



Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR

September 9, 1923 - June 11, 2018

Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR, age 94, passed away quietly on Monday, June 11, 2018 at Landmark of Baton Rouge Nursing Home. A native of Gramercy, LA and graduate of Lutchter High School, Art entered the military at 18, achieving his childhood dream of becoming an aviator, earning his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold. He served his country proudly during World War II in the South Pacific as an original member of squadron VMF(N)542, one of the first five U.S. Marine night fighter pilot squadrons. He received several military honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two gold stars, a Presidential Unit Citation and the Marine Corps Reserve Medal with three bronze stars. After the war he married his "Darling Pat" and graduated from LSU in Chemical Engineering. He remained in the Marine Corps Reserves in New Orleans with VMF-143. This squadron was reactivated in 1951 for the Korean War, divided in half, sending him to Cherry Point, NC. The unit was later transferred to Belle Chase and redesignated VMA-143. Assignments included photo reconnaissance at the beginning of the Vietnam War. He transferred to the Retired Reserves in 1965. Over the years he worked in various industries, retiring as plant manager at the Louisiana Coca-Cola Bottling Company. He lived in his beloved community of Harahan, LA, from 1959 until a decision last year to reside at the Louisiana Veterans Home in Jackson. He was a member of St. Rita of Cascia Church, ushered at Sunday Mass, and was active in the St. Rita Knights of Columbus Council 3854, Holy Name Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Silver

Trotters. In 2013 he received the Order of St. Louis IX from the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He belonged to the Harahan Senior Center, the D.D. Club, American Legion Post #397, VFW Post #3267, Marine Corps League/Detachment 579, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 37, and others. Besides flying, he loved swimming, fishing, cooking, traveling to reunions, attending his grandchildren's events, learning to draw and paint. For many years he visited classrooms and civic organizations, giving instructive and patriotic presentations. As he spoke of his "wonderful life", he reminded his audiences "why they are still able to sing the 'Star Spangled Banner' in public." He was a charter member of the National WWII (D-Day) museum, volunteering and loving every minute spent with people from all over the world under his beloved airplanes in The U.S. Freedom Pavilion: the Boeing Center. He took every opportunity to fly with friends in their small aircraft; his favorite slogan--- "I'd rather be flying". Beloved husband of the late Patricia Duhé Arceneaux. Loving father of Annette A. Zimmer (Max), Rosalie A. Blanke (Kenny) and Arthur J. Arceneaux, III (Debbie) and the late Andréé Arceneaux. Grandfather of Erica Zimmer, Kenny Blanke Jr. (Michelle), Max Zimmer IV, Tim Blanke (Amy), Melissa Buchanan (Charles), Kendal Stoltz, Michael Stoltz (Kristen) and Abby Stoltz. Great-grandfather of Mackenzie, Kenny III, Christian, Alex, Geno, Skyler, Kaleb, Lilyana and Jackson. Son of the late Arthur J. Arceneaux, Sr. and Mary Bongiovani Arceneaux. Brother of the late Thomas J. Arceneaux and Marie A. Allen. Godfather of Margaret A. Gaudin and the late Glenn "Skip" Allen. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Mass at L.A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Interment with full Military Honors at St. Peter Cemetery, Reserve, LA. Semper Fi!

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

1550 Hwy 44
Reserve, LA 70084

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Art, I will always remember when you came to the National World War II Museum. You have left wonderful stories with me. How you loved your family! I will cherish the times we worked together in the Museum, we had so much in common. You were very special, you had so much love for our country and I learned from you! Art, I will miss you but we will meet again and then there will be no more sorrows nor war and we will have eternity to recall our days together. Art, thank you for being my friend.*
Jorge Maspons

Jorge Maspons - June 29, 2018 at 06:58 PM

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“ When Grandma Pat passed, I would try to pass by and visit with Grandpa (my father-in-law) two or three times a week. When Rose would ask me how Grandpa was I would tell her, "OK I guess, his car wasn't home and he was out and about." That's what drove Grandpa, service to God, his country, family and his community. If he wasn't serving as an usher at St. Rita's Church, he was with the St. Vincent de Paul group. If he wasn't volunteering at the World War II museum, he was speaking to a classroom. Or he was with the Knights of Columbus, on a casino run with the Silver Trotters or having coffee with the D-Day club. Through it all he was always here on Sunday for lunch with the grand children and great grand children. He was a big part of my life as we enjoyed watching his grandsons (my sons) develop into the men that they are today. We are all proud to call him Grandpa and I am exceptionally proud to have called him my friend.

Kenny Blanke

Kenny Blanke - June 24, 2018 at 11:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR.



June 22, 2018 at 09:48 AM

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“ *Pat Phillips, Dominican Class Of '66 lit a candle in memory of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR*



Pat Phillips, Dominican class of '66 - June 22, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR.*



June 21, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *REVA Inc. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR.*



REVA Inc. - June 20, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mr Art was a wonderful neighbor and a true friend. He was one of the kindest people I've ever met. He will be truly missed. I know God has a special place for him in Heaven. Our condolences go to all the family. Fran & Harold Jackson, Harahan neighbors,*

Fran & Harold Jackson - June 20, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR.*



June 19, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR.*



June 19, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lt. Col. Arthur J. Arceneaux, Jr., USMCR.*



June 19, 2018 at 01:19 PM



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patricia pellegrini - June 18, 2018 at 09:01 PM



“ *Mr. Art's friends at the Harahan Senior Center want to express our Sincere Deepest Sympathy. He was truly loved by everyone and we have missed him very much. We thank him for sharing a little bit of his life with us and were Blessed to have know him.
Lynn Courreges and Members of the Harahan Senior Center.*

LYNN COURREGES - June 18, 2018 at 02:12 PM



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L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - June 18, 2018 at 11:53 AM