



David Charles Chapman

May 18, 1964 - February 22, 2025

David Charles Chapman passed away at his home in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 22nd, 2025. Born and raised in Harahan, Louisiana, David served as Sergeant First Class in the Louisiana Army National Guard's Military Police Battalion and enjoyed a long career as a trusted crane operator.

David had a rare zeal for life and sense of adventure. An avid scuba diver, he was a multi-year spear fishing rodeo champion who loved going offshore with friends and looking for the big fish. He acquired his passion for the great outdoors at an early age, hunting and camping with his father Harry and brother Michael. He was a patient teacher, spending many happy mornings and evenings in the deer stand at his family home in Poplarville with those he loved.

David balanced his active lifestyle with a deep commitment to friends and family. He selflessly devoted himself to caring for others, in particular his parents, his father-in-law Ted, and his wife Ellen. He deeply valued his friendships and maintained close lifelong relationships. He was someone who loved to be productive and helpful. The protective drill sergeant with the booming voice had an unexpected soft side. Deeply knowledgeable about plants and flowers, David was dedicated to maintaining his garden and farm. He had a joy that was undeniable and contagious. Known to make a mean

White Russian or mint julep, he loved to entertain and never missed an opportunity to get down on the dance floor. He enjoyed jamming to WWOZ while working in the garage alongside his faithful canine companions Chester, Beau, and Zoe.

David will be remembered for the impact he made on those who knew him. He will be missed by all, and especially by his parents, Louise M. and Harry L. Chapman, Jr., his brother Michael J. Chapman, his stepdaughter Kelsey L. Haddow (Carson), his stepson Dr. Jonathan R. Zeitzer, his step grandchildren John C., Theodore S.F., and Campbell F. Haddow, and his many friends in the community. David was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ellen.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation and Memorial Mass at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA, on Friday, March 7, 2025. Visitation will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by a Memorial Mass at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Gladewaves.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Memorial Mass

MAR 7. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ David was a rare combination of sensitive gentleness and great dependable strength. He was so fun to know and I am so very sorry for those he left behind... it is hard to imagine the sadness.... My heart felt sympathies go to his family and friends. Alice Crowell

Alice Crowell - March 17, 2025 at 07:47 PM

KD

“ David, in your memory i donated to Gladewaves. I am so sad that you're gone too soon. Everyone will miss you but u know you're in a better place.
Karen



Karen Daray - March 09, 2025 at 04:23 PM

NH

“ Nancy Howard purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Charles Chapman.



Nancy Howard - March 07, 2025 at 10:11 AM

NH

“ Nancy Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles Chapman.

Nancy Howard - March 07, 2025 at 10:11 AM

LR

“ RIP David, you are gone too soon. Planting a special, beautiful flower in your memory.

Leslie Read - March 06, 2025 at 08:58 PM

BI

“ Baker Gulf Coast Industrial purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of David Charles Chapman.



Baker Gulf Coast Industrial - March 06, 2025 at 02:29 PM

IV

“ Harry: George and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Son.

Sincerely

Iggy and George Villanueva

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Iggy Villanueva - March 03, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JW

“ Jennifer Walters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Charles Chapman.



Jennifer Walters - March 01, 2025 at 10:15 PM

AC

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the Chapman Family for your loss of your loving son David. Although, we haven't been in touch with you all for some time, we have fond memories of all in your family, especially when David and your other children were teenagers and being involved with the St. Rita Dad's Club. God Bless you all. Love, Al Jr. and Harumi Courcelle

Albert Jr & Harumi Courcelle - February 28, 2025 at 09:36 AM

DS

Harry, Louise and Michael,
Our sincere condolences to you on the loss of David. We will keep all of you in our prayers. And our thoughts and love are also with you during this time. Dianne and Aubrey Smith

Dianne Smith - March 02, 2025 at 01:41 PM

LC

“ Linda Crumbley lit a candle in memory of David Charles Chapman



Linda Crumbley - February 27, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DC

“ I am heartbroken to hear about the passing of David. I can't begin to imagine the pain you must be feeling right now, and my thoughts are with you during this incredibly difficult time.



He was truly one of a kind. I will forever cherish the memories that were made over the years.

He may no longer be with us, but his spirit will remain in our hearts forever!

Praying for strength and peace for the family and friends during this difficult time.

Deanne Cunningham & Family

deanne cunningham - February 27, 2025 at 05:22 PM