



Salvador Walter Faia

April 8, 1941 - August 15, 2025

Salvador Walter Faia passed away on Friday, August 15th, 2025. He was 84-years-old and married to his beloved wife, Kathy, for 50 years. Sal, the youngest of seven children, was born on April 8th, 1941 to Sarah Engolia Faia and Michael A. Faia, Sr. in New Orleans, LA.

Sal was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Sr. Anglea Faia, MSC, brothers Joseph A. Faia, Sr., Anthony N. Faia, Sr., Michael A. Faia, Jr., and his sisters-in-law, Patricia Meyers Faia and Betty Baye Faia.

Sal is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Waters Faia, and three loving children, Forrester Gregory Faia and wife Kimberly, Sarah Faia Carriles and husband Sonny, Julia Faia Pretus and husband Jonathan. Sal's six cherished grandchildren are Elena Angel Faia, Forrester William Faia, Gabriella Catherine Faia, Jack Vincent Faia Carriles, Francesca Ann Faia, and Noah Patrick Carriles. Also, his brother Louis J. Faia and wife Barbara, sister Geraldine A. Faia, and sister-in-law Judy Landry Faia. Sal was an uncle to many treasured nieces and nephews, and a friend to everyone he met.

As a 1959 Warren Easton High School graduate, Sal enlisted in the US Navy and was stationed in Philadelphia. When his service came to an end in 1969, he remained in Philadelphia for ten years with Penn Central Railroad, which later became Amtrak.

On March 28th of 1973, Sal met Kathy. Soon after, they founded their first business, SAK's Deli & Catering in Philadelphia. In 1975, Sal and Kathy were married in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. Three years later, they moved to their forever home in Kenner. They began a new business, Faia Maintenance, which evolved into Faia Construction and DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen.

He was a an active parishioner of St. Jerome Catholic Church and a proud member of Dawnbusters Kiwanis Club, BNI, Executive Achievers Association, East Jefferson Business Association, Kenner Business Association, Home Builders Association, American Legion Post 350, VFW Post 7732, Crescent City Stamp Club, and Crescent City Coin Club.

Sal lived his life in service to all he loved and encountered. If you needed a ride, a bite to eat, or just a good laugh, he would never let you down. In the spring, his front yard was the envy of the neighborhood, full of lilies and amaryllis. His backyard once housed a walk-in aviary filled with birds. The backyard was also a refuge for turtles, snakes, rabbits, ducks, guinea pigs, and for a brief time, Alice the alligator. Yet his yard was never too crowded for a good crawfish boil. He enjoyed the company of his gym buddies and fellow veterans. His coin and stamp collection was rivaled only by his collection of Zulu coconuts. He was a child at heart when it came to chasing Mardi Gras parades and passing a good time during Saints games. Sal had a kind, loving nature and was a fierce protector of his loved ones. His joyful spirit and delight in life will live on through everyone whose lives he touched.

Visitation will be at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Kenner on Monday, August 25th, 2025, at 10 AM. Military Funeral Honors by the American Legion will begin at 11:30 AM. The Funeral Mass will begin at 12 PM, followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans. A celebration of Sal's life will follow from 2 - 4:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3310 Florida Ave,

Kenner.

In lieu of sending flowers, please consider making a donation in Sal's name to Joey's Hope For Hungry Children, St. Jerome Catholic Church, or American Legion Post 350 Metairie, Louisiana.

Arrangements by L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

121 City Park Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Jerome Catholic Church
2402 33rd St
Kenner, LA 70065-3835
(504) 443-3174

Funeral Mass

AUG 25. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Salvador Walter Faia.

August 21, 2025 at 01:02 PM



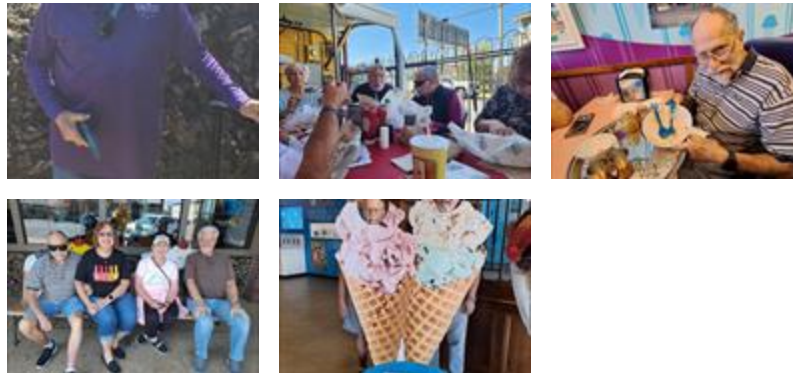
“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvador Walter Faia.



August 21, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ We had a great time each time we traveled or visited. From The Grotto in IA to Lake Okoboji to the Mardi Gras it was always memorable.



Linda and Kerry Soat - August 20, 2025 at 05:39 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sarah Faia Carriles - August 20, 2025 at 04:15 PM

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“ Condolences and prayers for repose of Sal's soul. He was one of the most happy giving, service minded, ready to do whatever you needed kind of guy. I remember one of our visits in his backyard with the turtles, & alligators haha in the swimming pool, and parakeets in the screened patio. He loved to fish, was a good listener and liked to give suggestions about things. He was a devout Catholic and loved to help at church especially when the girls were young.

I know he was very active in many organizations - he was always on the run somewhere. Sal you did your job here on this beautiful planet well with God and family in your heart!

*Love,
Ken and Pat Nieto*

Patricia G. Nieto - August 20, 2025 at 12:42 PM

LF

“ Love, the Munding family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvador Walter Faia.

Love, the Munding family - August 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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“ Love, the Munding family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Salvador Walter Faia.



Love, the Munding family - August 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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“ Tim and Belinda Gafford and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvador Walter Faia.

Tim and Belinda Gafford and family - August 19, 2025 at 09:47 PM

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“ Tim and Belinda Gafford and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Salvador Walter Faia.



Tim and Belinda Gafford and family - August 19, 2025 at 09:47 PM

JW

“ Janie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvador Walter Faia.

Janie W. - August 19, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JB

“ *Joey, Genna, Carolyn, and Bibianna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Salvador Walter Faia.*



Joey, Genna, Carolyn, and Bibianna - August 19, 2025 at
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