



Robert Andrew Bourgeois

October 25, 1936 - December 22, 2017

Robert Andrew Bourgeois was born on October 25, 1936 to Herbert and Inez Bourgeois. Robert grew up in a modest and loving home in the agricultural community of Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Robert's early years were spent in school, working and playing on the farm with his friends and family, hunting, fishing, and picking strawberries at harvest time with the rest of the community.

At the age of 17, Robert entered the United States Navy as a Seaman First Class. He served in the Navy until age 20 when he entered the United States Coast Guard. These were exciting times in Robert's life as he had the opportunity to visit many interesting ports of call around the world. As thrilling as his maritime service was, Robert commented that these did not compare to the joy he felt when he married the love of his life, Macel Jean Kelly, in 1954. Robert and Macel relocated to Marrero, Louisiana where the Lord blessed them with three beautiful children: Sarah, Ronnie, and Robbie. Robert worked at the Avondale Shipyard as a crane operator and crew chief. This was dangerous work, but Robert was consistently recognized for his exemplary safety record and well respected for his knowledge and expertise.

In addition to hunting and fishing, Robert enjoyed reading, music, and discussing news and current political events with his wife. Robert especially enjoyed trawling for shrimp with his children at his family camp. As time marched on, the things that Robert enjoyed most were spending time with his family, working in his yard, and going on lunch dates with his wife. He

particularly enjoyed visits from his daughter, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Robert always communicated his love to his family and continually reminded everyone how precious they were to him and how blessed he was to have them in his life.

Robert and Macel were charter members of Westside Baptist Church in Ponchatoula where he served as a deacon. He was preceded in death by his parents, his younger brother Hanson Bourgeois, and his two sons Ronald David Bourgeois and Robert Andrew Bourgeois. Robert is survived by his wife, his brother Roland Bourgeois, and his sisters Linda Harper and Gloria Silverthorne. He is also survived by his daughter Sarah Bourgeois Larson, his daughter-in-law Terry Mulhearn, and his grandchildren Derrick Paul Bourgeois, Olivia Brooke Romano, Jordan Lee Romano, Alexis Blake Miller, Abigail Grace Miller, and his great grandchildren, Eleanor Grace Romano and Laney Rose Romano.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Macel Bourgeois; daughter, Sarah Larson and husband Wendell 'Lars'; Daughter in Law, Terry Bourgeois Mulhearn and husband Thomas; grandchildren, Olivia Romano, Jordan Romano and wife Ashley, Derrick Bourgeois, Alexis Miller, and Abigail Miller; great-grandchildren, Eleanor Romano, and Laney Romano; sisters, Linda Harper, and Gloria Silverthorne; brother, Roland Bourgeois.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Inez Bourgeois; sons, Ronnie and Robbie Bourgeois; brother, Hanson Bourgeois; and grandchild, Jeremy Romano.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, on Wednesday December 27, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Thursday, December 28, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Dickie Nelson will be officiating and interment will follow in Sandhill Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to Macel Bourgeois at 41210 Adelle Drive, Hammond, Louisiana.

Cemetery Details

Sandhill Cemetery

Sandhill Cemetery Road
Ponchatoula, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are praying for you during this difficult time. Mr. Robert was always so kind and friendly to all. We know how much he will be missed. God Bless His Family. Kenneth and Vonda Anthony

Kenneth and Vonda Anthony - December 28, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Andrew Bourgeois.



December 28, 2017 at 07:39 AM

JH

“ Judy Hill lit a candle in memory of Robert Andrew Bourgeois



judy hill - December 27, 2017 at 12:29 PM

JH

So sorry for your loss, Uncle Robert always had a smile and as a child I can remember him talking about his muscle one be lighting and one being thunder !!! Love all of you, God Bless wish I could be there, but know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

judy hill - December 27, 2017 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ *My uncle Robert. I spent many years of my child hood stair surfing in their log home that still stands today on our family land. You will be greatly missed by all of us. We will be strong for pawpaw Roland and rest of the family as we go through this very difficult time.*

Jami Bourgeois - December 24, 2017 at 01:09 PM

MR

“ *Linda and Roland, I am sorry to hear of your brother's passing. All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mittie Rohner - December 23, 2017 at 03:25 PM