



## Sebastian "Buster" John Guzzardo Sr.

March 25, 1923 - November 26, 2021

Buster, devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather was born on March 25, 1923, in Independence, LA to John and Lena Sampere Guzzardo. He passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Friday, November 26, 2021. He was 98 years old and a native and lifelong resident of Independence, LA. Buster was a member and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 5627, a member and past Commander of the American Legion Post 109, the Saint Joseph Society, the I.I.A.C.A. He was the Grand Marshall of the Italian Festival in 1999 and the Sicilian Heritage Festival in 2011. Buster was a member of Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church and a supporter of Mater Dolorosa Catholic School.

He was drafted and inducted into the US Army in January of 1943. Buster entered the European Theatre in the 759th Military Police Company in North Africa, Morocco, and Casablanca. After 29 months, he joined the 295th Engineer Combat Battalion. Buster participated in the battles of Monte Cassino and Anzio in route to liberating Rome. He spent the war in Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Germany. Buster participated in the Battle of the Bulge, escorted prisoners of war to the US, and rescued Jewish prisoners from concentration camps. He escorted General Eisenhower to the front line while in France. Buster was honorably discharged in November 1945 after V.E. Day. He was awarded the EAMETO medal, the Good Conduct medal, and the World War II Victory

medal.

After a brief stint in the grocery business with his father and brothers, Buster started his public service career. He served 4 years as a board of Alderman in Independence. Buster served 11 years as a Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Deputy under Sheriff Tom Sanders. He served 9 years as an elected Louisiana House of Representative for District 72. Buster spent the next 33 years as a Regional Supervisor for the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles and Revenue before his retirement.

Buster and his wife Sara of 65 years, raised 6 children in Independence. He is survived by his 2 sons, B.J. Guzzardo Jr. (Faye), Jerome Guzzardo (Julie); his 4 daughters, Madelene Pisciotta (Ronald), Ann Guzzardo, Lorraine Guzzardo, Sara Harrell (John); 17 grandchildren, Rex, Elissa, Ryan, Taylor, and Logan Guzzardo, Sarah Drude, Leslie Cormier, Christopher, Ronald, and Jude Pisciotta, Jessica Finley, Michael and Galan Gagneaux, Amber Trapen, Heather, Eric, and Zachary Harrison; 34 great-grandchildren, Charley, Kendal, and Avery Guzzardo, Noah Conde, Lane Drude, Kady, Chloe, and Hudson Cormier, Lathan McDonald, Brinkleigh, Oaklyn, and Ellie McKee, Sebastian, Christian, Madelene, and Giovanni Pisciotta, Destini Dorsa, Joseph and Joshua Soniat, Grace Finley, Caden and Aubree Gagneaux, Mikey, Bryce, Gianna, and Gabriel Trapen, Benjamin, William, and Isabella Robinson, Loxley Harrison, Jude, Adrian, Mary Claire, and Cassian Pisciotta; 1 great-great-grandchild, Sophia Pisciotta; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Campo Guzzardo; parents, John and Lena Sampere Guzzardo; brothers, Joe, Pete, and George Guzzardo; and sisters, Josephine Franciamore, Minnie Garafola, Mary Vilaro, and Carmela Guzzardo.

His 10 grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family wishes to thank his granddaughter, Amber and her husband Mike Trapen and their family for their loving, devoted care given to him for many years. The family would also like to thank the ladies that tended to him daily; Ms. Shirlene Dyson, Ms. Adele Gehbauer, Jasmine Rogers, and Stephanie

Brown. Thanks also to the V.A. nurses, home health workers, and the Hospice Specialists of Louisiana.

Buster loved God, his family, and country. He never met a stranger and never refused to help a person in need. Buster will forever be remembered for the good he did for his fellow man, his selflessness, generosity, religiousness, caring, and compassion. He took pride and joy in helping others.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church, Mater Dolorosa Catholic School of Independence or the National World War II Museum of New Orleans.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W.

Hammond, LA 70401, on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Reuben Dykes will officiate with interment to follow in Colonial Cemetery.

