



Joseph "Billy" Portie

January 17, 1950 - May 2, 2026

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, in St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Gueydan, LA, for Mr. Joseph "Billy" Portié, 76, who passed away on May 2, 2026, at The Calcutta House in Lafayette, LA.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Matthews Funeral Home in Gueydan, LA beginning at 8:00 AM and continuing until his mass time of 2:00 PM. A Rosary will be recited at 11:30 AM.

Reverend Clint Trahan as Main Celebrant and Reverend Jason Vidrine as Co Celebrant will be officiating the Funeral Mass and Graveside Services. Interment will take place at Gueydan Cemetery in Gueydan, LA.

Joseph William Portié, known to everyone who loved him simply as Billy, was born in Lake Arthur, LA to late Mr. Joseph Portié of Oak Grove, LA, and Mrs. Wilda Kibodeaux Portié of Gueydan, LA. Billy was raised in Lake Arthur and made his home in Gueydan, the town he loved and served for so much of his life. Billy worked offshore in the oil industry for 35 years, a career marked by hard work and quiet pride. After retiring, he became known around Gueydan as the man you could call when something needed fixing — a handyman in title, but truly a helper at heart. There was hardly a corner of town his kindness didn't touch. A devoted Catholic, Billy served faithfully as an usher at

St. Peter's Catholic Church, welcoming his community through its doors Sunday after Sunday. He was also a proud member of the Gueydan Mardi Gras Krewe, riding with only the second krewe ever formed in town, and served as President of Woodmen of the World, where he gave generously of his time and leadership. For the past ten years, Billy was a resident of Gueydan Memorial Guest Home, where he was cared for with love — and where he was crowned King during Mardi Gras, a title that suited him perfectly. Billy loved the outdoors. He was a hunter and fisherman who kept casting a line until illness no longer allowed it. He and Sheryl shared a love of travel, and one of his proudest memories was finally taking his dream trip to Alaska. Just shortly before his passing, Billy and Sheryl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends — a milestone, and truly a gift. May Billy rest in the peace of the Lord, surrounded by the love he so freely gave.

Billy is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Sheryl Matthews Portié; his daughter, Laurel Portié (Christina) of Gueydan; his brothers and their wives, Bobby and Barbara Portié, Ricky and Linda Portié, Lawrence and Beverly Portié, and Kenneth and Cindy Portié; his sister and her husband, Annette and Robert Sonnier; his brother-in-law, Tim Young; and more nieces and nephews than can be counted, along with countless dear friends who will miss him deeply.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Portié (originally of Oak Grove, Louisiana) and Wilda Kibodeaux Portié, both of Lake Arthur; his sister, Becky Young; his nephews, Alfred Joseph (AJ) Portié and Scott Sonnier; his niece, Tammy Portié.

Pallbearers chosen to honor Mr. Billy to his place of rest will be Chad Portié, Steve Papadimitriou, Lawrence Portié, Zack Young, Brock Young and Elmer Landry. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kevin Matthews, Bobby Portié, Ricky

Portié and Kenneth Portié.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Gueydan Memorial Guest Home for their years of wonderful care and compassion, also to the Calcutta House during his time of need.

Arrangements have been made to Matthews Funeral Home GUEYDAN, 514 Second Street Gueydan, LA 70542

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - GUEYDAN
514 Second Street
Gueydan, LA 70542
(337) 824-4420
jimmy@matthewsfh.com
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Rosary

MAY 6. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Main St.
Gueydan, LA 70542

Burial

MAY 6 (CT)

Gueydan Cemetery
Hwy 91
Gueydan, LA 70542

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Sheryl, I'm so sorry to read about Billy passing. I was going through some email and seen that Billy pass. I just found now. I will be praying for you and your daughter and all the family!

Mary Hogan - May 09 at 11:18 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Joseph "Billy" Portie.



May 05 at 05:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joseph "Billy" Portie.

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BB

“ Bobby & Barbara purchased the Bountiful Europe an Dish Garden for the family of Joseph "Billy" Portie.



Bobby & Barbara - May 05 at 05:24 PM

BB

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JT

“ Cheryl, so very sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Sending you big hugs, love & prayers! May he rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord & Savior!

Judy Clark Thibodeaux - May 05 at 11:27 AM

KH

“ I was raised next door to Billy and I used to watch him work on that blue dodge charger many days.

keith Hymel - May 04 at 10:44 PM

TD

“ Cheryl and Laura,
I'm sending love, hugs and prayers to both of you. Billy was and will always be an amazing man, husband and father and the most precious friend to all! His kindness, thoughtfulness and friendship was a gift to everyone who was blessed to know him and a gift to Gueydan. I will always remember him sitting at mawmaw David's table drinking coffee or helping her do something around the house. Just know heaven gained an angel and he is up there with all our family members already there. God bless both of you always! See you Wednesday. I will be attending services.
Love your cousin,
Tessa David



Tessa David-Chestnut - May 04 at 10:33 PM

TV

“ *The Veillon's purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Joseph "Billy" Portie.*



The Veillon's - May 04 at 05:14 PM