



## Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke

August 24, 1955 - December 1, 2021

Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at the age of 66, surrounded by his family at his residence in Slidell, LA.

Tommy was diagnosed with ALS / Lou Gehrig's disease in October 2019. Upon his diagnosis, he closed the doors of his successful automotive repair business in Ponchatoula after 28 years, Tommy's Auto Repair. Tommy took great pride in his work which earned the trust and love from the community.

Tommy is survived by his beloved wife, Suzanne Guidry Flocke. He is also survived by his daughters, Franchesca Flocke and Melinda "Mindy" Flocke Bonner (Russ), son, Duane Deshotel (Wendy), grandchildren, Gauge and Briggs Flocke, James Thomas "JT" Bonner, Savannah Brooks (Noah), Dominic, Devin, Dane and Dax Deshotel, siblings, Roxanne Flocke and Robert Stegemeyer and several nieces and nephews.

Tommy is preceded in death by his parents, Edmund Flocke, Jr. and Shirley Graf, brothers, Edmund "Buddy" Flocke III and Michael Stegemeyer and mother-in-law, Eula Guidry.

Tommy was married to the love of his life for 36 years, Suzanne. She was his devoted caregiver and never left his side. Tommy was a true motor head, aside from his business he traveled around the country with his daughter,

Franchesca, racing during her younger years and proudly displayed her trophies at the shop. He was incredibly proud of his youngest daughter, Mindy, who he said, "inherited his brain," and is a physician assistant in the Hammond area. Tommy enjoyed fishing, racing, watching his grandsons play sports, and spending time with his family. He was the true definition of a family man who was most happy surrounded by all those he loved. He will be deeply missed by all.

Family and friends are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 North, Ponchatoula, LA on Sunday, December 5, 2021, from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 PM following the visitation there at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ My first ALS symptom occurred in 2016, but was diagnosed in 2018. I had severe symptoms ranging from shortness of breath, balance problems, couldn't walk without a walker or a power chair, i had difficulty swallowing and fatiue. I was given medications which helped but only for a short burst of time, then I decided to try alternative measures and began on ALS Formula treatment from Aknni herbs centre, It has made a tremendous difference for me (Visit ww w. aknniherbscentre.c om). I had improved walking balance, increased appetite, muscle strength, improved eyesight and others.

Cory merlon - May 19, 2025 at 10:23 AM

MS

“ With my amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), the first thing that happened almost 2 years ago now, was speaking as if I were drunk. I wasn't. I initially did improve speech (articulating clearly but slow) but now I can no longer speak in an acceptable way. Then, a year later eating became problematic, I was biting my tongue and lips, and chewing became weak and less controlled. Soon after that some fingers started to fail me and things would drop out of my hands. Somewhere at that time bulbar ALS was diagnosed. The Rilutek (riluzole) did very little to help me. The medical team did even less. My decline was rapid and devastating.. We tried every shot available but nothing was working. There has been little if any progress in finding a reliable treatment, Our care provider introduced us to Kycuyu Health Clinic ALS/MND herbal treatment. The treatment is a miracle.i recovered significantly! Visit www . kycuyuhealthclinic . com. I Adhere anyone reading this to try natural approach. ALS is not a death sentence.

Marcia Stewart - April 21, 2022 at 06:43 AM

EH

“ Well I never got to meet this man in person just in pictures and conversation with his beautiful wife. I met her through als conversations because I was diagnosed with ALS n August of 2019. This is a HORRIBLE MONSTER. It takes away everything. I thank GOD I got to tex and talk with Suzanne, I learned alot about her hubby, children and grands, especially the 2 boys. Met the family through pictures she shared with me. I am so sorry sweet lady, just trust and rely on JESUS. People fight, fight, fight for a cure for the monster disease. It can strike anyone, I'm still in disbelief I was diagnosed with it.

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**Elaine Hill** - January 19, 2022 at 11:29 AM

MH

“ Mary Vartan Hartenstein lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke



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**Mary Vartan Hartenstein** - December 06, 2021 at 10:47 AM

EF

“ Rest In Peace my friend. You fought a hard battle. You are truly missed.

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**Ed Forrest** - December 05, 2021 at 07:13 PM

LH

“ Tommy was one of the 1st people I met when my husband, myself and toddler daughter moved from Metairie to Ponchatoula for a "better place to raise a family." I had to travel to Metairie one day, at that time my husband worked out of town and was concerned about my car making the trip safely. I saw a sign from Main St. that said "Tommy's Auto." I pulled in and a man walked out to my car and asked if he could help. I explained my concern, he said "pop the hood", proceeded to check several things there, then checked the pressure of each of my tires, asked to look at the gauges on my dash and said "your good to go." I then asked how much do I owe you and he said "nothing, just drive safe."

I told my husband about that visit and from then on we never brought our cars anywhere but to Tommy's. Over the years we became good friends, found out our kids went to the same school for a few years. He was always doing "something for nothing" and several times actually went out of his way for us, even closed his shop one time to come help me get my car working enough to get it to him if he couldn't fix it then. I always tried to bring him lunch and made him desserts as well. He wasn't just a mechanic, he was our friend.

We have missed him everyday since he left shop. We will continue to pray for his family in his absence. We Love you Tommy!

*larry & gina henley*

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**Larry/Gina Henley** - December 04, 2021 at 06:36 PM

DH

“ Tommy was the best! We trusted him completely to be fair and honest when repairing our vehicles.

*He was such a nice man. His family will be in our prayers. RIP*

*Tommy*

*John and Donna Hayden*

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**Donna Hayden** - December 03, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke.*



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December 03, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *yes tommy serviced my vehicles and was a customer of o'reilly auto parts where i was a driver delivering parts. he was much more to me as a friend. i remember surprising (embarrassing) him with a birthday cake for his 60th birthday. rest in peace my friend.*

*steve bauer*

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**steve bauer** - December 03, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ *Tommy was the number one man for all my car troubles! Sometimes he did tell me just turn radio up so you don't hear it. Donald and I send our condolences and prayers for the family.*



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**Darnell Baham** - December 02, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ *I have Always admired Tommy he was such a Great Guy. Never a mean word out of his mouth Tommy was One of a kind. Love you Dawn Monnerjahn Mason*

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**Dawn** - December 02, 2021 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke.*



December 02, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke.*



December 02, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *He was a wonderful man May Rest In Peace*

**robert and Gina Ricau** - December 02, 2021 at 07:47 PM



*Tommy was more to us than our brother in law. We saw how much his wife and children meant to him. We admired him and loved him. We shared many wonderful memories with him and Suzanne and his children. As we shed our tears and sadness from his passing we know he will always be in our hearts and memories  
We pray for Suzanne, Franchesca, Gauge and Briggs,  
Mindy, Russ and JT and Duane, Wendy, Dominic, Devin, Dane and Dax and Suvannah. ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️*

**Cherrel Guidry Matherne** - December 03, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke.*



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December 02, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Pat Adams lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke*



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**Pat Adams** - December 02, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke.*



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December 02, 2021 at 04:14 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy" Harry Flocke.*



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December 02, 2021 at 03:19 PM