



## Ralph Mark Fontenot

November 18, 1958 - October 15, 2014

Mr. Ralph Mark Fontenot

MALLET- Funeral services will be held at 12:00 P.M. Monday, October 20, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Mallet, LA, for Mr. Ralph Mark Fontenot, 55, who entered eternal rest, Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

Interment will be in St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery in Mallet, LA. Father Justin Arokiasamy accompanied by Father Gregory Simien will officiate at the Mass of Christian burial.

For 30 years, Ralph was a member of the zydeco band, Terrance Simien and The Zydeco Experience. When not traveling and performing, he spent time painting and doing carpentry work, which he learned from his father at a young age. He died peacefully, in his sleep, after a performance in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Fontenot is survived by four sisters, Barbara Joseph (Eddie), Sheila Papillion (Phillip), Monica Henderson (Wade) and Dawn Bias (Wade); his former wife, Annie M. Fontenot; a stepson, Simon Kuhn; 7 nephews, 4 nieces, 7 great nephews, 4 great nieces, aunts, uncles, other relatives, his band family and many friends.

Mr. Fontenot was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur & Eltra Mae Fontenot.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Monday, October 20, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Mallet, LA. A Rosary will be recited at 10:00 A.M.

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

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Mark Fontenot*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *I did not have the pleasure of knowing your loved one personally but I am well acquainted with the sorrow death brings. I too recently loss someone and hoped the family might be comforted by these encoraging words from the Bible. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." (rev. 21: 4,5) Please accept this expression of deep sympathy.*

**A. Coleman** - October 23, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ *To the family of Ralph Fontenot I am so very sorry for your loss. I do hope you find comfort in knowing that the dead can really live again. The Bible says, "There will be a resurrection. (Acts 24:15) JW.org*

**Ada Laws** - October 22, 2014 at 05:32 PM



“ *Fontenot Family, My heart aches. I'm sorry I wasn't with you all today; U all know f I could I would have been. We are family. When we lose someone we love n admire we all have a wounded heart. I hope you all know how much LOVE I have for the family. We grow apart but we don't stop loving n remembering. Know that "JESUS" heals our broken hearts. Wishing your family PEACE. "RALPH" show HEAVEN how to earn a GRAMMY with your sweet music skills. Much Love.*

**CAMELLA CARRIER** - October 21, 2014 at 12:18 AM

LL

“ Ralph and the band brought a lot of joy to my family through their music. We had many days fishing in our boat on the Mississippi listening to Terrance Simeon. We saw the band in Cedar Rapids, IA and had a great time. Our condolences and thank you for sharing Ralph and his talent with all of us.

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**Lori Leo** - October 20, 2014 at 04:47 PM

JS

“ I was out of the country when I got the sad news. My condolences to Ralph's family, especially to Monica who I met many years ago. I first met Ralph on the Ultimate Rhythm & Blues Cruise in 1994 and have seen him many times since, bringing me joy with his frottoir. But it was great sense of humor that really made him special. I always looked forward to that loping gait and smiling face coming my way because I knew the good times were coming with them.

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**Jay Sieleman** - October 20, 2014 at 04:44 PM

MK

“ Rest in Peace. Thank you for all the good times and music. Peace, Love and Zydeco!  
Ray, Debbie and Courtney

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**Mr & Mrs Raymond R Kyle** - October 20, 2014 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences go out to Ralph's family, and to his wonderful band mates. We loved him dearly. His smile warmed our hearts, as well as his hugs and the laughter we often shared, each time we'd see him. He will be missed more than words can express. You are all in our hearts and prayers.

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**Jacki and John Moore** - October 19, 2014 at 11:16 PM

CJ

“ To Ralph's sisters, family and friends, it is with deepest sympathy that I extend to all. Ralph will be surly be missed.

Cynthia Duplechain Joseph - October 19, 2014 at 03:37 PM

TD

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Ralph's family in this sad time. Ralph always had a big smile and heart for all that meet him. We are so glad to have called him friend. RIP. Love, Teresa, Jeff and Zakk

Terresa Buelow & Jeff Davis - October 19, 2014 at 12:13 PM

RS

“ Not enough time together

Rocky and Marci Stapleton - October 18, 2014 at 10:57 PM

DF

“ My condolences to the family.

Donald J. Fontenot - October 18, 2014 at 05:06 PM

WL

“ Shared a lot of laughs with Ralph over the years. Always a kind hearted soul. RIP, Ralph.

Warren Linhart - October 18, 2014 at 02:22 PM

KB

“ So sorry, Ralph will be missed

Klyph Black - October 18, 2014 at 01:04 PM

MO

“ Deepest condolences to Ralph's family of Fontenots and Fans. He made millions of people happy in his Life. May his memory comfort you all, and make you happy when you think of him. He lives on in all of you.

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**mojo** - October 18, 2014 at 10:05 AM

MC

“ He was a kind and gentle man with a big heart. I am sorry for your loss.

