



## Johnny Schouest

February 1, 1925 - June 11, 2011

Johnny Schouest passed away peacefully at Covington, Louisiana on Saturday, June 11, 2011, just six days after the passing of his wife Luz. He was 86.

Johnny was born on February 1, 1925, in Cut Off, Louisiana. He was raised and educated in Lafourche Parish, where he owned and operated several business enterprises and ventures, including Aquarius Marine Incorporated and Bon Enfant Incorporated. He is likely best remembered in the South Lafourche community as the owner of the Rex Drive Inn, which Johnny operated with his wife Luz for nearly 50 years. In 2004, Johnny and Luz retired and moved to Covington, Louisiana.

Johnny had a passion for life. He never met a stranger he didn't like, and could talk for hours and hours if given the opportunity. He was generous with his time and resources, never turning a blind eye to anyone in need. He loved the steady presence of the Mississippi River and was enamored by his push boat business. His faith in God was impenetrable, as was his love for good food and family.

Among other organizations, Johnny was a member of the American Waterways Operators (AWO), the Louisiana Restaurant Association, and the Masonic Order, in which he presided as Worshipful Master of the Etiole Polaire Lodge #1 in New Orleans.

Johnny was an avid supporter of youth organizations, none greater than the Future Farmers of America, where he received the distinguished awards of

Honorary State Farmer and Honorary American Farmer.

Johnny is preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Luz "Lulu" Schouest, and his mother and father, Violet Duet Chouest, and Abel Chouest, both of Cut Off . He is survived by his two sons, Frederick Jesus Schouest, M.D. (and wife Dorothy) of Mandeville, and John Lawrence Schouest (and wife Susan) of Houston, Texas, his brother Wesley Joseph Schouest of New Orleans, and grandchildren Michael Frederick, Matthew Louis, Loren Dorothy and Sara Elizabeth.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the lives of Johnny and LuLu at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cut Off, LA, on Friday, July 8, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., with a memorial service to follow at 12:00 noon.

Arrangements by L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, Kenner, LA. To view and sign online guest book, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

Donations can be made in his memory to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 3636 South I-10 Service Rd., Ste. 304, Metairie, LA 70001.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
15300 West Main Street  
Cut Off, LA 70345

## Memorial Service

JUL 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Schouest

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ Johnny and his wife came back from a Mexican holiday in the summer of 1958 or 59 with a gift for me of a fancy Mexican hat. I was around 5 or 6 at the time and loved the Cisco Kid saturday morning cowboy on the black and white TV. From that day the neighborhood called me Poncho for the rest of that summer as the hat never left my head. He was a good friend of the family and the Rex Drive-In will always be remembered as Johnny's place....the best hamburger steaks ever...Rest in peace my friend. Scotty Carskadon

Scotty Carskadon - July 20, 2011 at 02:44 AM



“ Donna Gilardi lit a candle in memory of Johnny Schouest



Donna Gilardi - July 19, 2011 at 04:39 AM



“ Wendy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Johnny Schouest



wendy roberts - July 19, 2011 at 03:44 AM

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“ *The Rex was a special place growing up. My Mom always told me that I learned how to drink out of a straw, sitting on a table at the Rex. When I was old enough to go there as a teenager-the Rex was the place to be after a night of going out to stop and get a "Bubba" burger and fries. Mr. Johnny would talk to us, sometimes about life. He was a sweet man. The Rex was never the same after he left. It has tried to re-open a few times, but now it is shut down. He will be missed.*

*Angie Naquin~Cut Off*

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**Angie Naquin** - July 07, 2011 at 07:38 AM

RA

“ *John & Fred:  
Your mom and dad were awesome parents, an aunt & an uncle and people. God was ready for them to enjoy His kingdom as they had done what he planned for them on earth. I will never forget the good times we had as kids in Cut Off. It was good for this city boy to learn the bayou ways and your parents were a big part of that! May God keep you and bless you in these tough times.*

*Your cousin, Randy*

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**Randy** - July 05, 2011 at 10:09 AM

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“ *I loved the Bubba burgers at the Rex...My Co-worker and I loved it when he would come to our work place and tell us stories. Sorry I didnt read about his services earlier.*

*My condilences. Suzette Hunter, Cut Off*

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**Suzette Hunter** - July 01, 2011 at 06:21 PM

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“ Johnny and the Rex Drive-in were an important part of my life when I was a teenager. This is where friends met and where one made new friends. The food was great and I often talked about the Rex Drive-in to younger people in my life, and I told them that we lived and had fun just like they did in the tv show "Happy Days." Yes, those were indeed happy days and Johnny was an important part of the experience.



*My sincerest condolences. Harry Simoneaux Jr. Lafayette, La.*

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Harry Simoneaux Jr. - July 01, 2011 at 02:19 PM