



Gerard Anthony Orkus

July 9, 1955 - January 3, 2018

Gerard Anthony Orkus, 62, departed this life on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 surrounded by family, friends, and “Jesus` Amigo”. As a native of New Orleans and a life-long resident of Metairie, his passion for music was fueled by his beating heart.

Gerry graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1973 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Music-Instrumental Education from the University of New Orleans in 1979. He began his career teaching music and molding boys into men at Holy Cross School. Gerry spent the majority of his life in the music sector performing with various artists and groups. His talent and love for music was evident in his everyday life. Most recently he was Executive VP of Research and Development for Mindy’s Garden Service, LLC. His leisure time was spent as an active parishioner, choir member, and Vincentian Lay Missioner at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

Gerry was preceded in death by his loving parents, Pearl Marie Daigle Orkus and William C. “Bill” Orkus, Jr. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 37 years, Melinda Louise Frick Orkus; children, Jennifer Orkus Marshall (Todd) and Joshua Anthony Joseph Orkus; siblings, Margaret Toups (Harry), William Orkus, III (Cindy), Michael Orkus and Stephen Orkus (Susan); grandchildren, Ainsley, Skylar, Joshua, Keegan and Michael as well as many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Friday, January 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1802 Tulane Ave., New Orleans from 9:00 a.m. to 10: 00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. To honor his life, donations can be made to Holy Cross High School or St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Gerry’s name.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
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New Orleans, LA 70112

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Tribute Wall



“ Gerard Anthony Orkus

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerard Anthony Orkus.



January 12, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the Orkus family. May your many fine memories of Gerald and loving words comfort family and friends during this very difficult time and the days ahead (Isaiah 57:15)

gc - January 12, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ Love, Keith, Heather, Chuck and Julie purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Gerard Anthony Orkus.



Love, Keith, Heather, Chuck and Julie - January 11, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerard Anthony Orkus.



January 11, 2018 at 01:08 PM

DS

“ Dear Mike and Family,

We send our very deepest sympathy to all of you at this most sorrowful time. May your memories bring you comfort and may time bring you the peace of Christ.

God bless you!

*Dave and Carolyn Schof
Kenner, LA*

Dave Schof - January 11, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerard Anthony Orkus.*



January 10, 2018 at 11:20 PM

EV

“ *I knew Gerry and the Orkus family from my days at Holy Cross. I remember him as always smiling and having a friendly word to say to fellow teachers and to the students as well. Gerry encouraged my son Charles, now a professor of tuba at the University of Texas at Austin, to "keep playing that big horn; you'll be great." A fine trombonist himself, he will be fondly remembered by the Villarrubia family. May God rest his soul and give peace to his family.*

Eleonore Villarrubia

Eleonore Villarrubia - January 10, 2018 at 03:44 PM

MT

“ *Billy, Margaret, Michael and family of Gerry Orkus. I was so sad to learn of his exit from Earth into his new place Heaven above. I am sure he will be watching over his wife and children, and all family from above. May Gerry Rest In Peace. Amen.*



Margaret Tardo - January 08, 2018 at 08:25 PM

BC

“ Without a doubt I loved hearing Gerry laugh..Even thinking about it makes me laugh again and again. We will never forget you Gerry and thanks for the smiles and the good times. You will be forever missed and remembered. Keep the music going in heaven Gerry until we meet again. Bert and Andy Claverie.

Bert Claverie - January 08, 2018 at 08:11 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mark - January 08, 2018 at 07:12 PM

SN

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shelly Nolan - January 08, 2018 at 07:00 PM

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Muhleisen
& Son

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L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - January 08, 2018 at 03:54 PM