



Rufus Andrew Poche

November 11, 1943 - August 4, 2016

Rufus Poche

Rufus, age 72, went to his Heavenly Home on Thursday, August 4, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. After serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, Rufus eventually began his career as a lumber salesman for Crown Zellerbach. Then, in 1985, he built Catfish Charlie Restaurant and operated it for 11 years. Upon his retirement from the restaurant, he devoted his spare time building furniture and woodworking, which he generously presented to his friends and family. Rufus was a kind and generous individual who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Rufus is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Frances Roberts Poche; daughters, Monika Poche Ray and husband Brad and Michelle Poche Crow and husband Jeff; grandchildren, Emily and Ben Ray, Jordan, Lauren, and Jonathan Crow; sisters, Karen Braun and husband Ronnie, and Evelyn Thompson and husband Arthur; and brothers, Bryant Poche and wife Jackie and Albert Poche and wife Ann.

He is preceded in death by parents, Rufus and Ludivine Poche.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Ponchatoula, on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until the

funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. Father McDuffie will officiate and internment will follow in Wetmore Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic School.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Wetmore Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ I was Mr. Poche's phlebotomist at North Oaks. He always seemed happy to see that it was me that had to draw blood. I found out of his passing in the paper afterwards, so missed the service. I think of him frequently, and miss him and his pleasant personality. I will never forget him !! The memories of him are etched in my heart and am blessed that he smiled when he saw it was me that came to draw blood. I will never forget you!! You made me feel worth !! <3 <3 <3

Paulene Rangel - February 06, 2017 at 06:50 PM

KC

Ms.Fran, I've talked to you so you are aware of my circumstances also, Mr Rufus, inspired me, taught me, and always made me laugh! I just wanted you to know how much the two of you have meant to me all through these years, I just LOVE y'all Kenny.😂🇩🇪

Kenneth Case - March 27, 2017 at 10:12 PM

DC

“ My deepest sympathy go out to you and your family during this time of grief. May you have comfort and peace knowing that “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.” Please accept my condolence, and know we are here for you. If you have any questions please contact me at the email listed.

Debra R. Collins - August 09, 2016 at 03:39 PM

EC

“ Fran and your family, we send our love and prayers. So sorry for your loss. I know he will be sadly missed but very happily remembered!! Our love to you all.

Eddie & Cindy Cosgrove - August 09, 2016 at 11:02 AM

HI

“ Sorry about the passing of Rufus. Sending sympathy and condolences to the family.
Hilton Hoover, Jr.

Hilton - August 08, 2016 at 10:08 AM

WH

“ Fran, sorry to hear of Rufus' passing. His many stories were both endearing and enduring, I still tell some of them. I text Bill Corbin about Rufus and his response was right on point, Good Memories.
Wayne Hill

Wayne Hill - August 07, 2016 at 07:24 PM

TT

“ Mrs Fran and girls, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I love you guys and miss you bunches. Mr Rufus will always be remembered as a kind, generous and very respectful man. Your entire family will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm so sorry that I could not make the services. I just found out today. You are all in my thought and prayers during this difficult time. Love you all. Mrs Fran you take care of yourself and if you need anything I'm right here in Ponchatoula. Love you, Tammy Notariano Turner.

Tammy N Turner - August 06, 2016 at 09:27 PM

MH

“ Rufus was a cherished friend and a devoted family man. He had the respect of so many in his life and I am honored to be one of his friends. God accepts Rufus and my prayers now are for his family.
Mike Haight

Mike Haight - August 06, 2016 at 07:43 PM

AT

“ Kind, generous, funny and never intrusive, Rufus was the perfect neighbor. He will be missed

Angela Trainham - August 06, 2016 at 10:05 AM

CW

“ Mrs.. Fran and family, I am so sorry for y'all loss. Mr. Rufus was a very kind man. He will be missed.

Cindy Walters

Cindy Walters - August 06, 2016 at 04:52 AM



HC

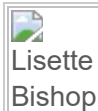
“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Helen and Zeke Cocran - August 05, 2016 at 10:15 PM

ED

“ Rufus was always a joy to be around. He was so generous with his talent and time. I remember the gigantic dog house that he built for Emily and me and helping us to tile our kitchen. His only pay was to share an adult beverage with me. He was also a partner with several of us in a small investment club, Tan-Tam. We bought some old houses to rent and sell. He showed me and the other partners how to repair the houses and, in one instance, how to drill a water well. He probably did more of the work than any of us. Those were great times largely due to Rufus' positive can-do personality. God bless his soul. Our prayers and condolences are with Fran and family.
Ernest Delaune

Ernest Delaune - August 05, 2016 at 07:25 PM



Lisette
Bishop

Condolences and prayers are with you his family.

Lisette Bishop Melton - August 05, 2016 at 08:17 PM

MB

“ Thoughts of Rufus will always bring a smile to our faces. His joy for life was infectious. He will be missed by all of us- Much love,
Marcia, Brad, Connor, Lexi, Jenna and Brennan Balzer

Marcia Balzer - August 05, 2016 at 06:38 PM

GA

“ As sad as it is to lose our good friend he has left us with some good memories that we can and will cherish always. When he would rabbit hunt with us he would always bring the special homemade Permento cheese sandwiches. Delicious! And always after the hunt,when he would kill the most rabbits he would start his chant, all of you that killed one rabbit raise your hand, all of you that killed two rabbits raise your hand, and on up to the point where all hands had been raised except his, His hands would start flailing, he would laugh and gloat and really rub it in on us. Good times! Again, as much as we are going to miss Rufus,we will cherish the memories. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - August 05, 2016 at 04:36 PM

LW

Fran and family....our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours...memories last forever

Larry & Paula

Larry Wilson - August 06, 2016 at 06:01 AM

MF

Rufus will be missed in River Ranch. He was a nice neighbor.

Mickey Fagan - August 06, 2016 at 07:38 AM



Rufus was a builder-he and Fran built a beautiful marriage, a wonderful family, a meaningful life. He proudly made things with his hands and shared what he made with friends and family. He built new cabinets in the kitchen at Serenity House, where there is a plaque in his honor. He was loving and humorous and kind-and will be forever remembered and missed.

Ann Poche - August 10, 2016 at 01:42 PM