



Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier

October 19, 1961 - April 4, 2025

Kyle Wade Gauthier, 62, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, April 4, 2025.

Kyle was born the second of three children of Clifford Ernest Gauthier and Mary Jean Aubespain Gauthier in Opelousas, Louisiana. Kyle was an energetic child with a sly sense of humor. He was also a protective brother to his older sister, Tara, and younger brother, Thane.

Kyle (along with his sister and a few other Holy Ghost families) integrated the Catholic school system in Opelousas in 1966 by being the first students of color to attend the Academy of the Immaculate Conception (AIC) prior to its subsequent merger with Holy Ghost School. Kyle eventually graduated from the combined Opelousas Catholic School in 1980, playing basketball and football while there. He went on to attend both LSU and Southern University, graduating from Southern in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. After college, Kyle eventually entered the restaurant industry, ultimately becoming the General Manager and part-owner of the Jackson, Mississippi location of a national restaurant chain. He later started, owned, and operated two businesses in the Jackson, Mississippi area. In 2013, he sold these businesses in order to move back to Opelousas to care for his aging parents until their deaths in 2014 and 2019.

A friend and confidant to many, Kyle will be missed for his practical outlook, honest opinions, dry wit, and his cooking skills. Most of all, though, it is his unwavering support for his family and friends that will never be forgotten.

Kyle is survived by his sister, Tara V. Gauthier of New Orleans; brother, Thane B. Gauthier (Tashula) of Evanston, Illinois; one niece, Essa Jean Gauthier, and one nephew, Clifford Borgia Gauthier; two uncles, John Jacob Aubespain (Fannie) of Grambling, LA and Father Francis Borgia Aubespain of Techny, Illinois; one aunt, Betty Aubespain; and a host of cousins and friends.

Kyle was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; several uncles and aunts; and many cherished cousins, friends, neighbors, and loved ones. He collected every prayer card, funeral memorial, or funeral program for any funeral he attended (and also for many he didn't attend). These were cherished items for him.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM Monday, April 14, 2025 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Visiting hours will be observed from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM Monday, April 14, 2025 at Williams Funeral Home in Opelousas, LA.

Interment will be in Bellevue Memorial Park Cemetery. Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, S.V.D. will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial.

Share words of comfort with the family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

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

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Miss you dearly cousin. RIH

Brian Rosette - May 08, 2025 at 05:10 PM

GR

“ Greg Rachal lit a candle in memory of Kyle Gauthier



Greg Rachal - April 16, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.

April 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss. Darlene Boni Aucoin

Darlene Aucoin - April 14, 2025 at 12:12 PM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to the Kyle's family, especially to my dear friend Tara.

Joan Aguiard Baptiste - April 14, 2025 at 10:44 AM

DA

“ Rest in Peace dear IFBS brother. You will be missed.



Dennis Auzenne - April 13, 2025 at 07:29 AM

AB

“ Andrea Brisco lit a candle in memory of Kyle Gauthier



Andrea Brisco - April 12, 2025 at 10:59 PM

CJ

“ Tara and Thane, my sincerest condolences to you and the rest of the family. Kyle was a blessing to all of us and especially to our mother Stella Mason during her last years. May you be comforted by your memories. Kyle will be missed on Perry Lane.

Christina Mason Johnson

Christina Mason Johnson - April 12, 2025 at 10:13 AM

DF

“ Deja Damion Denise and the Hicks Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



Deja Damion Denise and the Hicks Family - April 12, 2025 at 08:24 AM

CT

“ Him and my cousin Michael Chretchein were the best of friends and Micheal would constantly reach out to Kyle. Even though Kyle was younger he acted like Michael's older brother lol I never saw his face but he was always so nice, patient and accommodating R.I.P. Kyle because I know Micheal couldn't wait for heaven gates to open up for you so y'all could be together again 🙏😊🙏

Chris T - April 12, 2025 at 12:54 AM

BO

“ Our condolences to the Gauthier Family from the Bob & Lastrapes Family.



Bob - April 11, 2025 at 11:50 PM

TM

“ Tara Manuel lit a candle in memory of Kyle Gauthier



Tara Manuel - April 11, 2025 at 11:04 PM

BH

“ Bruce and Denise Hicks purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



Bruce and Denise Hicks - April 11, 2025 at 10:38 PM

BH

“ Bruce and Denise Hicks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.

Bruce and Denise Hicks - April 11, 2025 at 10:38 PM

BM

“ Tara,
My condolences to you and your family, I'm praying God's peace, comfort and strength for you all 🙏🙏🙏

Bridgette Medley - April 11, 2025 at 10:23 PM

JM

“ Kyle was a very nice person and gentleman. He lived in our neighborhood and stop by my mama house every Sunday after church, for fried chicken and rice dressing. Will keep Kyle & family in my prayers. Joyce Gailles Milburn.

Joyce Milburn - April 11, 2025 at 06:50 PM

KL

“ Kevin Lemon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



Kevin Lemon - April 11, 2025 at 04:04 PM

AM

“ Alanda Malveaux purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



Alanda Malveaux - April 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM

AM

“ Alanda Malveaux planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.

Alanda Malveaux - April 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CF

“ Chicago Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



Chicago Family - April 11, 2025 at 01:58 PM

DF

“ Dwayne Ross and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



Dwayne Ross and Family - April 11, 2025 at 01:40 PM

DF

“ Dwayne Ross and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.

Dwayne Ross and Family - April 11, 2025 at 01:40 PM

RM

“ Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Kyle Gauthier



Rosalie Meullion - April 11, 2025 at 01:20 PM

SJ

“ Dear Tara and Thane, I am so sorry for your loss, and honestly our loss too. Kyle was a wonderful neighbor and a devoted friend to my mother, Stella Mason, and to our entire family. I pray God will provide you peace and strength. God Bless you and your family.

Sylvia and Craig Jenkins

Sylvia Jenkins - April 11, 2025 at 12:01 PM

AM

Dear Tara and Thane, words will never be enough to express our sincerest gratitude for Kyle's compassion and kindness as a neighbor and friend to my dear mother Stella Mason during her final years. He will be missed by all of us. I pray that you and your family will continue to feel the love that Kyle shared with so many.

Angela and Curtis Morrison

Angela M Morrison - April 11, 2025 at 01:02 PM

PG

It was such a shock hearing of Kyle's passing! I will truly miss him for his dry wit and words of wisdom. Whenever he came over to visit he always had his food containers to get some leftovers so he would not have to cook. 😊 You will be missed Kyle. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Patricia Gauthier - April 14, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Kyle Wade Gauthier.



April 11, 2025 at 11:47 AM

LR

“ My sincerest prayers and condolences are sent to the siblings, family, and friends of this amazing person, In The Name of Jesus! May The Lord of all Comfort cover each of you with His Amazing Grace throughout this Bereaved Season.



Lillian Rideaux-Savoy - April 11, 2025 at 11:08 AM

LR

“ Lillian Rideaux-Savoy lit a candle in memory of Kyle Gauthier



Lillian Rideaux-Savoy - April 11, 2025 at 11:02 AM

AF

“ *Alma Lavergne Fontenot lit a candle in memory of Kyle Gauthier*



Alma Lavergne Fontenot - April 11, 2025 at 10:38 AM