



Raiford Joseph Leader

July 17, 1947 - July 17, 2022

Raiford Joseph Leader passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 17, 2022, surrounded by his loving family on his 75th birthday. Raiford was a resident of Livingston, LA, an avid reader, a talented cook, and a slow and steady soul that was unaffected by the fast pace of the world. He invented the minimalist lifestyle, could match wits with the best, was careful not to impose on others, and loved his people exactly as they were. He enjoyed playing basketball and tennis in his younger years and had a lifelong enjoyment following both sports and a dedication to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. He found enjoyment in peaceful times spent outdoors, watching wildlife or even the changing colors of leaves. He retired as Director of Curriculum after 33 years of service in many roles of the Livingston Parish School Board.

Raiford is survived by his wife, Vickie Herring Hinson Leader, 2 daughters and their spouses, Leslie Leader Carlton and Chad Peter Carlton and Amanda Leader Storer and Aaron Alexander Storer, his stepsons, Dustin Hinson and Milton "Ray" Hinson, his brother, Hubert Leader and wife Mary Louise Leader, sister-in-law, Mary Hoover Leader, mother-in law, Carrol Herring, brother-in-law, Frank Herring and wife Bridget, and many loving nieces and nephews. Raiford is also survived by eight grandchildren: Randy Clay Carlton, Nicholas Patrick Carlton, Collin Joseph Carlton, Asher Ellison Storer, Abram Alexander Storer, Audrey Rose Storer, Noah Brett Hinson and Rebekah Ann Hinson.

Raiford was preceded in death by his parents, Hilton P. and Lavinia Delatte Leader, his brother, Barton Joseph Leader, his father-in-law, Edsel "Sully" Herring Sr., and his nephews, Hubert Joseph Leader, Jr. and Luke A. Leader.

Raiford was a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church in Whitehall, LA, and will have a private memorial service led by Father Jason Palermo.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I first met Rayford when I was a student at FSHS and later worked with him as a teacher in the parish. He was always friendly and kind. My sincere condolences to his family. May he Rest In Peace.

Sondra Aydell - August 20, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Raiford Joseph Leader.



August 09, 2022 at 11:43 AM

VM

“ Sending my condolences to Vicky and the entire Leader family. Mr. Leader was one of my favorite teachers. If I came in not happy he would always brighten up my day with a smile. Praying for the family. Vivian Cook McGee

Vivian C. McGee - July 25, 2022 at 09:08 AM

PR

“ Raiford was one of a kind. He was a very dear friend of mine when he coached at FSHS. He would come to my family home after school sometimes to grab a bite to eat before a game. I valued his opinions. He was an old soul and very special person!!!

Phyllis Martin Richardson - July 19, 2022 at 04:00 PM

EH

“ Family,

I am sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Leader as I knew him. He was a teacher and Guidance Councilor at Albany - Springfield Junior High when I attended there in the early 70's. He was always a nice person and had a way of bringing peace and rational thought to any situation. He was a kind man and a favorite as I remember of students. I know he will be missed.

*Condolences,
Gene Hoyt*

Eugene Hoyt - July 19, 2022 at 12:42 PM