



Ralph S. Olivier

September 30, 1925 - February 5, 2015

Funeral Services for Ralph Olivier who passed away on February 5, 2015, at the St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac, were held at the Pellerin Funeral Home in St. Martinville, Louisiana on February 14, 2015. Officiating was Pastor Jessie J. Charpentier, Senior Pastor of Jenkins Memorial Baptist Church in St. Martinville. Ralph had been a resident of St. Martinville for most of his life and worked as an engineer at Levert St. John, Cinclair and Angola Sugar Mills, and spent the last 17 years before retirement working at M.A. Patout & Son Sugar Company. At his funeral, an Honor Guard consisting of six members of the Angola Tactical Team, along with their leader, Lt. Colonel Rusty Bordelon, honored him for his years of service as Engineer at Angola Sugar Mill. Two members of the team stood at attention at each end of his casket rotating every hour for the four hour visitation. In 2001, after 55 years of marriage, his wife Mary Rose passed away. On November 29, 2002 he married Marion Breaux in Fond du Lac. Her husband Willie Breaux had passed away just five weeks after Mary Rose. After his marriage, Ralph became a resident of Wisconsin and a member of Lighthouse Christian Church. He had been a kind and loving husband to his first wife Mary Rose, a gentle and caring grandfather and great-grandfather to his grandchildren. He brought all of these qualities into his second marriage, but Ralph was a "Man on a Journey" and that journey included a hunger to know God better. Together with his wife, he began to study God's word and he never strayed from that path. In the last years of his full life, he was afflicted with Alzheimer's and spent the last five

months in St. Francis Nursing Home, where he received loving and compassionate care from all of the staff. Even though his mind had been ravaged by Alzheimer's, when he left this earth to go home to his Father in heaven, he left behind a great legacy that will never be forgotten. In Psalm 71:18 is a prayer that expresses it. "Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come." Ralph Olivier will be remembered and loved as a man who put a relationship with God as his top priority. He is survived by his loving wife Marion; his beloved daughters: Barbara (Dave) Dupuy, Juanita Miller (Olivier), and Delia (Keith) Guidry; his treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Barney (Debbie) Gonsoulin, Ginger (Ken) Romero, Landen Miller, Preston (Sara) Guidry, Margo Guidry (fiancé) Brady Lee, and Ben Guidry; great-grandchildren: Charlee Romero, Braden Guidry, and Ariana Guidry. His cherished step-children and Grandchildren: Jocelyn (Joe) Pacchiarotti, Matt (Barb) Breaux, Tony Breaux, Marisa Pacchiarotti, and Lauren Breaux. Ralph is also survived by his brother, Patrick (Sadie) Olivier, and one sister, Odile Degeyter; and many special and loved family members and friends. Ralph was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Rose (Judice) Olivier, parents Antoine and Maria (Castille) Olivier and his brother in law, George Degeyter. Pallbearers were members of the Angola Tactical Team. Burial was in St. Michael Cemetery in St. Martinville, Louisiana