



## Paul Champagne

June 9, 1930 - November 1, 2012

Paul M. Champagne Lake Arthur: It's with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Mr. Paul M. Champagne announces his passing from this life on October 30, 2012. He was 82 years of age. A mass of Christian burial will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Lake Arthur, LA on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 11:00 AM honoring his life. Mr. Champagne will be laid to rest in St. Anthony Cemetery with Msgr. Ronald Groth officiating his services. He will be honored with full military rites. Paul was born in Lake Arthur, LA to the late Florine Champagne and the late Catherine Trahan Champagne on June 9, 1930. He served this country honorably in the United States Air Force. He worked for Superior Oil as an operator for over 44 years earning the profound respect of his fellow employees. Paul was known world wide as a wood carver and specializing in duck decoys. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening. He loved cooking gumbo. Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 56 beautiful years, Una Lanthier Champagne of Lake Arthur; two sons, Jeffery Champagne (Sarah) of Lake Arthur and Jude Champagne of Jennings; his two daughters, Paula C. Broussard (John) and Tina Champagne all of Lake Arthur; four grandchildren, Chelsea, Katlin, Glia, and Jacob; and one great grand baby on the way. Paul now rests in heaven with his beloved family who preceded him in death: his parents, Florine and Catherine Champagne; three sisters, Laura Broussard, Alice Pearson, and Ethel McGarity; and his brother, Russell Champagne. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Lake Arthur, LA on Wednesday, October

31st from 2:30 PM until 9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Thursday at 8:00 AM until the time of his funeral service.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Champagne*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Mr. Paul. He was a wonderful person with so many talents. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless.*

**Brent and Bonny (McDonald) McGee** - November 01, 2012 at 06:27 PM



“ *Una Mae and family, so very sorry to hear about the passing of Paul. Keeping you'll in our prayers.*

*Lawrence Lanthier  
Alice, Lanthier Adams*

**Mary Alice Adams** - October 31, 2012 at 12:05 PM



“ *I believe my Uncle Paul had the admiration and respect of everyone he met. He was always kind and attentive to his nieces and nephews, and to our children. An unforgettable man, already greatly missed. A Native South American Indian tribe had a single word for the death of a father. It translated into something like this: "the hole in the sky where the big tree used to be". We'll be sad for a long time, but our stories about his impact on our lives will help us heal, and keep making us laugh, because he enjoyed laughter and made unexpected jokes all the time (just this week, in fact). Aunt Una, Paula, Jeffery, Jude, Tina, Kaitlyn, and Chelsea: I love you and hope to see you very soon to celebrate his life with you.*

**Angie Broussard** - October 30, 2012 at 03:01 PM

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“ *To the family of Mr. Champagne: I am truly sorry for your loss. May you find comfort and strength from each other and from these scriptures from the Bible: Psalm 23:4, Psalm 51:17, and John 5:28 and 29.*

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**Peggy Tupper** - October 30, 2012 at 01:33 PM