



## Melvin Paul Petrolia

December 2, 1948 - January 5, 2026

Melvin, age 78, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026. Melvin Paul Petrolia was a man who found his greatest joy in the simple, honest things in life. A true outdoorsman, Melvin loved hunting and fishing and felt most at peace surrounded by nature. When he wasn't outdoors, he could often be found piddling in his shop, cutting grass, or working with his hands. A true jack of all trades, Melvin had a remarkable talent for machinist work and could tackle just about any project put in front of him. Melvin was a stand-up guy in every sense of the word. He always told you how it was. Beneath that plainspoken nature was a generous heart. He would give someone the shirt off his back without hesitation and was always willing to help anyone in need. Melvin will be remembered for his skills, his integrity, his love of the outdoors, and his big heart. His presence, wisdom, and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Melvin is survived by his daughter, Joy Petrolia; grandson, Anthony Williams; and sister, Jaynell Petrolia.

Melvin is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Petrolia; son, Adam Petrolia; parents, Paul Junius and Bernadette L. Petrolia; sisters, Wanda Courville and Nancy Bounds; and brothers, Jerry Petrolia, Richard Petrolia, and Troy Petrolia.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home 12012 Hwy. 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401, on Monday, January 12, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m.

Condolences and other information may be found at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G Thompson Funeral Home Hammond  
12012 Hwy 190 West  
Hammond, LA 70401

## Funeral Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Paul Petrolia*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - January 09 at 04:47 PM