



David Randall "Randy" Rumbelow, Jr.

April 27, 1949 - August 30, 2016

David Randall "Randy" Rumbelow, Jr. passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 29th, 2016 at his home in Kenner, Louisiana. He was born in Winnsboro, Louisiana on April 27th, 1949 to David Sr. and Eleanor Rumbelow, and was the youngest of three children.

Randy was raised in Williston, North Dakota and Metairie, Louisiana. He was a 1967 graduate of East Jefferson High School, and a veteran of the United States Army. He attended the Berklee College of Music and ultimately received bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Northwestern State University and Southeastern Louisiana University, respectively.

In 1972, Randy married the former Sharon Lynn Wilson of New Orleans, Louisiana. They were devotedly married for forty four years, and had three children together.

Randy was a jazz and classically trained pianist, and a lifelong advocate of music education. He taught chorus, band, and piano at public and parochial schools across the New Orleans area for over 30 years, serving 15 of those years at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, in Chalmette, Louisiana.

Randy served as a faithful member of Williams Boulevard Baptist Church since 1982, where he was the pianist and a leader in the music program for over 25 years. Surrounded by family and friends, he there set two Guinness World Records in continuous piano and organ playing. In his leisure time, he enjoyed coaching his children's sports teams and visiting his family's hometown of Grand Saline, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; his three children: Melanie (Paul) Kihnel, David (Rachel) Rumbelow III, and Brandon (Chandra) Rumbelow; his two sisters: Jackie Rumbelow and Billie Collier; and nine grandchildren: Megan Kihnel, Ashlyn Kihnel, Ethan Kihnel, Logan Kihnel, Brian Kihnel, Lance Rumbelow, Thomas Rumbelow, Emma Grace Rumbelow, and Caroline Rumbelow.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at Williams Boulevard Baptist Church, 3000 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Friday, September 2, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 AM at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Piano Fund at Williams Boulevard Baptist Church by contacting Vicky Beber at (504) 4432364. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Williams Boulevard Baptist Church
3000 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70065

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Randall "Randy" Rumbelow, Jr.*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *He was my music/chorus teacher back at OLPS from 1999-2005, he always encouraged me to follow my dream of singing. He was such a sweet and encouraging man. I was talking about him to my husband today and googled him to find this. I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be missed
Raegen B.*

Raegen Baiamonte - April 26, 2017 at 11:23 PM



“ *I worked with Randy for many years at OLPS. My children enjoyed Music class and Chorus wth him as well. So many wonderful times!*

Randy was always moving! Making things happen! So many musical memories! Always a great listener and had compassion for all. Even though it's been years, the kids are grown and have kids of their own, we still make references to Mr. Rumbelow and the songs he taught. He used to sing "Wake up! Wake up! Wake up and smell the coffee!" When someone wasn't paying attention! :-)

When I was applying for a job to teach art after Katrina, Randy wrote a beautiful letter of reference for me.

The world is missing one very special person, but he's making music for us now in the Glorious Presence of God!

MaryBeth Sherwood Garlic - September 04, 2016 at 03:36 AM

SC

I got sang the "wake up" song many times. haha I still find myself singing the songs we learned in music class as well as chorus and in The Sweethearts. He was always so fun and had a smile and a laugh for us. I have so many great memories of him.

Sharon Impastato Cole - September 04, 2016 at 06:18 AM

CH

“ What a great man and teacher. When I was younger at OLPS he was my music teacher. I also took private piano lessons with him after school. He was always encouraging. One of the best teachers I've ever had.

Cortney Heinz - September 03, 2016 at 11:47 AM

CC

“ What an influential man he was for his students. Mr. Rumbelow believed in my abilities as a musician when I could not see that in myself. He has shaped the performer and professional I am today, and I'm so incredibly grateful for the passion and discipline he instilled in me as a child. Rest well, Mr. Rumbelow, and thank you for the music.

Courtney Calato - September 02, 2016 at 09:28 PM

PW

“ He was the music teacher at St Rita .I was a assistant for P.K4.I would take the class for music ,he was such a good teacher and the children learned so much.He taught them more then music ,he taught them respect and how to listen. I enjoyed his class as much as the children did. I'm truly sorry for your families loss You will be in my prayers.

