



## Louis Joseph Congemi

April 4, 1949 - May 7, 2021

Louis Joseph Congemi, a cobbler, schoolteacher and 30-year elected official in Kenner and Jefferson Parish passed away peacefully on Friday, May 7, 2021. He was 72, born and reared in Hanson City (a part of Kenner) and a resident of Metairie.

As a young man Louis fixed shoes in his father's cobbler shop. He was educated at Kenner Junior High, East Jefferson High School and Loyola University in New Orleans. Following his graduation from Loyola, he taught school at T. H. Harris and Roosevelt Middle Schools. In 1986, Louis was elected to serve on the Kenner City Council and in 1996, he was elected Mayor of the City of Kenner and served for eight years as chief executive of Louisiana's fifth most populous city. While mayor he led expansions in Laketown and Rivertown, helped develop City Park in Kenner and had Kenner branded America's City. He was then elected to the Jefferson Parish Council's 4th District seat and served two terms. Louis, as Mayor and his brother Nick as Police Chief were one of the very few brothers ELECTED to office. They were dedicated to their beloved place of birth, Kenner, and true public servants.

Beloved husband of Mildred Zorick Congemi. Loving father of Deborah Congemi Krause (Kevin) and Louis Joseph Congemi, Jr. Son of the late Mary Arnone Congemi and Sam Congemi. Brother of Josephine Schneider, Rose Mary C. Toby, Nick Congemi (Linda), Catherine C. Davis and Cynthia Foolkes. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral. Visitation at the Pontchartrain Center, Williams Blvd. at the lake on Friday, May 14, 2021 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m., followed by a Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. Interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Louis' name to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home.

To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Pontchartrain Center  
Williams Blvd. at the Lake  
Kenner, LA 70065

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

Pontchartrain Center  
Williams Blvd. at the Lake  
Kenner, LA 70065

# Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis Joseph Congemi



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**L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home** - May 13, 2021 at 12:01 PM

DN

*Louie together we made the greatest gift, our two children. May you RIP, out of pain and freely standing beside your mom, dad and all who went before you.*

*Debby Escudé Nuccio*

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**Debby Nuccio** - May 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Louis Joseph Congemi*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

MJ

“ *I miss him, he is a good neighbor, Mary Jackson, Alfred Bonnabel High School Basketball Team*

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**Mary Jackson** - May 01, 2023 at 04:54 AM

DN

“ *Louie may you RIP, free from pain and the disability that tormented you even before we were married in 1970. May you now stand freely and strong next to your mom, dad and all loved ones who went before you. You and I together created the greatest gift, our two children. For that I am grateful and blessed. Please watch over them.*

*Deborah Escudé Nuccio*

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**Debby Nuccio** - May 20, 2021 at 10:22 AM

BM

“ *I knew Louis from parish goverment and the carnival organizations...He was a good man.. I will miss you friend...Bob*

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**Bob Midkiff** - May 17, 2021 at 12:23 AM

RS

“ *To the Congemi family, it is with great sorrow to celebrate the life of an honest, sincere and compassionate man. As Mayor of Kenner, he would not think twice about getting in the middle of a road to lead a duck back to the canal. I served this honorable gentleman with honor and pride and he will always live in the hearts of his loved ones and in the hearts of all who remember his kindness. Our community has lost a great man.*

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**Rebecca Shepler** - May 16, 2021 at 05:05 PM

BM

“ *To Nick and the Congemi family:  
I am so sorry to hear of Louis' passing. He was always a well-prepared and thoughtful public servant. He will be missed.*

*Sincerely,  
Bill McWilliams  
Former Kenner Planning Director  
under Councilman and Mayor Louis Congemi*

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**Bill McWilliams** - May 15, 2021 at 09:41 PM

BD

“ *Louie was always supportive of my programs with COK Parks and Recreation Leisure Service and of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life COK Team.*

*He also played "Frank Sinatra" in Night with the Stars fundraiser for the COK RFL team.*

*He was a really always encouraging and so sorry to hear of his passing.*

*Condolences and Prayers to all of the Congemi family.*

*Bartlyn Macaluso David*

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**Bartlyn Macaluso David** - May 14, 2021 at 02:43 PM

SG

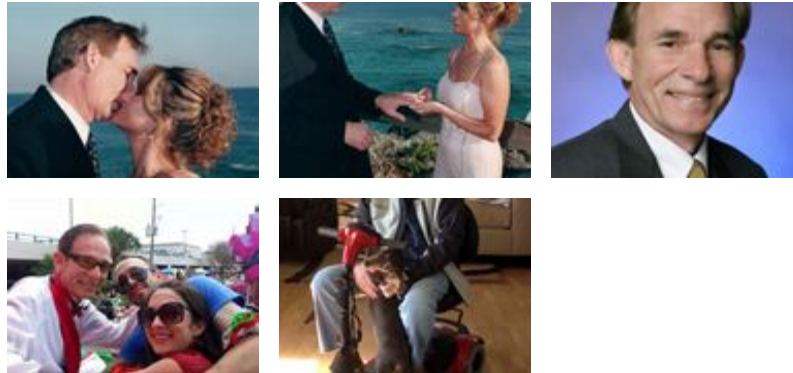
“ I am deeply saddened by Louie's passing. He was an Amazing and special person. I knew him since Kenner Jr High School days. Then I got the pleasure of working with him at TH Harris and he was the advocate there and as a Mayor of Kenner! Word cannot express what a wonderful person he was R.I.P. Shirley Gassiot



Shirley Gassiot - May 14, 2021 at 09:03 AM

L. A  
Muhleisen  
& Son

“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - May 13, 2021 at 11:53 AM

MV

“ Nick and Congemi family,  
I am very saddened to learn of Louie's passing. Over the years of working with him in his various elected positions, I always found him honest, reliable and kind. His family can be very proud of the mark he left on Kenner and Jefferson Parish. My prayers for him and for his family.

Merlin Villar  
Huntersville, NC

Merlin Villar - May 13, 2021 at 06:44 AM

LC

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Congemi family . Mr Louie will never be forgotten .



Louis , Esther Chedville - May 12, 2021 at 03:43 PM

JS

“ Nick, Georgie & I would like to send our deepest Sympathy to your family and Louie's Family. He always had a smile on his face whenever you would see him. Sending prayers and loving thoughts to you all during this difficult time. May he Rest In Peace.

JEANNE STOULIG - May 12, 2021 at 03:38 PM

AC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the whole family. We are grieving along with the rest of you. Loui and Nick we re friends since childhood. So many memories of the fun we had together. He will be dearly missed. He was loved by all. Love to the family. Jerry and Amelia

Amelia and Jerry Cannon - May 12, 2021 at 01:38 PM

AG

“ Mr. Nick  
My mom, dad and I are sorry about your brother. You are in our prayers.

Angie Gendron - May 12, 2021 at 09:48 AM

CW

“ *Louie was such a unique person and always wanting to help solve problems!!! He was definitely Kenner Junior High School's advocate and also everyone who went there!!! He seemed to always be available to listen and help when ever he could!! He will be missed terribly by so so many people!!! May he RIP!! Sending prayers and thoughts to the family!!! 🙏🙏🙏*



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**Cindy Williams Watson** - May 11, 2021 at 10:32 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Janice Barbaro** - May 11, 2021 at 09:23 PM