, LA. on Thursday, December 22, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until the Funeral Service at 12:00 p.m. Pastor Matt Jones will officiate, with interment to follow in New Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## New Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery

Hwy 190 West  
Baptist, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

DEC **22** (CT)

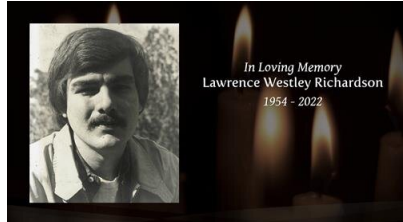
New Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery  
Hwy 190 West  
Hammond, La



# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence Westley Richardson*

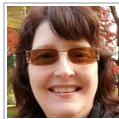


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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - December 20, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *WE NOUGHT OUR FIRST BIKER JACKETS FROM HIM ON OUR FIRST VISIT TO NEW ORLEANS  
HE WAS DEAR FRIEND TO BOTH RODDIE AND I  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE  
WITH ALL MY LOVE CULLEN*

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**Cullen Gurganus** - December 22, 2022 at 12:15 PM



*Thanks for sharing that memory, Cullen. It's comforting to have memories from others about him. God bless you.*

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**Sylvia Lubrano** - December 22, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Westley Richardson.*



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December 19, 2022 at 09:24 PM