



Leon C. "Sunny" Vial, III

July 10, 1929 - May 9, 2026

Leon C. "Sunny" Vial, III, of Hahnville, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Mary Janet Hargrove Vial; father of Leon C."Lon" Vial IV, Mary Janet "Nanette" Vial, Thomas Edward Vial, and John Lowe Vial. He was the son of the late Leon C. Vial, Jr. and Jessee Lucille Lowe Vial, and the brother of the late Dr. David "Jerry" Vial.

Born in Paradis and a lifelong resident of Hahnville, Sunny graduated from Hahnville High School. He attended Southwestern University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology before serving in the United States Air Force, where he became a jet fighter pilot and flight commander assigned to the 391st Fighter Squadron flying the North American F-86 Sabre. Upon completion of his military service, Sunny attended Tulane University Law School and began a long and honorable legal career that spanned 62 years. He served collectively for 23 years as parish attorney for the St. Charles Parish Police Jury and later the St. Charles Parish Council during the administrations of Parish Presidents Kevin Friloux, Albert Laque, and V. J. St. Pierre. He fully retired at the age of 93 after a distinguished career that began with the practice of law alongside his uncle, James P. Vial, and Harry T. Lemmon, in the firm Vial, Vial & Lemmon. His career was defined by integrity, honor, and dedication to others. Throughout his life, he quietly demonstrated a deep commitment to helping those in need throughout the community. He was a member of St. Charles Masonic Lodge No. 445, the Consistory, and

Jerusalem Temple, and was a 32nd Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite. He was a member of American Legion Post 131.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Service at New Life Community Church, 134 Lakewood Drive, Luling, Louisiana, on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon, with the funeral service beginning at noon. Interment will follow at St. Charles Cemetery.

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Paradis, LA.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Cemetery

1279 Paul Maillard Road
Luling, LA 70070

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Life Community Church
134 Lakewood Drive
Luling, LA 70070

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Sunny and I were very good friends ever since we met in Law School. We kept in constant touch. And worked together since we had our Law practices. We kept in touch every Christmas season. We had a lot of fun together and my condolences to his family and friends. Rader Jackson

Rader Jackson - May 15 at 03:34 PM

VJ

“ To the family of Mr. Leon C. “Sunny” Vial, III, I extend sincere condolences in his passing. I had the privilege of meeting and encountering his presence, professionalism and kindness during my tenure at the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office-Tax Department. May his soul rest in peace and that God will comfort you all during this difficult time.



Vanessa Vidal Jackson

Vanessa Vidal Jackson - May 14 at 05:30 PM

DC

“ Deepest condolences to the family. I knew Mr Vial as a kind and compassionate man. Everytime I saw him he greeted you with a smile. He will be greatly missed. Love and prayers to his family. ❤️



Deanne Henry Canterbury - May 14 at 01:35 PM

SG

“ I met Sunny in 1972 when I first became an attorney... As a very prominent and respected attorney, he commended respect whenever he entered the courtroom... He was very personable, knowledgeable, cordial, and friendly to all attorneys and personnel in the courthouse... I don't believe there was anyone that I knew over the last 50 years that thought anything negative of him... He was extremely competent and talented and rendered legal services in a highly proficient and professional manner

May his soul rest in eternal peace... Steve Griffith

Steven Griffith - May 12 at 07:29 PM

TF

“ Mr. Sonny was always such a kind, thoughtful and welcoming gentleman who loved to chuckle and tell stories! I will always remember and appreciate him generously sharing his incredible vegetables and citrus from his amazing gardens! I am sending prayers for the family! Please know that he will be remembered always!! Sending prayers and love! Tina Faucheux

Tina Faucheux - May 12 at 02:33 PM

DB

So saddened by the passing of Sunny. Fellow church family member, church elder and choir. I will long remember his gifted voice amongst his many God given talents. One of the kindest man I have ever known. Prayers lifted up to his family and friends. Well done my faithful son. 🙏🙏🙏

Danette Breaux - May 12 at 04:58 PM

O&

Growing up in Flagville Sonny and his brother Jerry gave out Xmas Stockings to the kids in the lane

Ophelia “Kuffee “Walker - May 14 at 10:14 AM

JL

Mr. Vial was a guardian angel for so many people; I do not know anyone else who was so caring, so patient, and so helpful to so many. He touched my life. May he Rest in Peace.

John Lambert - May 14 at 10:33 AM

JE

I had the privilege of knowing Sonny for many decades and the honor of going to court with him jointly representing a client (Bayou Fleet and Robin Durant). Sonny was a great lawyer, but even a better person. He will be missed. Finally, Sonny grew the most beautiful roses in the world.

J. Mac Morgan, Esq.

J. Mac Miorgan, Esq. - May 14 at 06:16 PM