



Batiste 'Buddy' Joseph Giardina, Jr.

November 24, 1946 - June 26, 2017

Batiste 'Buddy' Joseph Giardina, Jr. lost his brave and courageous fight against cancer on Monday, June 26, 2017. Buddy died on the birthday of his late mother, Phil, who certainly welcomed him home with open arms. He was 70 years old, a native of New Orleans and a resident of Kenner, LA for over 40 years. Buddy was a self-employed mechanic and body shop owner through his life. He could repair or modify anything! He loved antique automobiles, tinkering with motors, collecting anything imaginable and gardening by maintaining many plants from his childhood home, which were grown by his father! He was a member of the B.A.T. Club of Kenner.

Buddy was the son of Batiste Giardina, Sr. and Phyllis S. Giardina, both who preceded him in death. His brother, Ralph J. Giardina (the late Linda) also preceded him in death in 2014. He is survived by his devoted and loving companion, Laura Lee Hasselbeck, who was his tireless caregiver. Laura never left his side and is certainly an angel sent from heaven. Other survivors include his children, Michael V. Giardina, who is his youngest child, Batiste J. Giardina, III, Angelo V. Giardina, Sr. (Ruthanne), Dreux C. Land of Crocket, TX, (Misty), Nicholas B. Giardina of Cleveland, Ohio, Lisa M. Giardina, Maria A. Foy, and John G. Otilio IV (Bonnie); loving sisters, Lena G. Pizzo (the late Paul) and Mickie G. Bayer (the late Charlie); and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren who he truly loved and adored. Others left to mourn him are his countless friends, business associates and acquaintances who thought the world of him and he reciprocated the same affection towards

them.

The Giardina Family would like to thank all their family and friends as well as Buddy's friends and business associates who have walked this tough journey with him. Buddy was truly appreciative of every prayer, visit, phone call, and card. He had a sensitive side that rarely showed, but was so moved by everyone's kindness to him during his illness. We would also like to thank Father Richard M. Miles and Father Albert Villosillo for their constant attention to Buddy's religious needs for many years. Buddy was truly appreciative of their pastoring to him as a parishioner. Additionally, thanks goes out to Kurt Garcia, Attorney at Law, who offered much friendship, kindness and assistance to Buddy through the years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation on Friday morning, June 30, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA (504)466-8577 followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 500 Minor St., Kenner, LA at 1:00 p.m. Interment in St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 in the Resurrection Mausoleum, 3421 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, LA.

Cemetery Details

St. Louis Cemetery No. 3

3421 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUN 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
500 Minor Street
Kenner, LA 70062

Tribute Wall



“ *Batiste 'Buddy' Joseph Giardina, Jr.*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Buddy & I have manned the welcome table at the BAT Club since we moved to Olister's Napoleon Room after Hurricane Georges. Buddy was the only guy at the table trusted to handle the money for people who did not have paid reservations. I missed Buddy this Holy Thursday but was not aware of his situation, I expect St. Peter will ask Buddy to be at the welcome table when I reach the Pearly Gates. Of course, I don't expect there will be any money changing hands. He will be checking off the people "paid in full" by the mercy of our God & Savior.*

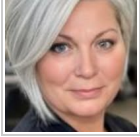
I will miss Buddy and our always interesting conversations, sprinkled with his humor. The BAT Club will be less enjoyable with his passing.

William Boutall - July 02, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ *Dad will always be in my heart he was always there when you need him and he always had up joke to make you smile it really saddens my heart that dad is gone, but knowing he's no longer in pain and in the arms of God & Memaw and Papaw. ❤️❤️*

John Otilio - June 30, 2017 at 07:10 AM



“ We are remembering all the Plants and trees and bushes you planted .All the Sundays we tented to them together and playing water fights with the hoses with my kids and Maria.. So we are going to plant a Tree in your name, you were really a good Gardner...Memories we will cherish...our condolences to your family..



Bridget Danos Kenney - June 30, 2017 at 12:33 AM



“ There is no other soul as you...i know u are shining down and will always be loved and missed...no matter what time it was if i needed buddy...he was Always there!!! I am glad God allowed him in my life...i cherish the memories...great man!!! RIP fly with all the other ones. Just no more Budlights..lol love you always...annette

Annette Fulton-Lonzo - June 29, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ You were that One in a Million Man!!! That we all loved very deeply and you will always be in our hearts!! Bridget Kenney and family!! In Gods arms never to Roam!!

Bridget Danos Kenney - June 28, 2017 at 11:40 AM