



## Ray Marcantel

December 18, 1945 - January 24, 2018

### Ray Marcantel

Lake Arthur: A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church for Ray Marcantel of Lake Arthur, LA on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM with Monsignor Ronald Groth officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Lake Arthur on Thursday, January 25th from 4:30 PM until 9:00 PM with a Cursillo Rosary recited at 6:00 PM with the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Honorguard. The family request that visitation resume on Friday, January 26th at 8:00 AM until the time of his funeral Mass. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery.

Carrying Ray to his final resting place in St. Anthony's Cemetery will be Keith Broussard (Assistant Police Chief), Travis Spencer (Deputy), Mike Conner (Ex-Police Chief), Jeff Picard (Son-in-law), Joe Morvant (Musician) and Eric Benoit (Musician).

Ray was born in Basile, LA on December 18, 1945 to Edward Marcantel and Leona Benoit Marcantel. He was called from this life on January 24, 2018. Ray was a barber since 1962 and retained an up to date license as a barber. He owned several barber shops in DeRidder and was even a barber at Fort Polk. In 2009, Ray started holding barber shop jam sessions. The jam sessions were originally started by Mr. August Broussard and Glenn LeBlanc

and has now grown to 10-12 musicians. The jam sessions have been seen all over the United States and in 20 foreign countries. Ray was very proud to have been able to help these musicians. People were able to enjoy getting their hair cut and enjoy a concert at the same time. Ray's shop was located on Nemento Street in Lake Arthur. He also worked as a truck driver for West Brothers and Howard Brothers and as a driver for Wal-Mart for 30 years, until his retirement from Wal-Mart. Ray overall worked 41 years as a Truck Driver with no accidents. He was elected as Police Chief of Lake Arthur in 2014. Ray was an honorary member of the third and fourth Degree Knights from 1986 until 2018. He also served as an Usher at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Lake Arthur. Ray was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife, Louella "Lou" Bertrand Marcantel of Lake Arthur, LA; step-son-Tony (Cynthia) Burkholder of Gismer, LA; daughters, Robin M. (Russel) McInnis of Anacoco, LA and Mona M. Brinkley of Leesville, LA; step-daughters, Charlene B. Grant of Deridder, LA and Dawn Mary B. (Jeff) Picard of Sunset, LA; granddaughter raised by the Marcantel's, Whitney L. Burkholder of Carencro, LA; brothers, Kenneth (Pam) Marcantel of Eunice, LA and Gary Marcantel of Utah; sister, Linda M. Fontenot of Kinder, LA; grandchildren, seven; and great-grandchildren, three.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, Edward Marcantel and Leona B. Marcantel; brothers, Jack Marcantel and Clayborne Marcantel; and step-daughter, Paula Bailey.

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

## Visitation

JAN 25. 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Cursillo Rosary

JAN 25. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

JAN **26**. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - LAKE ARTHUR  
314 Kellogg Street  
Lake Arthur, LA 70549  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Marcantel*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Ray was a very wonderful person. He will be greatly missed by all. We are very sorry for your loss and we will continue to pray for you and your family. Please call if you need anything.*

*Love Ms. Vera Abraham and Ella Darte*

**Ella Darte Williams** - February 04, 2018 at 01:31 AM



“ *Oh Ms. Louella, I was so sorry to read about Mr. Ray. What a wonderful and sweet man I will always remember! So many special memories of Mr. Ray and Daddy, Olan Dollar. All those years of driving for Howard Bros and Walmart. Those two could laugh the most in the world! I guess they might be laughing together once again. The most special memory of you both is my wedding day. It was August of 1991. Ms. Louella, do you remember taking my wedding pictures? You and Mr. Ray were part of one of the most special days of my life and I am so thankful for that. Sending much love to you and lifting you and your family in prayer!*

*Melissa Dollar Watts*

**Melissa Dollar Watts** - January 29, 2018 at 08:58 AM



VD

“ Lou, Judy and I are so sorry to learn of Ray's passing. We regret that we were not able to make it to Lake Arthur for any of the services. Didn't see the obituary till late on Thursday and with the rainy conditions today, Judy wasn't able to go out and I hated to leave her alone. We have been and will continue to pray for you and your family. We thank y'all for your civic and Church work in Lake Arthur. May Ray Rest in Peace. Take care of yourself.

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**Virgie and Judy Dronet** - January 26, 2018 at 04:44 PM

KS

“ God bless you Lou and family, the town of Lake Arthur, and all of Ray's friends. We've lost a fabulous chief, a great barber, a place to hear good music, and a man who tried to make peace everywhere. I will miss my friend.

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**Kurt Schmersahl** - January 26, 2018 at 02:56 PM

GP

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Ray , our deepest condolences to Lou and Family , he was a good friend and there wasn't nothing that he wouldn't for you , hard working man and made trucking a lot easier for those who ran his run , I will always remember him as a great friend of mine.

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**George & Suzanne Patton** - January 26, 2018 at 12:30 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Ray's family and the Police department are in my prayers.

*Lynn Klumpp*

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**Lynn Klumpp** - January 26, 2018 at 09:59 AM

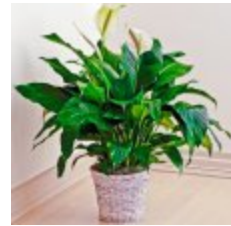
MB

“ So sorry for your lost .Lou you all are in our prayers  
❤️❤️ Robert and Marjorie Broussard

marjorie m broussard - January 26, 2018 at 09:08 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the  
family of Ray Marcantel.



January 25, 2018 at 11:28 PM

JL

“ So sorry for your lost

*John Lavergne and family*

John Lavergne - January 25, 2018 at 05:51 PM

KP

“ My condolences to the family.



Kenneth Portie - January 25, 2018 at 05:28 PM

ME

“ Mrs.Lou so sorry for your loss.Mr Ray was a very good friend he will  
be missed RIP my Friend.Manuel Espejel and Family

Manuel Espejel - January 25, 2018 at 05:00 PM

PF

“ RIP My Dear Cousin.Love you.Lou i am so  
Sorry For your loss



Patricia Benoit and The Rest of the Fly - January 25, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the  
family of Ray Marcantel.



January 25, 2018 at 01:34 PM

MB

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Michael Bellchambers - January 25, 2018 at 12:25 PM

PF

RIP Cousin.You will be missed By All.Love you The Clovis Benoit Jr  
Family

Patricia Benoit and The Rest of the Fly - January 25, 2018 at 03:54 PM

ML

Retirement Day. 2014

marcantel lou - January 27, 2018 at 09:53 AM

EC

*What a great day that was.*

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**Elma Cantrelle-price** - January 27, 2018 at 10:17 AM

MW

*I love this picture of Mr. Ray!*

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**Melissa Dollar Watts** - January 29, 2018 at 09:01 AM