



Donald Paul Helgeson

September 30, 1952 - May 1, 2025

Donald Paul Helgeson passed away on May 1, 2025, at the age of 72. He was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, and was a longtime resident of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Donald was a graduate of Louisiana State University and worked as an architect for 48 years, leaving behind a legacy of thoughtful design and dedication to his craft. Outside of his professional life, Donald was a man of many passions. He loved living aboard his boat, where he found peace, adventure, and joy. Whether fishing, enjoying jazz music, or watching the sunset from the deck, the water was his sanctuary and home.

He had a deep appreciation for the arts. Donald also had a lifelong love of jazz and played sports during his high school years, where he first developed his sense of discipline and teamwork that would carry through his life.

He was the beloved father of Jessica Helgeson and Stephanie Helgeson, and a proud grandfather to Kinsley Markey. Donald was the son of the late Evelyn Agnes Stone Helgeson and Donald Ellsworth Helgeson. He is survived by his siblings Jean Helgeson Herbers (Robert), Mark Helgeson (Angel), Merry Helgeson Carson (John), and Dan Helgeson (Maria). He is also remembered by his former wife of 32 years, Elizabeth Helgeson, mother of his children. Also survived by 6 nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Memorial Service at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner, on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by a Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Paul Helgeson



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - May 09, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MC

“ I have fond memories of Don - as my oldest brother - he took great pleasure in making me laugh. He was soooo tall - I was amazed that he could fit in the same room as me - of course he had to duck. I would run and try to hide - he would always find me and tickle me as punishment. When he would come home from college I would sit in a dark room waiting til his car headlight would pull up in the driveway. Then I would run and tell everyone he's here!!! he's here!!!!

Merry Helgeson Carson (Don's baby sister)

Merry Helgeson Carson - May 15, 2025 at 11:42 PM

EB

“ Ed and Tammie Brewer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Paul Helgeson.



Ed and Tammie Brewer - May 14, 2025 at 11:24 AM

AN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



anonymous - May 13, 2025 at 07:57 AM

CB

“ Carol (Stone) Nichols Family, God Bless purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Paul Helgeson.



Carol (Stone) Nichols Family, God Bless - May 10, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Paul Helgeson.



May 07, 2025 at 06:40 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Donald Paul Helgeson.



May 06, 2025 at 07:41 PM