



Anthony Villalta Fuentes

February 1, 1931 - November 28, 2020

On Saturday, November 28, 2020, Anthony Villalta Fuentes, loving husband, father of six, grandfather of eight, and great-grandfather of one, passed away at the age of 89.

Anthony was born on February 1, 1931 in San Salvador, El Salvador to Blanca Villalta and Abel Fuentes.

He married Leonor Roque on October 3, 1954, and they settled in New Orleans, LA in 1960. He became a used car salesman after opening Amigo's Auto Sales in the 1970's where besides honing his salesmanship skills, he met and befriended an assortment of local characters. He would later close that auto lot and go on to become a celebrated car salesman for the Benson Auto Group and other prominent auto dealerships.

Anthony loved gardening and could often be found watering his citrus trees, even in the rain. Anyone admiring his oranges or lemons would be sent home with as many as they could carry. He also loved fishing. On days when the fish weren't biting he'd stop by the nearest grocery store seafood department and have someone throw him a big, fresh fish so he could bring it home as a 'catch'.

He was preceded in death by his parents Abel and Blanca, brother Abel, Jr., and grandson Rene, Jr. He is survived by his devoted wife of 66 years Leonor, daughters Myrna, Martha Profota, and Lydia Woodworth (Dennis), sons Tony, Rene (Ruth Allen), and Freddy (Karla Torres), grandchildren Ricky, Ryan, Rachel, William-Christopher, Jonathan, Caleb, and Remy, great-grandson

Ryan, Jr., sisters Maria Luisa, Rosario, and Anny Cardoza (Juan), and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation and Memorial Mass on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at 12:00 p.m. A private interment will be conducted at a later date. Please note that due to current protocol, masks are required for this memorial service.

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Anthony Villalta Fuentes

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Lydia and family, I pray that in time your grief will lessen and be replaced by the sense you've had all along: that you were blessed with a rare gem as head of your family. From the moment I saw him in the Cabrini High cafeteria in a banana yellow leisure suit, I had the most fond affection for him, and the greatest joy that my dear friend, Lydia had such a loving, lovable, strong, fearless, and gifted father. Who else could have raised 6 beautiful and special kids in the tiny house on Maurepas? Through Lydia, I kept track of him over the decades, from the acquisition of a store with a curious name, "New Memory", to the most recent Papa Fuentes update: a texted photo of him with a sugar free king cake.

Stacy Schmitt - December 05, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ My thoughts, love and prayers are with you all. I have nothing but fond memories of Mr. Fuentes growing up “around the corner”. Such a kind, loving, generous and caring person. Spending time with one of my dearest friends Martha, also meant spending time with her wonderful family, who welcomed me with open arms. I always felt right at home.

May God Bless you all.

Love,

Gwen Alexis Richard

Gwen Alexis Richard - December 05, 2020 at 08:13 AM

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“ On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in his memory.

Father of all, we pray to you for Anthony, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Kenny Spellman '84
Brother Martin High School*

Kenny Spellman - December 04, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Anthony Villalta Fuentes.*



December 03, 2020 at 06:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony Villalta Fuentes.*



December 03, 2020 at 02:52 PM