



Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel

December 10, 1962 - May 4, 2026

Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel entered peacefully into eternal rest on Monday, May 4, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 63.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in his honor at 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA, officiated by Rev. Joshua Munterim, SVD.

Family and friends are invited to attend visitation beginning at 7:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Williams Funeral Home prior to the service. A Rosary will be recited at 9:00 AM.

His final resting place will be in Bellevue Memorial Park.

Mr. Manuel is survived by his loving wife, Mrs. Della Reese Lewis Manuel of Opelousas, LA; three daughters, Victoria Manuel Lewis (Jamey), Devin Manuel McKnight (Brandon) and Danielle Y. Castille all of Opelousas, LA; one son, Chad Douglas (Ashley) of Opelousas, LA; seven brothers, Joseph Lionel Manuel, Jr., Charlie Manuel (Patricia), Andre Manuel (Myrtle), Christopher Guidry, Sr. (Annette), Scottie Johnson (Unrica) all of Opelousas, LA, Marvin Manuel of Baton Rouge, LA and John Manuel of Tensas, LA; two sisters, Jacqueline Small (Leonard) of Zachary, LA and Pamela Chapman of Opelousas, LA.

He is also survived by five brothers-in-law, Bernard Lewis, Jr. (Mary), Dwight Lemons, Vernon Lemons, Anthony Savoy (Michelle), Kyle McLendon and Martin McLendon (Charlette) all of Opelousas, LA; four sisters-in-law, Liler

Florence of Opelousas, LA, Sheila Lewis of Phoenix, AZ, Verronda Flanagan of Fresno, TX and Bernadine Lewis of Milwaukee, WI; two cherished grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mr. Manuel was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Lionel Manuel, Sr. and Ida Mae Lazard Manuel; his father and mother-in-law, Bernard Lewis, Sr. and Victoria Auzenne Lewis; one sister-in-law, Vickie Lester Lewis; three brothers-in-law, Von Chapman, Lucius Florence and Robert A. Lewis; and one niece, Michelle Denise Lewis.

Family and friends are invited to share words of comfort, support and memories with the family by visiting the online guestbook at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net

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

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Memorial Park

4833 Hwy 182 S.
Opelousas, LA 70570
<https://www.bellevuememorialparkcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Williams Funeral Home - Opelousas
817 East South St.
Opelousas, LA 70571
(337) 942-2037
williamsfuneralhomes.1932@gmail.com
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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **16**. 12:30 PM (CT)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church
732 North Union Street
Opelousas, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences to the Manuel Family!*



Sonia Soto - May 16 at 11:03 PM

MC

“ *Ms. Mary Colomb & Family sending prayers and deepest Condolences to the family, may his soul R.I.H.P.*



Mary Colomb - May 16 at 05:11 PM

BG

“ *Blake Lewis and Karnell Griffin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.*



Blake Lewis and Karnell Griffin - May 16 at 10:36 AM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Manual family. Stay strong, take care.*



Joseph Rodney Charles, Jr. - May 15 at 09:55 PM

RD

“ Rapides Regional -Respiratory Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.

Rapides Regional -Respiratory Department - May 14 at 09:44 PM

RD

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GB

“ Deepest Condolences to The Manuel Family.
The Barnes Family



Grace Barnes - May 13 at 07:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.



May 13 at 01:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.

May 13 at 01:09 PM



“ My prayers and condolences are offered to Della and girls, other family, friends, associates. May he love his heavenly home.



Andrea Brisco - May 12 at 01:22 PM



“ Della, children, family and friends...I send my most heartfelt condolences and prayers to you during this difficult time of loss of your husband, father, brother, relative and friend, Wayne. I pray The Lord's Divine Peace and Comfort be with you all, In The Name of Jesus!;



LILLIAN RIDEAUX-SAVOY - May 12 at 11:24 AM



“ LILLIAN RIDEAUX-SAVOY lit a candle in memory of Martin Manuel



LILLIAN RIDEAUX-SAVOY - May 12 at 11:18 AM

ER

“ Rest in peace cousin 🙏🙏🙏



Evette Rosette - May 12 at 11:12 AM

SP

“ Shala Rene Pickney lit a candle in memory of Martin Manuel



Shala Rene Pickney - May 12 at 02:04 AM



“ Nate and I extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers. May God bless you and your family.

Marie Ausberry - May 11 at 05:08 PM



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May 11 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.*



May 11 at 01:20 PM



“ *Fred Singleton lit a candle in memory of Martin Manuel*



Fred Singleton - May 10 at 10:44 PM



“ *Suzette, Troy, Trev, Kyle, Rashelle, Trey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.*



Suzette, Troy, Trev, Kyle, Rashelle, Trey - May 09 at 04:15 PM



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Suzette, Troy, Trev, Kyle, Rashelle, Trey - May 09 at 04:15 PM

CD

“ On behalf of Carol and Krystyn Batiste, we offer our sincere condolences.

Carol Dartzbatiste - May 09 at 09:51 AM

LI

My heart is so full because of the transition of my Brother-in-law who has been a part of our family for so long helping all of us when he could. I am going to miss him but feel he is with God and that is the best place. Wayne may you rest in peace with God. Love Liler(LeLe)

Lilerflorence - May 16 at 07:38 AM

LI

Thank you

Lilerflorence - May 16 at 07:39 AM

WC

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending our deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family.
Wanda & Larry Caillier

Wanda & Larry Caillier - May 09 at 06:47 AM

SH

Rest in perfect peace never had a chance to meet the Manuel my dad was Aunt Josephine's nephew Much love to the Manuel family from the Savoy and Schexnayder family Nolan Savoys children

Shawndell - May 09 at 11:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Martin Wayne "Cowboy" Manuel.*



May 09 at 05:57 AM



“ *I really miss you my brother and friend. God brought you to our family and we were blessed by all of the shenanigans!! May rest in the arms of Jesus. ❤️👉❤️👉 I will miss you so much!*

Sheila Lewis - May 08 at 10:25 PM



“ *My condolences to your family cuz rest in your heavenly home*



Elnora Simien - May 08 at 08:29 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Unc, I will forever hang onto the laughs and memories we shared. I love you until we meet again Cowboy and ride those streets of gold. #ForeverCowboy*

Nelson Simmons - May 08 at 07:51 PM