



Pierre Andre' Rathle

July 3, 1926 - July 3, 2019

Pierre André Rathle ushered his 93rd year in the home he and his love, Raymonde Michel Rathle, built in Thibodaux in 1972. He was surrounded by his children: Joyce (Tampa), Yves (Jacksonville), Jean (San Francisco), Frank (Thibodaux) and daughter-in-law Angela Hasenfuss Rathle and grandchildren, Rachel, Nicolas, and Jacques. He was welcomed into the next world by his love, Raymonde Anne-Marie Michel Rathle, his parents, Mathilde and Amin Rathle, his siblings, Henri Rathle, Marcelle Rathle Gabriel, Simone Rathle Boulad, Raymond Rathle, and Gaston Rathle. His surviving sister, Andree Rathle Cariddi (Mobile , Ala) will greatly miss her daily conversations with her brother who she loved dearly. His remaining grandchildren Pascal, Raphael, Xavier and Aria Rathle (Yves and Suzanne Saltmarsh Rathle) and Shane and Natalie (Jean and Charisse Rathle) will continue to carry his legacy.

The Rathles invite you to celebrate Dr. Rathle's life on Monday, July 8, 2019 at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux, La. with visitation being from 11-1pm, followed by Mass at 1pm. Burial will immediately follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Thibodaux.

Born and raised in Cairo, Egypt, his Catholic faith was the principal theme of his life. His education encompassed his attendance at L'Ecole de La Sainte Famille in Cairo, the Lycée St. Genevieve in Versailles, MIT in Boston and L' Universite de la Sorbonne in Paris. His love for America began as a teenager as he watched with great interest westerns. In 1958, he married his love, and returned to Paris to begin his family life. Dr. Rathle received his PHD in Molecular Physics and began his career as a scientist for Roussel-Uclaf.

Drawn to a life in America, he realized his dream on July 5, 1969 where he entered New York Harbor, sailing on the USS United States. Thibodaux welcomed the young couple with their four young children. Dr. Rathle taught Chemistry/ Physics at Nicholls State University. The city opened its heart and its door. The family settled in.

It is Pierre Rathle's quick, observant, dry wit however that surfaces without fail. He

resisted carrying a cane and methodically went to the gym, charmingly insisted that he needed to “pass on” to the next world in good health. He taught at Nicholls State University for over 25 years. A proud, chivalrous and honorable man, he led by example using facts, humor and observations. Many joined Pierre and Raymonde on Fleur de Lys Tours to Europe, Canada and Mexico over the years.

As a Professor of Chemistry, he positively influenced many lives of those interested in pursuing a career in science and throughout the years those who came knocking at his door were always met with kindness and never turned away.

In his later years he embraced his role as a proud grandparent, attending all milestones in his grandchildren’s lives. He never failed to visit his loving wife, almost daily, singing to her in the hallowed paths of the peaceful cemetery. Pierre Andre Rathle belonged to the Greatest Generation, who walk their talk both alone and with others. He inevitably gifted those he touched a legacy of wit, humor, kindness and honor and left others smiling, happy that they had met him.

The trail of tears he leaves behind shall become seeds and will continue his legacy,

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center, 105 St. Louis St., Thibodaux, LA.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery

949 Menard Street
Thibodaux, LA, 70301

Events

JUL 8 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

St. Joseph Co-Cathedral
721 Canal Blvd, Thibodaux, LA, US, 70301

JUL 8 **Mass of Christian Burial** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pierre Andre' Rathle.



July 08, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ I will always remember the many conversations we have had over the years. Indeed, he was an outstanding man. May you find it comforting to now that he is now reunited with Raymonde, and other family members and friends who have preceded him.

Love to all of you. I am with with you in spirit and prayers.

Maggy Costandy

Maggy Costandy - July 08, 2019 at 10:24 AM



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July 07, 2019 at 03:18 PM



A Franck, Angela et toute leur famille.

Toutes mes pensées et mon Amitié vous accompagnent. J'ai eu l'extrême honneur de partager un petit bout de vie avec Pierre et Raymonde. Jeunes Français de passage pour nos études à Thibodaux nous avons été accueillis par Pierre et Raymonde avec amour et simplicité comme dans notre propre famille. La dignité, l'humanité et l'amour de Pierre pour sa famille m'ont marqué pour toujours. Un Homme de bien, un Homme tout simplement bien.

Mes prières vous accompagnent.

Amitié. Valérie

Levy Valerie - July 06, 2019 at 04:31 AM



(Jean-Pierre) Philip & Am, Michaela, Nicholas purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Pierre Andre' Rathle.



(Jean-Pierre) Philip & Am, Michaela, Nicholas - July 05, 2019 at 11:54 PM



sto pensando alla famiglia Rathle, Marcelle, Fouad fres et soeurs une grande famille, nos cousins et amis. Fouad est né au ciel le 4 Juillet 2019, prie pour nous de la haut. Samir Eid et famille.

Samir EID born in Alexandrie now in Mil - July 05, 2019 at 05:18 PM



Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pierre Andre' Rathle.



July 05, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ The memories I have of Pierre and Raymonde are ones I feel privileged to have experienced. On the trips we took with them and many visits in their home. They opened up a world to me that I would never known about. God bless all the family at this time.

Barbara Bordelon - July 05, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ My sincere condolences . Pierre , my uncle , was close to me and We pray for him and God bless him and the whole family.

Samir A. Gabriel DDS - July 06, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ I learned with deep sorrow of Pierre's passing, a dear cousin

and and a good friend. His, was a long and full life which we

shared, from time to time, along the way: Cairo, Paris,

Thibodaux.

My wife, Veronica, and I wish to extend to Pierre's family our

most sincere condolences with our thoughts and prayers for

you all.

Raymond Eid

Wilmington, Delaware

Raymond Eid - July 06, 2019 at 12:29 PM