



Rene Francis Roques Jr.

April 15, 1956 - January 29, 2024

Rene' F. Roques, Jr., at the age of age 67, passed peacefully at his home on Monday, January 29, 2024. A native of New Orleans, he spent nearly 50 years as a resident of Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Through the years, Rene' enjoyed membership in several civic, social, and service organizations, such as the Knights of Columbus, the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Board, and the Northshore Mustang Club. Most recently, Rene' actively served as a member of the Ponchatoula Rotary, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow and named Rotarian of the Year in 2022.

Rene' proudly worked as both a manufacturing and sales engineer at Gulf South Machine, Inc. from the age of twenty to his retirement in 2020.

Additionally, he expanded his trade and talents in machining, fabrication, and sales while being employed by Southern Enterprises / EBI Machining LLC. After retiring, Rene' couldn't stay idle long and went to work at First Choice Auto Auction to fill his time with camaraderie and cars.

Amongst his many hobbies, Rene' especially enjoyed fishing; getting his hands dirty with all things mechanical, particularly restoring vintage Ford Mustangs and Honda motorcycles; and, win or lose, he was devoted to his New Orleans Saints.

Rene' is survived by his wife, Nona Moritz Roques, and three daughters,

Adrienne Roques Stafford

(Joshua), Allison Roques Portier (Steve), and Ashley Simpson. He is affectionately known as “Papo” by his three grandsons, Steven Paul “Tripp” Portier, III, Allen Chase Simpson, and Kaleb Mitchell. Rene’ is also survived by his sister, Mary Roques Rholdon (Mike), as well as many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rene’ F. Roques, Sr. and Oma Agnes Bordelon Roques, as well as his brother, Kenneth Roques.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Rene’s memorial reception from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at the Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home in Ponchatoula, LA.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

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

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rene Francis Roques Jr.*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - February 08, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DM

Sorry to learn of Rene's passing, to soon and way to young. We started 1st grade together at the old Jefferson Elementary School in Old Jefferson and grew up about 5 blocks away from one another. We didn't run in the same exact group growing up, but I do remember him being one of the good kids, a bit shy and reserved till you got to know him. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Dave Masinter

Dave Masinter - February 25, 2025 at 08:06 PM

NV

“ *All of you are in our thoughts & prayers. Renee had a wonderful life & you have many beautiful memories. Paul & Nancy Vega*

Nancy T Vega - February 10, 2024 at 11:02 AM

EH

“ *Ed Hicks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rene Francis Roques Jr..*



Ed Hicks - February 08, 2024 at 01:07 PM

EH

“ Ed Hicks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rene Francis Roques Jr..

Ed Hicks - February 08, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rene Francis Roques Jr..



February 07, 2024 at 10:04 AM

KT

“ KEVIN, CODEY, TAYLER planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rene Francis Roques Jr..

KEVIN, CODEY, TAYLER - February 07, 2024 at 10:04 AM

SB

“ Steve Denise Tiffany Madison Evan Bella purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rene Francis Roques Jr..



Steve Denise Tiffany Madison Evan Bella - February 06, 2024 at 10:50 AM

KM

“ *Such a kind, friendly fellow Rotarian. His name will always bring good memories.*

Kathryn Martin - February 01, 2024 at 04:25 PM