



James Martin Rabalais, Jr.

October 19, 1938 - July 23, 2025

James M. Rabalais, Jr. passed away peacefully at his residence on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and his bride for over 60 years June Borgstede Rabalais. Jim and June were married on July 2, 1961. Shortly after, Jim was drafted into the US Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The two would spend the next several years in Aberdeen, Maryland. Jim served as a Medic in the US Army. Jim and June were great story tellers. One story Jim told, was when his monthly army pay check was not available due to an error. The two found themselves without food, or much money. Jim growing up in Lakeview and June in Bucktown, took string and chicken necks and went crabbing in the Chesapeake Bay. After catching an abundance of crabs, the two made enough crab cakes to fill their freezer. Jim attended Warren Eastern High School where he was forced to leave school during his Junior year after his father was injured in a fall that broke his back. Jim was a great dancer and although he now found himself working to support his parents, he never missed a school dance. Jim was a skilled guitar player, playing both the Electric and Hawaiian slide guitar. Jim loved motorcycles and cars and raced throughout the years. Jim and June spent many weekends and vacations at Leisure Landing, a private community located in Jellystone Park. So many memories were made there. Jim and June hosted Thanksgiving as well as many other parties and special family occasions until Junie's health declined. They cherished their family, their children, grandchildren and were elated to

become great grand parents. They are deeply missed. They are survived by one son Marty Rabalais (Sandy), one daughter Julie Hastings, a son in law Dewey Hastings, two granddaughters Brittny Toca (Derek), Ashlyn Hastings (Tevin), two great grandsons Cameron Toca, Benjamin Toca one great granddaughter Alessandra June Toca, a niece and Junie's best friend Cathy Amos (Robert) and many niece's, nephews cousins and friends. Jim is also preceded in death by his father James M. Rabalais, Sr., his mother Celina Taranto, a sister Celina Rabalais that passed away shortly after birth, his cousin Estelle Todaro and his Godchild Bruce Taranto.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Funeral Service at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Thursday, July 31, 2025. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Slidell, LA.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

AUG 1. 9:00 AM (CT)

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery
34888 Grantham College Rd.
Slidell, LA 70460

Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Martin Rabalais, Jr.



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - July 31, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Chris, Carla, Carly purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Martin Rabalais, Jr..



Chris, Carla, Carly - July 29, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James Martin Rabalais, Jr..



July 29, 2025 at 05:49 PM