



## "Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger

May 15, 1952 - December 10, 2022

Orais Alvin Schlesinger

Lake Arthur: Orais Alvin Schlesinger "Big O" was born on May 15, 1952, to Albert Schlesinger and Mary Lou Gould Schlesinger. He was called from this earthly life by his Heavenly Father on December 10, 2022. Big O worked in the oil & gas industry offshore in production and a great provider for his family. He was a faithful parishioner of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic church and was a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus 3012. After Big O's graduation from Lake Arthur High School; he proudly served his country and joined the United States Air Force. He began his career in the oil & gas industry and was employed by Pennzoil for over 20 years. Big O was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed cooking, dancing, entertaining and having good times with family and friends. He loved football and getting together for games. Big O was a kind, gentle soul who loved to see everyone around him happy. Most of all Big O truly loved life and above all his family, spending time and making memories with them, they were his world. Big O was a beloved husband, great father, proud grandfather, and example to his sons. He always quoted and self-proclaimed to be "the happiest man in a 50-mile radius at all times", he was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Big O is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Marilyn Leger Schlesinger

of Lake Arthur, LA; his sons, Orais Alvin, II of Lakes Arthur, LA, Brian Schlesinger (Holly) of Scott, LA; his two grandchildren, Meadow & Maggie Schlesinger; his brother Lynn Joseph Schlesinger (Gail) of Lake Arthur, LA; as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Big O was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Schlesinger & Mary Lou Boudreaux, his grandson, Owen Paul Schlesinger.

Services to celebrate the life of Big O Schlesinger will be held on December 13, 2022, at 12:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur, LA with Father Jay Alexius officiating. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, beginning at 9:00 AM until time to go to the Church with a Rosary recited at 10:00 AM.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anthony Cemetery

385 Eighth St.  
Lake Arthur, LA 70549

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - LAKE ARTHUR  
314 Kellogg Street  
Lake Arthur, LA 70549  
(337) 824-4420  
jimmy@matthewsfh.com  
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

## Service

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
203 Commercial St.  
Lake Arthur, LA 70549

# Tribute Wall



“ *"Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *145 files added to the album LifeTributes*

*Matthews and Son Funeral Home*



*Lake Arthur, Louisiana*



**Matthews Funeral Home** - December 12, 2022 at 06:12 PM

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“Big O and Buster

*When Orais Alvin was about 6 years old, he got a horse named Buster. Buster was a super Shetland pony. He was a paint horse - brown and white. He was built for speed - stocky and muscled. Buster loved to race and never lost against Shetland ponies or horses. Orais Alvin loved to ride him wide open.*

*Uncle Albert raced Buster all over South Louisiana. Small Bob was one of his jockeys. Bob held on tight and never fell off.*

*Grandpa Schlesinger's local grandsons had horses to ride. This included Orais Alvin, Lynn, Johnny, Ronald, Tommy, Clyde, Bob, Jimbo, Bill, Tim, and Rick. We typically rode from the Orais Schlesinger Dairy Farm to the Piney Woods. As an adult, Orais Alvin loved to hunt deer in the Piney Woods with his 30.06 rifle. We rode horses on many summer days while growing up as a big family in a small town.*

*In time, the Schlesinger family grew to include the Tedescos and the Mandolas. Orais Alvin "Big O" and Marilyn have been gracious welcomers for the family group.*

*Jimbo*

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**Jim Parker** - December 12, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of "Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger.



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December 12, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of "Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger.



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December 12, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of "Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger.



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December 12, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of "Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger.



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December 11, 2022 at 11:39 PM



“ *We are so incredibly sorry to hear of your loss. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers! ~Scott and Wendy Shuff*

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**Wendy Shuff** - December 11, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of "Big O" Orais Alvin Schlesinger.*



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December 11, 2022 at 05:22 PM