Paulette West - September 02, 2016 at 05:11 PM

JJ

“ *Mr Rumbelow, you were a truly special man. Thank you for your patience in teaching piano for many years, your humour in the class room and your passion for music as An outlet for emotional and spiritual connection. You will be missed on Earth, but God certainly has a beautiful addition to his choir. May you rest in peace and near Elvis*

Jessica Paz Jones - September 02, 2016 at 03:45 PM

SV

“ *My brother and I were Mr. Rumbelow's piano students when his lessons were in the cafeteria at OLPS. I remember as I got older he gained more students and we would have two recitals instead of one. He was always so encouraging and nuturing as a piano teacher and I will miss him.*

Stephanie Vu - September 02, 2016 at 12:40 PM

RB

“ *Mr. Rumbelow left an imprint on every child that went through OLPS. He was very patient and caring. He made each individual student feel special and gave them his attention. It seemed he devoted his life to the kids that went through his class. Now that I'm older, I realize teaching and music were both his passions. I am grateful to have been able to be one of his students.*

Rebecca Barras - September 02, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ *Mr. Rumbelow was one of the great music teachers I ever had. Many memories of OLPS involved music and Mr. Rumbelow. To this day, if my cousins, my sister and myself are in church together and we hear a song that we learned from Mr. Rumbelow, we belt it out and include all the hand movements he taught us. He definitely left a lasting memory. My condolences to his family. He was a great man, musician, and teacher.*

Tiffany Knight - September 02, 2016 at 12:08 PM

DG

“ *Mr. Rumbelow was my coworker at OLPS, I remember him playing "On the road again " at the faculty Birthday party for me!! He was an awesome teacher, and a kind , warm human being! He will ever be in my heart and I will never forget the many years of us working together! He was loved and respected by all who knew him! He was a man of faith, family, music, and friends!! God Bless his wife and family! RIP my friend!*

Dave Griffin - September 02, 2016 at 12:06 PM

JE

“ *Mr. Rumbelow was my piano teacher and the music teacher at OLPS. When I started taking lessons in grade school I told him I wanted to learn Beethoven's "Fur Elise." He told me that it was too soon I needed to learn the basics. He was 100% correct but was also truly gifted and equally caring. He told me if I paid attention the entire lesson and worked hard he would reserve the last 10 min of the lesson to teach me the song little by little. While learning Mary had a little lamb I was already well into Fur Elise. He defied the "rules" in order to nurture my love for music. He was a true musician, a true teacher and a true inspiration. He will be truly missed. ❤️*

Jessica Easley - September 02, 2016 at 11:31 AM

CP

“ I can still imagine Mr. Rumbelow's voice 14+ years later throughout my four years in chorus, Pop Rock, and music class at OLPS. He genuinely cared about each one of us and I am honored that I had the privilege to learn from him. I still think of Mr. Rumbelow every time I hear the word "chew" instead of "you" in a song. Oh how he did not approve of that! Thoughts and prayers to his family during this time.

Crystal Boihem Paille - September 01, 2016 at 10:17 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on you.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:09 PM

VH

“ My daughter, Alexandra, was a student of Mr. Rumbelow's at OLPS. He was so good to the kids. He encouraged his choir students to perform even if they didn't have a perfect voice. What a loss of such a wonderful person and teacher. So sorry for his family and friends. I am sure he is directing a choir in heaven now.

Vicky H. - September 01, 2016 at 08:36 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on your kids.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:09 PM

KP

“ He was so nice and very talented. He gave Jourdan (my daughter) piano lessons for a while. He will truly be missed! 🥹🎹

Kim Paretti - September 01, 2016 at 06:38 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on youR daughter.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:10 PM

CM

“ Mr. Rumbelow was a true inspiration to me in all the years I took piano lessons from him. He encouraged me and motivated me to practice hard and play from the heart. He was a role model for many musicians. His inspiration and guidance carried me through many piano recitals, competitions, and awards, and a job as a pianist. Thanks to him, I will always have a passion for music. Rest in peace, Mr. Rumbelow. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Christina Montz - September 01, 2016 at 06:06 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on you.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:10 PM

BR

“ My deepest condolences go out to Sharon and all the family. I have no doubt that Randy is leading the band in our heavenly kingdom. I will miss him dearly. Randy was always such a gentleman. Praying for God's peace and comfort for his family....know that he was loved.

