



Floyd Joseph Istre

November 19, 1933 - June 8, 2026

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur, LA, on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 2:00 PM for Mr. Floyd Istre, 92, who passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, LA.

A Visitation will be held at Matthews Funeral Home in Lake Arthur, LA on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM and continue until his services begin at 2:00 PM. A Rosary will be recited at 10:00 AM. Reverend Jay Alexius will be officiating Funeral and Graveside Services. Interment will take place at St. Anthony Cemetery.

Mr. Floyd Istre was born in Gueydan, LA on November 19, 1933, to the late Mr. Eddie Istre and Mrs. Hilda Vincent Istre. For his entire life, Floyd was a farmer at heart, finding joy and purpose in working the land. His strong work ethic and dedication were evident in everything he did. In addition to farming, he faithfully served his community as a bus driver for 30 years, safely transporting countless passengers and building lasting friendships. A proud veteran, he honorably served his country in the United States Army for 8 years as a member of the artillery. He carried the values of duty, discipline and integrity throughout his life. Floyd also shared his love for the outdoors by serving as a guide at the hunting camp, where he enjoyed teaching others, sharing stories and helping to create memorable experiences in nature.

Whether in the woods, on the farm, or camping, he was happiest when surrounded by family, friends, and the beauty of the outdoors. In his free time, he loved to cut grass and tend to his home. His love, guidance and steadfast presence were gifts that will continue to live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Floyd is survived by his children, Bernadette Smith, Ramona Monceaux (Ricky), Anthony Istre (Christine), Carmen LaFosse (Ricky), and Rachel Viator (Kurt); two sisters, Mona Dennis and Hope Richard (Ivy); his grandchildren, Jessica, Gail, Chris, Brandon, Gabby, Michael, Floyd, Cory, Amber, Kyle, Cara and Bryce; twenty one great grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eddie Istre and Hilda Vincent Istre; his wife, Ethel Vincent Istre; son-in-law, David Smith.

Pallbearers chosen to honor Mr. Floyd to his place of rest will be Jessica Clark, Chris Monceaux, Brandon Monceaux, Michael Istre, Floyd Istre, Cory LaFosse, Kyle Zaunbrecher, and Bryce Zaunbrecher.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home as well as Heart of Hospice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews Funeral Home JENNINGS, 511 North Cutting Avenue Jennings, LA 70546

Cemetery Details

St. Anthony Cemetery

385 Eighth St.
Lake Arthur, LA 70549

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - LAKE ARTHUR
314 Kellogg Street
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Rosary

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
203 Commercial St.
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Burial

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