



## Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock

April 21, 1930 - May 12, 2016

Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 7:00 AM – 8:45 AM Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA. A Rosary will be recited at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church at 9:00 AM. Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park. Rev. Msgr. Keith Joseph DeRouen will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial.

Alvarez Joseph Hertzock, Sr. was born on April 21, 1930 to Alphonse Hertzock and Carrie Etta Conrad in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

He is a veteran of the US Navy where he served a total of 13 years. During four years of active duty, he served three tours in Korea, often telling his family, he'd been around the world three times. He proudly wore the insignia of his ship, the USS De Haven, on his cap.

Alvarez was very active in veterans' affairs and held memberships in several organizations including, the American Legion Post 514, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2483 and honorary membership in the USS Kidd. He was proud to serve as a master of Morse code. A cause he held close to his heart, was to one day to see himself and thousands of other Korean War veterans across the country receive their long overdue commendation medals from the South Korean government. That day came on September 16, 2000 at Evangeline Downs. And while many may not know his history, he is most known for

playing taps at many local veterans' funerals and celebrations including Veterans Day and Memorial Day as the bugler. Freddie Herpin of the Daily World Newspaper captured him and his trumpet in moving photos over the years. Herpin even once penned a brief profile about Alvarez saying, "His heartwarming rendition of "Taps" is usually the highlight of the event."

Alvarez is a Southern University alumnus who earned a degree in Industrial Arts Electronics. He was president of the Holy Family Alumni Association and member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church before becoming parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church. There he was a choir member, a parish council member, confirmation teacher, lector and membership director for the Knights of Columbus Queen of Angels Council 11270, Knights of Peter Claver of Holy Ghost Catholic Church. He was a Scoutmaster of a boy scout troop in Opelousas in the 1970's when he guided local youth including his own sons who were also boy scouts in his troop.

He retired from the state as a social worker in 1986 and worked at various jobs part-time including working at Opelousas City Court, the Assessor's office, was supervisor of an after school tutorial program at South Street Elementary School and a member of the St. Landry Parish Community Action Agency. His philosophy, "Serve God, Family, Country", will forever sound as will his bugle to those who knew and loved him. His musical talents fused with his love of poetry, allowing him to create incredible sounds and thought provoking rhythmic poems.

He is preceded in death by his father Alphonse Hertzock, mother Carrie Etta Conrad, sister Juliette Hertzock, brother Romeo Hertzock and adopted sister Marion Lastrapes.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Patricia Thompson Hertzock, five children, Alvarez Hertzock II (Carol)-Baton Rouge, La., Darla Hertzock Montgomery (Alex)-Lafayette, La., Lucretia Hertzock-Opelousas, La., Patrice Hertzock-Barnes (Walter)-San Antonio, Texas, Conrad Hertzock-Opelousas, La.,(fiancé Lucretia Chancler-Palmetto, La.) (7) grandchildren Brianne Montgomery Sanford (Jeromy), Alvarez Hertzock III, Alexis Montgomery,

Arienne Hertzock, Cameron Hertzock, Brennan Hertzock and Makayla Hertzock, sister-in-law Barbara Jones-New Orleans, La., and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Share words of comfort with the Hertzock Family at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net)

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

# Cemetery Details

## Bellevue Memorial Park

Opelousas, LA 70570  
(337) 942-7055

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas  
817 East South St.  
Opelousas, LA 70571  
(337) 942-2037  
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com  
<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net/>

## Service

**MAY 18.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church  
2125 S. Union Street  
Opelousas, LA 70570  
(337) 942-5628

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My prayers go out to you and your family. It was a pleasure meeting and spending time listening to your father's stories. We all know that God has a plan for each of us and he knows everything -- from the beginning to the end. Clearly God looked down and saw that your father had done everything he was meant to do here on Earth and it was time for him to go on to a peaceful eternal life. He left you and your siblings with a memories and a legacy to past on to your children. This has probably been a difficult time for you and your family. But hold on to God's never failing hand and remember the joy and love that your father brought to many.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
John Fields*

John Fields - May 18, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to you all. I have many fond memories of Mr. Hertzock and your whole family.*