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**Michael Cooper** - October 18, 2014 at 09:58 AM

MG

“ *Ralph Rest in Peace ....*

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**Marjorie Guillory** - October 18, 2014 at 09:23 AM

MW

“ *To the family, We are sorry for your loss, you are in our prayers Fred & Mary Watkins*

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**Mary G. Watkins** - October 18, 2014 at 12:13 AM

JS

“ *My deepest, heartfelt condolences to Ralph's family, bandmates, friends and fans. His light and love will be missed. Through his gift of music he made so many people happy, show after show. Find comfort in those truths.*

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**Janet Stoddard** - October 17, 2014 at 11:59 PM

CD

“ Peace to you and your family, including your extended musician family. There's some kind of amazing concert going on in heaven now.

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**Cara Day** - October 17, 2014 at 11:59 PM

RM

“ Prayers for your family in this time of loss.

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**Ron Montgomery** - October 17, 2014 at 11:55 PM

JF

“ I was so happy to see Ralph in August while I was in Mallet. He was a wonderful man. I remember the wonderful times we all shared as we were growing up . God bless you all and I pray God will give you the peace that surpasses all understanding.

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**Juanita Darbonne Fontenot** - October 17, 2014 at 09:53 PM

KP

“ My heart goes out to all who have known and loved Ralph, family and friends. I met Ralph at the Trolley Stop, Dayton, Ohio, back in 1997 when playing with Terrance. I fell in love with his gentle soul, talent, kindness and smile. Such a sweet person. He had me come onstage and play with the band; he had total confidence that I wouldn't make a fool out of myself. Ralph, I will miss you but I have nothing but fond memories of you and our times shared. Rest in peace.

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**Kathy Pitts** - October 17, 2014 at 09:51 PM

KG

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss. I know the pain of losing a sibling when so many years were expected to be shared. I will keep all of you in my prayers. God Bless.

Kevin Matthew Gobert - October 17, 2014 at 09:45 PM

LB

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family during this difficult time. As you grieve know that we are remembering you and Ralph.

Lorne & Patricia Boutte - October 17, 2014 at 08:00 PM

NP

“ I was so saddened to hear about Ralph's death. He was a lovely man and a truly great performer. He always had a smile for even those who didn't know him well. He will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace, Ralph. ???

Nancy Putnam - October 17, 2014 at 07:53 PM

RJ

“ Deb and I would like to extend our condolences to the Fontenot and Joseph families back home. May God comfort you during this time of bereavement.

Rebecca & Debonie Joseph - October 17, 2014 at 07:26 PM

AA

“ Ralph was such a wonderful person and brother. He was always willing to help others and asked for nothing in return - a lot of memories. Love to all of you. Annette

Annette Craven Ardoin - October 17, 2014 at 06:33 PM

AR

“ With my Deepest sympathy, please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all

Andrew Robitaille - October 17, 2014 at 06:06 PM

AM

“ So very sad to hear of Ralph's passing. I always looked forward to seeing Ralph when he and the band came to Ohio. Such a dear soul. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family, the band and all who knew and loved Ralph. He will be dearly missed..

Ann Moyer - October 17, 2014 at 05:50 PM

TP

“ Fans/friends of Ralph and the band since 1988, Joelle finally got on stage with Ralph's frottoir this past July at the Trolley Stop in Dayton! We'll remember all of the joy and fun Ralph has brought to us over the years. We are truly sorry for your unexpected loss.

Tom and Joelle Perlic - October 17, 2014 at 05:17 PM

DC

“ I have enjoyed "Cousin Ralphie", as we affectionately called him, playing the washboard for many years with Terrance. May he rest in peace. He will be greatly missed.

DAwn Collins - October 17, 2014 at 04:59 PM

LT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I met Ralph and the band around 25 years ago and have seen them probably 25 times since. Ralph always went out of his way to greet me and see who i was with so he could bring them onstage. Please accept my condolences. Peace, Love and Zydeco.

Lauren Taylor - October 17, 2014 at 04:41 PM

JO

“ *wen i was little i got to go on stage with ralph he was a good man and good at the rubbord i will miss him so much rest in peace*

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**joshua** - October 17, 2014 at 04:36 PM

Jl

“ *Dear Fontenot family- My deepest condolences for your family for dearest Ralph. He was one of the nicest and most genuine people I've ever known. I hope the memory of his warm smile and big heart bring you comfort. May peace be with all of you.  
Jimmy Ives (Bass player with Terrance and Ralph 2003)*

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**Jimmy Ives** - October 17, 2014 at 04:34 PM

JK

“ *Deepest sympathies to the family from a fan and friend. Heaven will be richer - but we all have a big hole in our hearts and in our lives.*

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**Judith Kerr** - October 17, 2014 at 04:04 PM

RW

“ *My good dear friend Rest In Paradise. I was talking to Ralph last Saturday around 6pm he said Ros I'll see yall on November 3rd. He texted on the 14 of October to ask if my cousin Gerald was ok Ralph was a very kind and sweet person he will be missed. Thanks for the beautiful angel you gave me for my birthday last year and putting up my storm door. Rest on Ralph I know you're with God. You will never be forgotten! Ros,Dimmi,Livy,Gerald*

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**Rosalind Williams** - October 17, 2014 at 12:22 PM