



## Roland Joseph Bienvenu

July 13, 1933 - February 14, 2018

Roland Joseph Bienvenu passed into eternal life on February 14, 2018 at the age of 84. He was born in New Orleans, LA on July 13, 1933. Beloved and devoted husband to Marilyn vanMerrienboer Bienvenu for 63 years. Sister of Marilyn B. Alleman. Father of Colette Bernard (Brian), Donna Dowden (Matthew), Arlene Masilla (Don), James R. Bienvenu (Michele), Steven J. Bienvenu (Beverly), Michael J. Bienvenu Sr. (Sonia), Brian G. Bienvenu (Francine), Neal J. Bienvenu (Stephanie), Michelle Hartel (Nick) and Robert D. Bienvenu (Monique). Grandfather of Shaun (Brandi), Scott (Jamie) and Andrea Bernard; Amy (Patrick) Buchta, Brittney (Kurt) Busurelo, Kyle and Nicole Hartel, James J. III., Jared, Chelsea, Michael Jr., Kristen, David, Alexander, Joshua, Alyson, Nicholas, Luke and Marley Bienvenu. Great Grandfather of Lanie, Ava, Brynn and Emma Bernard, Hailey Buchta and Kolton Busurelo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James J. Bienvenu, Jr. and Mary Ida Behlar Bienvenu and granddaughter, Brooke E. Bienvenu.

Roland attended St. Joseph Seminary, Jesuit and Kenner High School. He was employed by N.O.P.S.I. for 43 years, retiring in 1995. He joined the U.S. Navy becoming a submariner as a torpedoman at 17 years old. After which he also served in the 159th Louisiana Air National Guard in Belle Chase, LA. He resided in River Ridge since 1959 and was a founding member of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish. He served as an usher, Eucharistic minister and Cub Master of Pack 266 from 1969 – 1975. He taught CCD classes, marriage

prep, and Marriage Encounter for over 25 years. He and his wife received the order of St. Louis Medal in 1979. He was ordained a permanent Deacon in 1991 and served his parish for over 19 years. Chaplain at Children's Hospital until he retired at the age of 75.

The family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the staff of EJGH, Touro Infirmary, and R & R Home Care for the excellent and kind care they provided during his illnesses.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church, 10021 Jefferson Hwy., River Ridge on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation at the church from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to St. Matthew the Apostle School or Children's Hospital. Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

121 City Park Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70124

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church  
10021 Jefferson Highway  
River Ridge, LA 70123

## Funeral Mass

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew the Apostle  
10021 Jefferson Hwy.  
River Ridge, LA 70123

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roland Joseph Bienvenu*

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October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Neal and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We offer our deepest sympathy. May the Lord give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please accept our condolences.*

*Marion and Barbara Ballas*

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**Marion & Barbara Ballas** - February 20, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ *On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Roland's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Roland's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country.*

*"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way" 2 Thess 3:16*

*Roland Joseph Bienvenu TM(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.*

*Bill Dixon TM(SS), National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.*

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**Bill Dixon** - February 19, 2018 at 10:05 AM

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“ Dear Brian, Frannie, Kristen, David, Alex, Josh and the rest of the Bienvenu family, I just want you to know how sorry I am to hear about Mr. Roland. But it is so clear to see how and why the Bienvenu family is so outstanding..... because the head of that family was such a remarkable man. We are all better for having known him and the memories will last forever. God Bless you All and big hugs from the Belou's (Paula, Zach, Mary and Maddie)

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**Paula Belou** - February 19, 2018 at 12:28 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland Joseph Bienvenu.



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February 18, 2018 at 06:48 PM