



Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo

January 5, 1930 - November 18, 2025

Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo

Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo, at the remarkable age of 95, departed this life on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, surrounded by the quiet comfort of his home in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Visitation will be held in his honor, from 12:00 PM to 1:45 PM on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at St. John Baptist Church, 529 Augustus Street, in Opelousas, LA 70570.

Immediately following the visitation, funeral services celebrating his long and meaningful journey will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 29, 2025, at St. John Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA.

He will be laid to rest in Bellevue Memorial Park, Opelousas, LA, carried forward with love, remembrance and the quiet grace of a life well lived.

The service will be officiated by Pastor Ronald Freeman, Sr., with Pastor Kirk Gradnigo delivering the eulogy.

Mr. Shilo is survived by his devoted family, three sons, Bobby Shilo of Houston, TX, Ricky Shilo (Roxanne) of Chesapeake, VA and Terrell Shilo of

Opelousas, LA; four daughters, Melanie Prince (Adam) of Upper Marlboro, MD, Charlotte Goudeau (Parmer) of Maringouin, LA, Jennifer Shilo (Jimmy) of Summerville, SC and Jacqueline Shilo-Gradnigo (Kirk) of Opelousas, LA; who will forever cherish the wisdom and warmth he shared with his family throughout his years.

He is also survived by his precious grandchildren, Tai, Tenaya, D'Var, E'Von, Tony, Jr., Turi, ShaeRa'ja, Jabin, Yakira, Kevin, Ricky, Jr., Kai Lillian, Aja, Ariel, Kenya, Terrell, Jr., Tierra, Tyrrell, Mason, Ava, Richarter Damon, Kyna, Kaoka, Shun, Tatiana and Hazellyn, loved as a granddaughter in every way that matters; fifty great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mrs. Lillie Ann Shilo; parents, Theodore "Charley" Shilo and Eva Thomas; a daughter, Joann Jackson; a grandson, Joshua Andrew Lavergne; three great-great grandchildren and siblings, whose memory he carried tenderly until his final day.

The family invites all who knew and loved him to share words of comfort at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

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

Tribute Wall



“ Matthew & Teresa Shilo purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.



Matthew & Teresa Shilo - November 27, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.



November 27, 2025 at 02:19 AM



“ Lamonica Spivey and Pat Barney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.

Lamonica Spivey and Pat Barney - November 26, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Lamonica Spivey and Pat Barney purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.



Lamonica Spivey and Pat Barney - November 26, 2025 at 03:28 PM

CJ

“ *Cousin Jackie purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.*



Cousin Jackie - November 26, 2025 at 02:13 PM

AW

“ *To my Family: Uncle Ervin was my joy. I loved our conversations where he provided encouragement, support, wisdom, laughter and lots of love. We prayed together. He's forever in my heart. Love you all dearly. Cousin Jackie*

Angela Wilson - November 26, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LF

“ *Laurie and Dean Mallory and family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.*

Laurie and Dean Mallory and family - November 26, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LF

“ *Laurie and Dean Mallory and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.*



Laurie and Dean Mallory and family - November 26, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LM

“Mel, so sorry about your dad’s passing. Condolences to you and your whole family. I’ll be praying for you all.

Laurie Mallory - November 26, 2025 at 10:39 AM

AF

“Mr. Shilo, IS an Iconic and Honorable man of distinction and one of Brickyard’s and Opelousas’s known and respected by all. One day I was running and he was sitting outside so I stopped and spoke to him. I said “sir, I’m Al Francis, I graduated with your daughter Jennifer,” he said I knew your father Brodoc from Greenwoods. He IS the standard of a Father with excellent character and Nobility. You shall know a “Tree” by the fruit it bears. We all know his children to be some of the best people you’ll ever meet - Period... and gotta say it, still missing Mrs. Shilo’s pies. If you know you know. My heart goes out to the entire Shilo’s family. The city, The Yard, The known of him, all share in the celebration of the life of Mr. Shilo. You will be greatly missed Sir! Well deserved & EARNED Rest!!!

Al Francis - November 26, 2025 at 04:05 AM

NP

“Another one gone that made Brickyard as great as it was, his really hit me hard my prayers to all the remaining family members.



nancy Winfrey Pierre - November 25, 2025 at 10:30 PM

WB

“ *WEN Houston Board purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.*



WEN Houston Board - November 25, 2025 at 08:57 PM

TM

“ *Tara Manuel lit a candle in memory of Joseph Shilo*



Tara Manuel - November 25, 2025 at 07:25 PM

 Jeff
Jenkins

“ *Mr Shilo and my dad were great friends. He was a very nice and kind man. Your kindness and love for our city will always be appreciated.*

Jeff Jenkins - November 25, 2025 at 05:48 PM

AB

“ *Condolences to the Shilo family. May God continue to give you all strength in your time of bereavement.*
The Martin Family



Alfreda M. Black - November 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

LA

“ My deepest Condolences to the Shilo family.



Leisa Sam Anderson - November 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM

DA

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to the children, other family members and friends of Mr Shilo. May God’s presence embrace you all. THE DARTEZ FAMILY

DARTEZ - November 25, 2025 at 11:39 AM

LF

“ Lisa F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.

Lisa F. - November 25, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DE

“ I would like to give my prayers and condolences to the entire family. RIP Mr. Shilo. 🙏🙏🙏🙏 From Denise-Robinson Semien & Family And Mrs. Rita Robinson & Family ❤️❤️❤️❤️



DeniseRobinsonSemien - November 25, 2025 at 02:39 AM

GS

“ I’m sending my prayers and condolences to the entire family. RIP MR. Shilo. 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️
❤️❤� From: Denise Robinson-Semien & Family and Rita Robinson & Family



Glacelyn Semien - November 25, 2025 at 02:15 AM

SH

“ Rest easy Disco Shilo!

Stewart Hockless - November 24, 2025 at 09:04 PM

LL

“ Lauren Brown & Cameron Lewis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.



Lauren Brown & Cameron Lewis - November 24, 2025 at 03:44 PM

LH

“ Lt. Gen Stacey and Natalie Hawkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.



Lt. Gen Stacey and Natalie Hawkins - November 24, 2025 at 03:21 PM

AL

“ *Melanie, so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. He has a beautiful legacy with you, your brothers and sisters, and all of the grandchildren who he was blessed to have. Prayers and positive thoughts to you and your family*

*Anne Llewellyn
South Florida*

Anne M Llewellyn - November 24, 2025 at 02:43 PM

RF

“ *Rose McElrath-Slade and your SRI family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.*



Rose McElrath-Slade and your SRI family - November 24, 2025 at 02:04 PM

RF

“ *Rose McElrath-Slade and your SRI family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph Ervin Shilo.*

Rose McElrath-Slade and your SRI family - November 24, 2025 at 02:04 PM

VC

“ *VICKIE COMEAUX lit a candle in memory of Joseph Shilo*



VICKIE COMEAUX - November 24, 2025 at 12:22 PM