Condolences and other information may be found at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA  
12012 Highway 190 W  
Hammond, LA 70401  
(225) 567-1884

## Funeral Mass

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church  
620 3rd Street  
Independence, LA 70443

# Tribute Wall

VB

“ So so sad to learn that my cousin died. My great grandmother was Josephine Guzzardo. I got to visit Mr. Buster a decade or so ago when visiting my family in Louisiana. I had no idea when we visited him just how fabulous his career and heart were, although my cousin Catherine had told me about his government career and how he helped so many people. He was a giant of a man and such a tribute to our family. He truly did God's work and had a true servant's heart. I enjoyed meeting some of his family and his granddaughter and husband and was so impressed at how his family looked after him so well - so Italian. It is sad that my grandmother Mary Sampere of Independence and her husband Morris Macaluso of Tickfaw moved to Illinois in the 1940s and with the death of my mother (Beatrice Patricia) and her twin sister Congetta in the 1970s, its hard for me to keep up with my Louisiana family, of which I have many members. We have Guzzardos here in Rockford too and they all have Louisiana roots. Buster shared a name with my great grandfather Sebastiano who also lived to 97 years old. I am honored to have met Buster and am very proud of him. I posted his accomplishments on Facebook even! Thank you kind man of God for your service to our country and to Louisiana. Job well done! May God bless you all and may Buster touch the face of God in beloved happiness with Sara and our other family gone before. I hope to see his family more in the future and pray that they find peace at this sad time.

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Valeri DeCastris and David Beccue - January 06, 2022 at 08:32 PM

KA

“ *Mr. BUSTER WAS ALWAYS SO SWEET ALWAYS SMILING. R.I.P. MR BUSTER.*



Kimberly anzalone - December 07, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sebastian "Buster" John Guzzardo Sr..*



December 01, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mr Buster was my predecessor in office. He was always my friend and confidant. I appreciate He and the entire Guzzardo family for always treating me like family. Robby Carter*

Robert Carter - December 01, 2021 at 10:48 AM

BD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Buster at OMV for many years. He was a delightful person to be around. I think of him often when reminicing about my work there. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

*Becky Dunaway*

Becky Dunaway - November 30, 2021 at 01:58 PM

MG

*Dear Ann Guzzardo and family ,*

*May you take comfort in loving memory and the friends and family that surround you.*

*Please receive our deepest sympathies.*

*Marcos Guerrero & family*

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**marcos guerrero** - December 03, 2021 at 08:11 PM

WC

*To ALL of Mr. Buster's family,*

*Bill and I offer our deepest condolences to you in the passing of your loved one. We will always remember Mr. Buster as a kind, gentle speaking friend. He was always there for us no matter the circumstance and always had good, sound advice to offer us. We are certain he will be missed by all who knew and loved him, but also know that we can reunite with him one day by trusting in the same Lord that Mr. Buster knew and trusted. Prayers for all of you.*

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**William and Freddie Gulotta Cory** - December 04, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Sebastian "Buster" John Guzzardo Sr..*



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November 29, 2021 at 08:12 PM

YN

“ *Your Loving Nieces & Nephew. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sebastian "Buster" John Guzzardo Sr..*



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**Your Loving Nieces & Nephew.** - November 29, 2021 at 06:46 PM

CP

“ *Mr. Buster was a dear friend. Whenever I called on him, whether professionally or personally, he was always willing to help. There are very few men who have been so generous and caring toward anyone in need.*

*I always enjoyed his company, appreciated his assistance, and I loved him as a dear friend. A life well lived and a legacy of family to keep his light shining for future generations.*

*My sincere condolences to all the family.*

*Chaney Phillips*

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**Chaney Phillips** - November 29, 2021 at 01:04 PM

SJ

“ *Ann,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May GOD keep you close at this time of sorrow.*

*With heartfelt sympathy.*

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**Sonya Jackson** - November 29, 2021 at 11:35 AM

RN

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray God leads you to understanding and healing.*

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**Regina Nixon** - November 29, 2021 at 10:20 AM

WA

“ *With Deepest Sympathy,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God's love heal your sorrow and may His peace replace your heartache with loving memories.*

*Willie Autrey*

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**Willie Autrey** - November 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM

GA

“ *Oh so sorry for your loss and the loss of a tremendous public servant. I learned a lot about Public service from him And always enjoyed public events with him. Will cherish the memories. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Gordon Anderson** - November 28, 2021 at 09:43 PM

PM

“ *Philip E. Maloney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sebastian "Buster" John Guzzardo Sr..*



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**Philip E. Maloney** - November 28, 2021 at 07:50 PM