*Vanessa Phillips*



Vanessa Phillips - May 18, 2016 at 07:30 AM

WF

“ *Williams FH sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock*

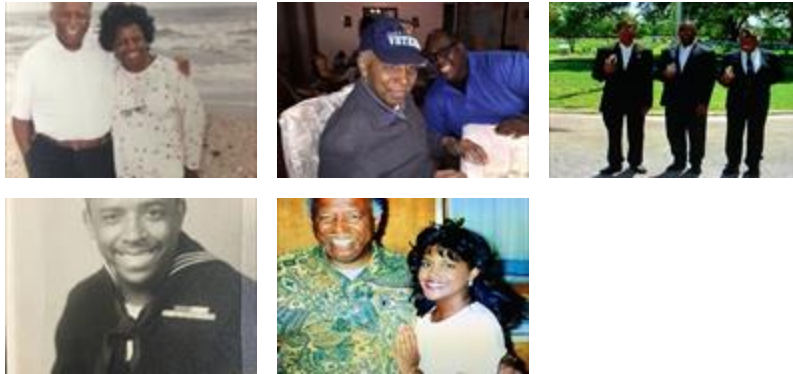


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**Williams FH** - May 17, 2016 at 03:15 PM

WF

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**Williams FH** - May 17, 2016 at 03:14 PM

JP

“ *Darla, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*



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**Judy M. Phillips** - May 17, 2016 at 09:01 AM

PJ

*AFTER all these years ,I just found out about your Dad. He was always infectiously enthusiastic about life. I remembered riding my bike from Lafayette to Opelousas and your whole family drove me back in the family car. He said to me...."you're part of our family. "PATRICK JOURNET*

Patrick J. Journet - May 14, 2023 at 02:33 PM

RM

*“ Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock*



Rosalie Meullion - May 17, 2016 at 08:18 AM



*“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock.*



May 16, 2016 at 08:31 PM

AB

*“ Andrea Brisco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock*



Andrea Brisco - May 16, 2016 at 08:03 PM

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**Williams Funeral Home** - May 16, 2016 at 03:37 PM

CS

“ *Mrs. Hertzock and all the family, I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Alvarez. I know all of you will miss him greatly. He always was an inspiration to me when we both worked at the welfare office. My prayers and condolences are with all of you.*  
*Cindy BRATTON Sutera*

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**cindy bratton sutera** - May 16, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Alvarez Joseph Hertzock.*



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May 16, 2016 at 03:22 AM

FS

“ To the family of Alvarez,  
I want to express my condolences to the family during this time of grief. I am deeply saddened by the loss of Alvarez. He will be truly missed and I will include him and the family in my prayers. It was a blessing for me to have worked with him over the years teaching religion to the Confirmation children. The children were lucky and blessed to have him as their teacher.

Frank Sibley

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Frank Sibley - May 15, 2016 at 07:31 AM

DS

To The Alvarez Family: Our deepest heartfelt condolences for the loss of your husband, father, brother, son uncle, and father-in-law and FRIEND!!! Mr. Alvarez is truly missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him and being in his presence. Such as beautiful and talented man is now with The Creator, resting in Paradise, and in Shalom = Peace. A true Hero who made our lives safe here in America. Thanx Mr Alvarez, for a Job Well Done, in all you did. May TAPS be played in your honour as you make your transition into Paradise. Rest Well and Peacefully in Our Most High Creator for ever and ever. Amein. Debara J Warren and Cynthia L. Southwell .

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Debara J Warren and Cynthia L Southwell - May 16, 2016 at 06:34 PM

LL

“ What a brilliant and honor filled legacy to leave as a memory to family forever. Prayers and thoughts with you all. An amazing life, lived to it's fullest.

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Leslie Leonpacher - May 14, 2016 at 11:21 PM

JN

“ Always kind and loving to everyone. God & Family ALWAYS came first. My family and cousins, continue to remain encouraged. Love you in this time of sorrow. Jacinta. "CINDY" FRANK.

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**Jacinta Frank- Daughter of Irma & Nathan** - May 14, 2016 at 07:15 PM

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**Williams Funeral Home** - May 14, 2016 at 01:36 PM

RA

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.

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**Russell and Artherine Gradnigo White and** - May 14, 2016 at 12:45 PM

SM

“ To the family of Alvarez Hertzock,  
Please accept my sincerest condolences during this time of grief. I will always remember him as a devoted christian and family man.  
My prayers are with you always.  
Sincerely,  
Stella J. Mason

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**Stella J Mason** - May 14, 2016 at 11:09 AM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.*

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**Samuel & Helen Huntley** - May 14, 2016 at 09:33 AM