



## Leo William Ehrhard, Jr.

September 25, 1935 - October 14, 2014

Leo William Ehrhard, Jr. took Jesus' hand and stepped into eternity at home on October 14, 2014 with complications from dementia. Native of New Orleans, age 79 years. Leo attended local public schools, notably Frank T. Howard #2 and Alcee Fortier. He was a drummer from an early age and loved all types of music; he was a member of the VFW/NO Cadets Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps, Fortier High School Band and local high school dance band The Dixiebeats. He served in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961, stationed in Washington, D.C. While serving, played in the Drum and Bugle Corps before becoming the frontman for the Airmen of Note. Leo is predeceased by his parents Ethel Mae Harris and Leo W. Ehrhard, Sr., and an infant brother. Beloved husband of Bettye Pembo Ehrhard and Barbara C. Ehrhard (by first marriage). Father of Leo W. Ehrhard, III (Jane) and grandfather of three; Taylor and Peter Ehrhard and Elliot E. Hodge (Jerry). Leo is also survived by one sister Dianne E. Raye and three nephews; Ray, Chris (Kim) Michael Raye, one stepdaughter, Jennifer A. Branton (Ronald) and one step granddaughter, Rachel B. Ricks (Patrick). Leo's career of many years was as Computer Consultant, Information Tech and Programmer, allowing him to travel extensively in the United States and Europe. He was particularly proud to be a member of the team that programmed the computers on the USS Sam Rayburn (ballistic missile submarine). He retired from Computer Systems Services and Continental Airlines. Other interests included cooking, home brewing, sports cars and music. He was a member of

the Foam Rangers Home Brew Club and the Gulf Coast Fiat/Lancia Club in Houston, the Crescent City Home Brewers Club, the American Patriots and the United States Rudimental Drummers Clubs in Pennsylvania and New York. Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to the team of VA nurses, therapists and caregivers, relatives, friends and Journey Hospice that assisted in Leo's care. Interment was private with graveside services in Coalville Methodist Church Cemetery, Biloxi, Mississippi.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leo William Ehrhard, Jr.*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Blessings, love, hugs, & peace to you Bettye.*

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**Glo Anderson** - November 16, 2014 at 06:25 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about the passing of Leo, a Fortier classmate.*  
*Noel Gilbert*

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**Noel Gilbert** - November 16, 2014 at 03:32 PM



“ *Diane, Leo, and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on your recent loss.*

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**Charlene Ehrhard Aucoin** - November 16, 2014 at 02:20 PM