



Richard J. Hebert Sr.

June 10, 1926 - September 8, 2019

Richard Hebert, Sr.

Richard Joseph Hebert, 93, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 8, 2019, surrounded by his five daughters, joining his wife and son in eternal rest. Richard's most treasured legacy is the lessons and memories of a long and full life distinguished by giving more than receiving. Richard was born in Jennings on June 10, 1926 to the late Annette Houssiere Hebert and Israel L. Hebert, the fourth and youngest son in a family of 7 children.

He attended public school in Jennings, followed by high school at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi where he graduated in 1943. Richard was drafted into the Army in September 1944 where he served as a medic at the 248th General Hospital in Manila, The Philippines and with the 148th Infantry Regiment during the Luzon Campaign. Wounded while serving as a field medic in the Battle of Luzon, he was a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal. He was part of the 'Greatest Generation' and like so many of his time was proud to serve the nation when called to action and his local community in peacetime. In 2007 he flew as an Honor Air passenger to Washington, DC, accompanied by Senator Bob Dole.

After his military discharge in 1946 he applied for the GI Bill only to be informed that test results indicated a religious proficiency and a recommendation to attend a protestant seminary. Instead, wanting to continue in a career of attending to others in need, he chose to attend Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, intending to pursue a degree in pre-med and a career in medicine. While attending Spring Hill he was active in Catholic mission out-reach in small communities surrounding Mobile. It was there that his cousin, Robert Houssiere, recruited him to "chauffeur" and chaperone a young Mobile religious instructor. Bettye Houck soon became his sweetheart, wife and life-long love. "Courting" continued until his graduation from Spring Hill and Richard and Bettye married September 2nd, 1950 in Mobile.

Upon applying for medical school, he was informed by the dean that he first needed to complete a few more English credits. Procrastination not being in his vocabulary, he graciously informed the dean that he would be applying to and was accepted into Loyola pharmacy school in New Orleans where he and Bettye began their family.

Upon completing pharmacy school he returned to Jennings to begin his career. In the mid-50's he purchased Lynn's Drug Store, owning and operating the business serving the Jennings community until his retirement in 1981. Following retirement, he continued working as a relief pharmacist across southwest Louisiana.

His life was a never-ending devotion to family and faith. Richard was committed to Catholic education, serving on the board of St. Maria Goretti High School. He was a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, past president of the Serra Club and member of the Holy Sepulchre. He and Bettye also served as eucharistic ministers and altar server coordinators for years at his parish of Our Lady Help of Christians.

His love of sports incorporated a combination of Notre Dame Fighting Irish Blue and Gold and the San Francisco Giants Orange and Black, with the world coming to a near standstill at game time. During the off-seasons, he enjoyed the occasional fishing outing with family. This included a memorable fishing expedition to the Lake of the Ozarks in celebration of his 90th birthday, where he was accompanied by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Following emergency cardiac surgery and an extended recovery in early 2018, Richard spent the past year cherishing time with his family and friends. The new lease on life provided by the surgery allowed him to enjoy so many activities, such as traveling to New Orleans to watch his grandson play in the Louisiana State high school championship football game. He regularly attended mass, dined out with family, and played cards every Friday with "old" friends. For that the family is so thankful to the doctors and staff at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center-Houston, LA Hospice & Palliative Care, Harbor Hospice and his wonderful in-home caregivers.

Richard is survived by five daughters, Michelle (Herman) Monceaux of Lake Charles, LA, Anne Louise (Dale) Monceaux of Loveland, OH, Dionne (Doug) Sharp of Lawrenceville, GA, Lisa (Wayne) Reed of Cleveland, GA, and Laurie (Randy) Fear of Welsh, LA; daughter-in-law, Shelby of Welsh, LA; his sisters Gertrude Dumesnil of Lafayette, LA, Therese Mire of Lafayette, LA; his fourteen grandchildren, Bennett, and Brandon Monceaux, Andrea M. Ward, Genevieve M. Smith, Adam, Alex, and Catherine Monceaux, Jacques, Madeleine, Emily, Abigail, and Maxwell Hebert, Tyler and Harrison Reed; and thirteen great grandchildren, David and Cameron Monceaux, Adrienne, Elizabeth, and Joseph Ward, Eibhlin, and Keating Monceaux, Zoe and Ethan Missar and Harper and Alex

Smith, Gregory and Dylan Colson.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM with Father Charles McMillian officiating. He will be laid to rest in the Calvary Mausoleum with Full Military Rites. The Hebert family requests visitation to be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a Cursillo Rosary at 6:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Saturday, September 14th at 9:00 AM until his Funeral Mass. Pallbearers are grandsons, Bennett and Brandon Monceaux, Adam and Alex Monceaux, Tyler and Harrison Reed, and Jacques and Max Hebert.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Our Lady Immaculate School Hebert Scholarship and Camp Karol of St. Charles Center in Lake Charles.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

Evangeline Rd.
Jennings , LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews and Son Funeral Home - Jennings
511 N. Cutting Ave.
Jennings, LA 70546

Cursillo Rosary

SEP 13. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

SEP 14. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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511 N. Cutting Ave.
Jennings, LA 70546

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church
710 North State St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard J. Hebert Sr..*



September 12, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Richard J. Hebert Sr..*



September 12, 2019 at 10:41 AM

PC

“ *The love and kindness that Mr. Hebert and Mrs. Betty showed to my mother will forever find a place in my heart. As a young child, I loved going to Lynn's to meet mom at work. Mr. Hebert was always so nice and kind to us. We lost mom in 2015 and through all the pain, I turned to see Mr. Hebert coming down the aisle. My eyes filled with tears and my heart was big. At his age, he said he had to come see Tillie. We had a wonderful talk and except for life putting a little age mark on him, he was the same sweet man I remembered all those years ago. I am really sorry for the families loss. I pray for all of you to find comfort in knowing that Heaven has gained another precious angel. Love and prayers, Mrs. Tillie's daughter, Paulette*

Paulette Camel - September 11, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Richard J. Hebert Sr..*



September 11, 2019 at 06:33 PM

RM

“ *My deepest sympathy, thoughts & Prayers are with your Family. Richard always had a smile and a positive way about him. Such a fine gentlemen and scholar. May God Bless. RIP Mr. Richard.*

Robert Menard - September 11, 2019 at 12:09 PM

AM

“ *20 files added to the album Richard J. Hebert Sr*



Anne Monceaux - September 11, 2019 at 10:40 AM

TM

“ *Laurie, may God comfort you and your family in this time of loss. May the peace of Christ engulf you and encourage you to dwell on all the wonderful memories of your dad. Love in Christ, Terri M*

Terri Murphey - September 11, 2019 at 08:35 AM

LF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all the family as you rejoice in the Lord for the wonderful memories you have to cherish, the sorrow you are journeying through at this time, and the faith you have that Mr. Richard is at peace with our Savior and Lord.*

Linda Meyer Fonger - September 11, 2019 at 12:38 AM

SR

“ *I am sorry for your loss*

steven r lee rph - September 10, 2019 at 11:49 PM

LS

“ *Lucille Smith lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Hebert Sr.*



Lucille Smith - September 10, 2019 at 09:24 PM

DS

“ *Douglas Sharp (son-in-law) - "well done, thou good & faithful servant".*



Douglas Sharp - September 10, 2019 at 05:13 PM

GM

“ *I will surely miss my sweet friend in church on Saturdays. My thoughts & prayers for you all.*

Gay Lynne Mott

Gay Lynne Mott - September 10, 2019 at 04:23 PM