



## Michael Schnabel

August 16, 1955 - May 12, 2025

Michael, age 69, passed away on Monday, May 12, 2025. He was a resident of Ponchatoula La. Michael was a man of quiet strength, creative spirit, and deep independence. He lived a life full of purpose, marked by service, music, and craftsmanship. A gifted artist and musician, he was known for his love of playing guitar and singing. Michael also had a lifelong passion for restoring classic Mustangs and boats of all kinds, finding joy in building and creating with his hands. After a distinguished military career, Michael embraced a simple and fulfilling life. He will be remembered for his humility, energy, his steady presence, and the legacy he leaves in every life he touched.

He is survived by his brother, Greg Shelton Sr. (Vicki); stepdaughter, Julia Cannon; nieces and nephews, Heather Fullagar (Louis), Greg Shelton Jr. (Charlie), Casey Polland, Bridgette Ballard (Jeffery), Joshua Shelton, Erica Milano (D'Ashia); and 11 great nieces and great-nephews.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Ingrid and Lemuel Shelton.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 1190 Hwy 51 North Ponchatoula, LA 70454 on Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. until the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Sandhill Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Sandhill Cemetery

Sandhill Cemetery Road  
Ponchatoula, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Schnabel*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - May 16, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Schnabel.

May 15, 2025 at 12:58 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Michael Schnabel.*



May 15, 2025 at 12:58 AM



“ *Bill & JoAnn Newman purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Michael Schnabel.*



Bill & JoAnn Newman - May 14, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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“ I met Mike while attending SLU in Hammond. We studied *The Calculus* with a young first year graduate of LSU. He started writing on the board as as soon as it was time for class to start, better be in your seat and ready, our teacher, Edgar, wrote with one hand and erased with the other. He never turned around from the board until class was over and he kept a supply of drop slips on his desk for students having problems keeping up. We usually spent most mornings, after the 8 AM class in the coffee shop drinking coffee and working Calculus problems. I know the younger students must have thought we were a bit touched, drinking coffee, trying to solve Calculus problems and write proofs 5 days a week. If it hadn't been for Mike's help, I doubt I would have made the grade in that class. As the years passed we became very good friends. I miss you my friend.



*Freddie Nations*

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**Freddie Nations** - May 13, 2025 at 07:29 PM

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“ *Eve Nations lit a candle in memory of Michael Schnabel*



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**Eve Nations** - May 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM

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“ Mike has been my friend for 25 years and My hubby Freddie for almost 45 years. The last time I saw him we were on our front porch, he was playing his guitar and we were singing together and laughing. It was only a week before he went into the hospital for the last time. Mike will be so very missed.

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**Eve Nations** - May 13, 2025 at 03:43 PM