



## Richard J. Rabalais CSM(US ARMY RET)

October 27, 1943 - December 15, 2020

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milton, for Command Sergeant Major (US ARMY RETIRED) Richard J. Rabalais, age 77, who died on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at his residence in Lafayette. The family requests that visitation be observed at Martin & Castille's SOUTHSIDE location on Friday from 9:00 AM until time of service.

Entombment will be in St. Joseph Mausoleum.

Reverend William Schambough, Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, will conduct the funeral services.

Survivors include his two grandsons, Leighton Rabalais and Ashton Rabalais, both of Abbeville; and his daughter-in-law, Jill Rabalais, of Maurice.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Percy and Ophelia Guillot Rabalais; and his son, Ryan Rabalais.

Richard grew up in Marksville, LA prior to joining the United States Army, where he served for over 30 years before retiring in 2003. Richard was a resident of Lafayette for over 45 years, where he owned a dirt work company, RTS, that serviced the area. He enjoyed spending time doing tractor work with his grandkids and working on his equipment. Each year, Richard donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital for children's cancer research.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille-SOUTHSIDE-600 E. Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, 337-984-2811

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**St. Joseph Mausoleum**

100 E. Milton Avenue

Milton, LA, 70558

**DEC**

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**Visitation**

09:00AM - 12:45PM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside Location

600 East Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

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**Funeral Mass**

01:00PM - 02:00PM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church-Milton

100 E. Milton Avenue, Milton, LA, US, 70558

# Comments

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“ I was shocked to learn of my cousin Richard's passing. I remember he loved to work on his 57 Chevy when he stayed with my parents for a little while. I will miss our long phone calls. He always talked about his grandsons & son. Leighton or Ashton if you can call me at 504-455-1740 Barbara B. Ingegniero

**Barbara Ingegniero** - December 19, 2020 at 05:07 PM

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“ To my cousin (French for "cousin"), Richard. Thank you for the memories of my childhood knowing you. It was always good when we had a chance to visit one another when we were older. Your cousin, Gary.

**Gary J Rabalais** - December 19, 2020 at 10:11 AM

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“ Richard and I used to ride dirt bikes back in the day. There was a group of us from Greenwood Villas apartments that would spend weekends riding. Members were Barry Solar, Gary Karg, my brother Chris Armand, and many more whose names escaped me now. Richard was usually the leader.

Also remember many parties at Richard's apartment. He was a super great guy. RIP Richard. Michael Armand.

**Michael Armand** - December 17, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Richard J. Rabalais CSM(US ARMY RET).



December 17, 2020 at 01:03 PM

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“ We were in shock & disbelief this morning when we opened our newspaper and saw Richards obituary. Richard has been bushhogging my property for years. I am just heartbroken to see that he has passed away. Richard was such a good, kind man that my husband & I enjoyed many long conversations with. To his family, we send our sincere condolences. So sorry for your loss. May his soul Rest In Peace...  
Rosa & Chester Henry

**Rosa Henry** - December 17, 2020 at 07:34 AM

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“ Leighton and Ashton you were blessed to have such a caring grandfather. My families deepest sympathy and prayers for you.  
My dear friend, My First Sergeant and My Command Sergeant Major, there are to many memories to post. I will greatly miss your visits.  
May God bless you with welcoming arms.

**Wayne LeBlanc** - December 16, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ Very shocked and sad to get the news of Richard's passing. For years he maintained my sister and my property in Milton. He will be greatly missed. With prayers and my deepest sympathy to his grandsons Ashton and Leighton.

**LouElla Baker Meaux** - December 18, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Richard and I were roommates in the mid 70's and really had some good times together in Lafayette, LA. He always had something going with group of us in our apartment complex. I had discharged from the Army a couple of years before we were roommates and he convinced me to sign up with his Army Reserve unit. He took care of me while I was in the reserve with him until I moved to Dallas. It's too bad that we didn't keep in touch more after I left. I'll miss you, My Friend.

**Gary Karg** - December 19, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Shocked to hear of Richard's passing, I was with him in the US Army Reserve Unit 245th and then knowing him from our town of Milton. We meet up at the usual place (Milton Post Office) several times a week and would talk about his favorite subjects, his military time, his bush hogging business and his family. I'll miss our visits, may he RIP and my condolences to his family.

**Randall Menard** - December 20, 2020 at 11:18 AM