



Allen Louis Fontenot

January 19, 1932 - July 30, 2013

Allen Louis Fontenot passed away at his residence surrounded by his family on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. He was 81, a native of Plaisance, LA and a resident of River Ridge, LA.

Proceeded in death by parents Adiluse and Elizabeth Saucier Fontenot and siblings Emily West, Carrol Guillory and Calvin Guillory. Survived by siblings: Ivy Ortego, Gursie Roberie and Paul Fontenot (Lela Mae Fontenot); Stepsons: Todd Allred (Daphne), Martin Allred, Bradley Allred, Terry Allred and grandchildren; Sarah, Sabrina, Tony, Jessica, Nathan, Christian, Best friend: Carl Straight, his daughter Stephanie Cardwell, Edith Theriot and numerous nieces, nephews, and family.

Allen was a pioneer and iconic local musician within the Cajun music industry. He was instrumental in bringing authentic Cajun music to New Orleans in the early 70s. He spent most of his life promoting Cajun music with extended travels and concert tours throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada. He produced several Cajun albums and appeared in movies, hosted popular local radio shows, made numerous TV appearances including; Good Morning America, Austin City Limits, and performed annually at most Louisiana festivals including; The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festival where his band entertained thousands of fans for 37 consecutive years, an accomplishment held only by three other local music entertainers. He received numerous awards for his contribution to Cajun music and was considered, "The King of the Cajun Fiddle", Mr. Fontenot was an active member of the

Cajun French Music Association(CFMA), American Legion B.R. Chapter, St. Jude Children's Hospital and a member of St. Matthew the Apostle Church in River Ridge, LA.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Saturday, August 3, 2013 with visitation from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, August 4, 2013 the visitation will be held at Ardoin Funeral Home, 709 W. Main St., Ville Platte from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment in Old Ville Platte Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Old Ville Platte Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Funeral Mass

AUG 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
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Visitation

AUG 4. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Ardoins Funeral Home
709 West Main St.
Ville Platte, LA 70586

Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ardoin's Funeral Home
709 West Main St.
Ville Platte, LA 70586

Service

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ardoin's Funeral Home
709 West Main St.
Ville Platte, LA 70586

Tribute Wall



“ *Allen Louis Fontenot*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Allen Fontenot was the type of man that won't be soon forgotten. in the 1970's, as Commander of the American Legion River Road Post 366 at Destrehan, LA, I worked with Allen and his group to perform a Fais Do Do every Sunday for nearly a decade at the Legion Hall. His presence was compelling and the audiences were huge. We built the New American Legion Hall so we could attract large crowds and The Country Cajuns brought them out. It was a nice but sometimes, a personal thing and he had a special song to play when they needed a round of drinks "Good Night Irene". He opened his own club down the road in Kenner but still came to the American Legion on Sunday Afternoons. . "The Band " played on WSHO Radio as long as Don Kern owned it. When Don sold WSHO, Allen and the Country Cajuns were on WWL-TV in the mornings frequently.*

Darrel Brasseaux helped hold everything together for years while he was running his own business.

R.I.P Allen.

Bob Himmaugh

Commander

American Legion River Road Post 366

Destrehan, LA

Bob Himmaugh - August 03, 2013 at 06:44 PM

LJ

“ Our hearts are breaking but Heaven is rejoicing because they have gained an Angel. Allen was one of the kindest, big hearted and caring men I have known. He made me love Cajun music with his wonderful fiddle playing and as always he was smiling. You always welcomed us with open arms. You were family to us and we thank God for the opportunity of having known you. Rest in Peace

linda jacobs - August 02, 2013 at 09:51 PM

JS

“ I never had the honour, of having known Allen, but he was known and loved by many of my family.

Allen, I miss not having known you.



john straight - August 02, 2013 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ John R. Straight sent a virtual gift in memory of Allen Louis Fontenot



John R. Straight - August 02, 2013 at 11:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allen Louis Fontenot.



August 02, 2013 at 08:16 AM

CS

“ Allen, my dear, dear friend, You will never leave my heart or thoughts, you must have known how much you were loved by me and my whole family. Our lives are much brighter because the love of God shined upon us when we were near you. My life will have so much missing now that you are truly in God's presence. Your friend Carl



Carl Straight - August 02, 2013 at 12:42 AM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Carl Straight - August 02, 2013 at 12:19 AM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Carl Straight - August 02, 2013 at 12:17 AM



Anita
Garland

*What an amazing group of, uuuummmm, yeah, Cajun Music Players!
Allen will be missed, no doubt!*

Anita Garland - August 04, 2013 at 04:34 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Carl Straight - August 02, 2013 at 12:15 AM



“ *Allen Louis Fontenot was the best fiddle player i had fond memories
being the accordion player with his band The Country Cajuns. he
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player from 1999-2002 i will always remember the great times i had
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music with. and he was a great friend to me i will miss him dearly i
love u Allen. ur friend John Alva Leger*

John Leger - August 01, 2013 at 07:56 PM



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John Leger - August 01, 2013 at 07:56 PM



“ Divine Grace 50-Bead Rosary was purchased for the family of Allen Louis Fontenot.



August 01, 2013 at 04:21 PM



“ Bonnie Guillory-Loftus lit a candle in memory of Allen Louis Fontenot



Bonnie Guillory-Loftus - August 01, 2013 at 04:07 PM