



Theodore Peter Miestchovich

July 16, 1928 - March 13, 2017

Theodore Peter Miestchovich passed away on Monday, March 13, 2017 in a tragic automobile accident while out delivering one of his well known handmade wooden crosses. He was 88, a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Destrehan. Beloved husband of the late Constance Mae 'Connie' Miestchovich. Father of Joseph Miestchovich (Nana), Gina Scott (James) and Kenneth Miestchovich (Lisa). Son of the late Walter J. Miestchovich and Marie Koch Miestchovich. Grandfather of Melissa, Joseph, Keith, Samantha, Kyle and Owen. Great-grandfather of Ashley, Rachel, Stephen, Justin, Slayden and Gavin. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Theo was a graduate of Francis T. Nicholls High School. Upon graduation he immediately went to work at the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad. He worked as a machinist for 45 years and was a member of the International Association of Machinists. When his son was old enough to play ball, Theo decided to start coaching as a second job. He was hired by the City of New Orleans and spent the next 26 years at both the Saint Roch and Kenilworth playgrounds coaching basketball, baseball, football and track for the New Orleans Recreation Department. What started as a simple coaching position at St. Roch led him to years of accomplishments, wins, and eventually the position of supervisor of the playground. In 1967, Theo moved to New Orleans East and was instrumental in developing Kenilworth park and bringing NORD programming to that playground. In his role as a coach he touched the lives of so many young men and was like a foster father to many.

Throughout his life, one of Theo's hobbies was woodworking and he was known by many as "the cross man" for his meticulous work in making wooden crosses for friends and strangers. He could bring light and happiness into peoples day be it a chance meeting or a planned one. On his last day, we can only be lifted from the darkness of this tragedy with the knowledge that Paw Paw was delivering one last cross to an old friend.

Theo was always very active. He rode his bike every morning without fail. He was an avid gardener, loved to hunt, fish and crawfish at his family camp in Hopedale. He loved to square dance with his beautiful wife Connie, traveling the south with square dancing groups. He and Connie made wonderful friends in the dancing partners. He will be sadly missed by these friends, those he mentored and coached and mostly by his loving family who will miss him everyday. His smile was infectious, his hugs made you feel welcome and loved, and he easily shed a tear.... this sweet man will not soon be forgotten. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 13396 River Road, Destrehan, LA on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation at the church from 11:00 a.m until 1:00 p.m. Interment in St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery. Arrangements by L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

13396 River Rd.
Destrehan, LA 70047

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
13396 River Road
Destrehan, LA 70047

Funeral Mass

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Theodore Peter Miestchovich*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about this. Mr. Theo was such a part of my young life. He made many positive impressions on me as my coach at Kenilworth playground and taught me many things. My condolences to all of the family.*

Scott Stein - March 22, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ *Dear Joe, Nana and family, I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing and I wished I could have expressed this to you personally last Friday.*

*Paul Ketry
3/21/17*

Paul - March 21, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *To Joe and the entire Miestchovich family, I send my thoughts and prayers.*

Theo was a big part of my and the St. Roch community's lives.

I'm so glad I got to visit him at the St Roch dance in November.. It was great sharing the many photos, and memories.

paul varisco

paul - March 19, 2017 at 11:59 AM

KS

“ Thanks Mr.Theo! You taught us much more than baseball. I was lucky enough to play 3 yrs for you in late 60's. Kerry Sylve



Kerry Sylve - March 17, 2017 at 08:33 AM

GN

“ A friend and Man that was good to everyone, rest in peace. George Neumiller

George Neumiller - March 17, 2017 at 06:16 AM

DM

“ Dear Joey, Nana, and family,
I was so saddened to hear about your father's tragic accident. I hope and pray that God gives you the peace that passes understanding. Thoughts and prayers.....

Debbie Landry Mora

Debbie Landry Mora - March 16, 2017 at 10:50 PM

RR

“ Theo, my good friend. On behalf of the St. Roch Tuesday Coffee group, I wish you bon voyage.

Our experiences at the Roch go back decades. You were a contributor; a contributor not only to those who had the good fortune to receive your coaching, but also a contributor to our “old” St. Roch neighborhood. Your imprint is indelible.

So, Theo, my friend, until we all meet again, may you rest in peace with the sure and certain knowledge that you have made a difference and will be missed.

*Ron "Red Rickerfor
Metairie, La.*

Ronald Rickerfor - March 16, 2017 at 09:09 PM

JS

“ Great guy. Great memories from Kenilworth Playground. The Sorapuru Family share in your loss. Jude and Mathilda Sorapuru.

Jude Sorapuru - March 16, 2017 at 03:33 PM

FS

“ Hey Kenny sorry to hear about your dad he was always nice to me I'll say a prayer for him

Frank h Sauter - March 16, 2017 at 12:36 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Coach Theo's passing. I'm an old St Rocher and knew Coach very well. I coached with him way back when. He was a great guy and will surely brighten up Heaven's skys. Condolences to all the family.

Duke Besse - March 16, 2017 at 12:29 PM

YF

“ *Your Children's Hosptial Transfer Center Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Theodore Peter Miestchovich.*



Your Children's Hosptial Transfer Center Family - March 16, 2017 at 11:50 AM

JM

“ *Jimmy Melan lit a candle in memory of Theodore Peter Miestchovich*



Jimmy Melan - March 15, 2017 at 02:50 PM

TM

“ *Troy Meany lit a candle in memory of Theodore Peter Miestchovich*



Troy Meany - March 14, 2017 at 10:10 PM