



Raymond Drude Sr.

April 17, 1927 - February 7, 2016

Raymond Drude, Sr.

A great and honorable man, Raymond went to be with his Lord and Savior on, February 7, 2016. Known for his big heart, generous nature and bigger than life personality, Raymond truly cared for the unfortunate, helping them in a number of ways, including giving car rides, providing meals, and building homes for them. With a passion for entrepreneurship, he started several businesses, including RAD Real Estate, where he developed over 24 subdivisions and built over 200 homes in Louisiana Georgia. He also owned and operated Drude Hardware for 16 years. In addition, he enjoyed helping others start their own businesses. Raymond proudly served his country in the United States Marines. He was very active in his community where he was a member of the Ponchatoula American Legion Post 47, Ponchatoula Jaycees, Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club and Ponchatoula Volunteer Fire Department. Raymond was a hard worker and a busy man, but his family was always his top priority and they will cherish the many memories they have of him, especially while vacationing.

Raymond is survived by his sons, Raymond Abel Drude Jr. and wife Debra, Rodney Jerome Drude and wife Cookie, Randy Joseph Drude and wife Donna; daughters, Renee Drude Steib and husband Craig, Robin Drude Berner and husband Michael; grandchildren, Lindsay Bornkessel and husband Kurt, Trey Drude, Kellie Bridges and husband Glenn-Dale, Craig Steib Jr. and wife Melody, Tara Alston and husband Josh, Megen Berner,

Taylor Drude and Carly Drude; great grandchildren, Ashlyn, Brody, Carter, Aubrey, Juliana, Kadie Jane, and Nora; brothers, David Drude , Robert “Bobby” Drude and wife Beverly, Jacob Drude and wife Mary Ellen.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Nella Mae Turnage Drude; parents, Carl Sr. and Louise LeSaicherre Drude; stepmother, Matilda Drude; brothers, Melvin, Alvin and Carl Drude Jr; sisters, Rita Walz and Carlene McLendon.

Relatives and friend of the family are invited to attend visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and again on Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina will officiate the service and interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 47; 500 E. Pine Street Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
255 North 8th Street
Ponchatoula, LA

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Please accept my condolence on the passing of Mr. Raymond Drude Sr. Take comfort in knowing God is the Creator of life. The Bible calls Jehovah God “the source of life.” (Psalm 36:9; Acts 17:24, 25) The One who gave life to all living creatures is certainly capable of restoring life to someone who has died. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family. If you have any questions please contact me at the email listed.

Debra Collins - February 16, 2016 at 04:30 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Mr. Raymond was a fine gentleman and gained the admiration and respect of everyone fortunate enough to know him. His memory will live on forever in your hearts.
~Michael & Monica Sullivan~

Michael Sullivan - February 11, 2016 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ All of you are in my prayers and thoughts. May God Bless you and comfort you with his love and peace at this most difficult time.



Jo Ellen Marten - February 11, 2016 at 11:01 AM

CH

“ *Mr. Raymond holds a special place in my families life as a business mentor to my late Father, a good friend to my Mother, Jennie and as my sponsor when I was confirmed at St. Joseph to become a Catholic. I chose the same Saint name he had chosen, Abraham. My heartfelt sympathy to his family...know that his memory lives on in many of our residents hearts.*

Chet Harrell - February 10, 2016 at 09:44 PM

DC

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Raymond. He was a very special man, and I know that he will be missed. Your family is in my prayers.*
David Clegg

David Clegg - February 10, 2016 at 03:45 PM

SG

“ *Sue Quave Gueldner lit a candle in memory of Raymond Drude Sr.*

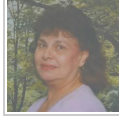


Sue Quave Gueldner - February 10, 2016 at 05:24 AM

SG

Rodney and Cookie My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow . May God give you the strength to get through these difficult days Mr Raymond was a wonderful man and will be missed . god bless you all

Sue Quave Gueldner - February 10, 2016 at 05:28 AM



Raymond was such a loving, generous person. I am so proud to have known him. He loved and respected his family so much. It was a beautiful thing to witness. .Rest in Peace friend. You will be missed.

Myrtle Lusk - February 10, 2016 at 04:50 PM

BH

“ Rodney & Cookie and all the family, i'm sorry of the passing of your daddy. He was one of the nicest person whom I ever met. I'm so proud to call him my cousin. May his soul rest in peace.



Barbara Drude Hebert - February 09, 2016 at 10:33 PM

MM

“ Randy, sorry to hear about your dad. Another great Southwood Parent. My condolences to your family. Marlin Mullins

Marlin Mullins - February 09, 2016 at 08:30 PM

KS

“ To all of the Drudes, Your Dad was a great guy and did many kind things for all of us when we were growing up. God Bless you all and keep you in his care as you get through these days. Kenny Sherman

Ken Sherman - February 09, 2016 at 03:29 PM

BS

“ I was so sorry to learn of your loss. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories of your time together.

Beth Skipper

Beth Skipper - February 09, 2016 at 09:52 AM

LG

“ He will be missed very much and sorry I will not be there with the family to share memories. But he is in our thoughts here in Lawrence, KS.

From Lynne Kraft Gauthier and family

Lynne Gauthier - February 09, 2016 at 09:41 AM

SH

“ He was a wonderful man . Many memories. He was also my Godfather. My heart and prayers go out to all of you. Sorry we can't be there will be out of town. Will be thinking of all of you.

*Love
Shari Berteau Hux*

Shari Berteau Hux - February 09, 2016 at 09:15 AM

NH

“ *Everybody loved Raymond!*

Nelda Harper - February 09, 2016 at 08:33 AM

WR

“ *So proud to have been able to call Raymond my friend. He will be missed, but he is resting with God now. And beautiful Nellia Mae.*

Wylene Remy-Taylor - February 09, 2016 at 08:30 AM

OH

“ I am very sorry for the loss of your loved one. Death is truly an enemy and God hates for anyone to die. That's why at Isaiah 25:8 he is going to get rid of death forever. He also promises to resurrect all those in the grave back to a beautiful paradisaic earth to live forever and never die (Psalms 37:10,11. I hope these promises brings you peace and happiness.

ORA HAWKINS - February 09, 2016 at 08:19 AM

WM

“ Our condolences to the Drude family for the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man, a true civic minded patriot and family man. May he rest in peace and his memory remain in your hearts. Wilk and Sharon McKean

Wilk and Sharon McKean - February 09, 2016 at 07:57 AM

DO

“ May the lord wrap his comforting arms around the entire family in your time of sorrow.



Donald&JeanBerteau - February 09, 2016 at 07:53 AM

EM

“ We certainly understand your loss and are praying for you at this difficult time. May Mr. Raymond rest in peace. Evelyn (Kluka) Meier

Evelyn Meier - February 09, 2016 at 06:45 AM

GA

“ Oh my goodness what a loss. Have many good memories of Mr. Ramond telling stories about his dad and my dad. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - February 08, 2016 at 09:30 PM

KM

“ I can't adequately express how much this precious man and his dear wife have meant to my family and me through the years. We've loved them dearly and their journeys to Heaven have left the highway of life an empty place to travel without them in the next lane.

Kathryn J. Martin - February 08, 2016 at 04:51 PM

VW

Kelli, sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

Vanessa Wells - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

RG

“ He was very, very kind and sweet to my mother, Juanita Battles during his stay at Live Oak Village, as well as to all the other residents there. We were very sad to hear of his passing and know that his family will miss him dearly. Mom and all his friends at Live Oak will really miss him also.

Robin Battles Gray - February 08, 2016 at 02:04 PM