Bert Roche - September 01, 2016 at 09:28 AM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on you.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:10 PM

DH

“ My condolences to the Rumbelow family. Randy instilled the love of music in all 4 of my children and for that I am so very thankful. He loved teaching and truly loved his students. He made music class at OLPS special for every child. He organized the best chorus trips and created fond memories for all. From crises to Disney World, those trips were always special. RIP Randy. I am sure you are riding on "Eagles Wings"
Dela Herrington

Dela Herrington - September 01, 2016 at 09:28 AM

DH

I did mean from cruises to Disney World.

Dela Herrington - September 01, 2016 at 09:30 AM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on your family.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:11 PM



Tammy Travis

Mr Rumbelow was a great music teacher at OLPS. I remember going on a cruise with my daughter Tracie Travis and the choir. What a great time. Thank Mr Rumbelow for inspiring our children. May God bless you and your family. Tammy Travis Pearl River La

Tammy Travis - September 02, 2016 at 08:12 AM

BB

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BJ Bertucci - August 31, 2016 at 11:39 PM



Good picture of my dad. Thanks for sharing.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:11 PM

TB

“ *I have so many fond memories. My youngest son Matthew came home and said he wanted to spend the night at church two nights in a row and begged me to do so - when I inquired why it was because he wanted to help "keep Mr. Randy awake while he breaks the Guinness World Record" for playing the piano the longest. How could I say no. And then there were those beautiful piano solos on Sunday mornings and at Christmas. What praise and worship he led us in. Know you are playing for Jesus today Randy - tell Joey we said hello - can't wait till the day we all worship together again! Love to your family Teresa, Herbie, Matt and Kaitlin Bovia*

Teresa Bovia - August 31, 2016 at 09:35 PM



Thank you so much Mrs. Teresa, great memory.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:08 PM

AR

“ *My heartfelt prayers go out to your family. I couldn't believe it when I heard the news. Randy gave me some jazz piano lessons at one time and he taught my daughter for a time. We played in many a church musical together with Bro. Wayne, and many times he filled in at my dad's church across the street from WBBC. He also played the piano for my wedding and led a rousing rendition of Santana's "Oye como va" at the reception with his makeshift band. He was a quiet but godly man and I know he will be missed greatly by all who knew him.*

Annie Lema Rivera - August 31, 2016 at 08:59 PM



Thank you very much for the kind words.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:12 PM

BM

“ *Thank you so much Randy for sharing your love of music with all the students at OLPS and other schools! I was truly blessed to know you and Sharon. May God grant you His peace and eternal joy. Prayers and my deepest condolences to Sharon, your children and all who knew you.*

Bronnie Myer - August 31, 2016 at 08:23 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on you.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:12 PM

CM

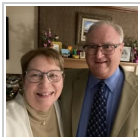
“ *Many, many wonderful memories listening to Randy play piano at WBBC. Thank you for sharing your wonderful gift with all of us. Much love to the Rumbelows. - Charis*

Charis Murphy - August 31, 2016 at 06:15 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on you.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ *Thank you, Randy, for instilling the love of music in my daughter, Gabby, and all the students you taught at OLPS and privately. Love and prayers to Sharon and your family!*

Bonnie Smith - August 31, 2016 at 05:34 PM



Thank you for your kind words about my Dad. I am glad he left an impression on your daughter.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:13 PM

CM

*“ Precious memories , how they will linger as the sweet sounds of your musical talents will forever be in our hearts.
May The Lord comfort the family and also, WBBC family as they remember his music.
Frank and cindy*

cindy mazza - August 31, 2016 at 04:15 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts Mrs. Cindy. So many good memories.

David Rumbelow - September 01, 2016 at 11:14 PM

BM

Our condolences on the passing of Randy. Just know he will be with us always. Cherish the memories and honor his life with the way you live yours.

Betty & Ashleigh McMillen - September 02, 2016 at 09:19 AM