



Judge Joseph Robert Bossetta

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Judge Joseph R. Bossetta (Retired) a life-long resident of the Greater New Orleans area, passed away on September 15, 2011. Bossetta is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mildred Duffy Bossetta, his seven children, Barbara L. Bossetta, Mary Ann Bossetta, Michael J. Bossetta, Sr., Bonnie Bossetta Lavie, Patrick R. Bossetta, Kathleen Bossetta Levine and Brian J. Bossetta, his 19 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He is pre-deceased by his parents, Gaspar R. Bossetta and Rachael P. Bossetta.

Born on August 12, 1927, Bossetta graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1942 at the age of 14 and, like many of his generation, enlisted in the Marine Corps at 15. At a time when most teenagers are starting to think about college, Joseph R. Bossetta was already a battle-hardened Marine.

As a Forward Observer assigned to the 4th Marine Division in the Pacific Theater, Bossetta directed artillery fire on Japanese forces, a task that required action beyond enemy lines in order to better obtain coordinates on the enemy. Forward Observers were considered high-value targets because of their crucial role in calling in the heavy guns.

By war's end, Bossetta had fought in such major battles as Roi, Namur, Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Shortly after turning 18, Bossetta witnessed the official capitulation of Japan. As a member of Task Force Thirty-One he participated in the initial landing and occupation of Japan and the capture of the HIJMS Nagato, which symbolized the unconditional and complete surrender of the Japanese Navy. He later served as a Judge Advocate in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1976-1982, retiring with the rank of Major.

Upon returning home from World War II, Bossetta continued his life of public service. He was elected to the Louisiana legislature and served as floor leader under Governor Earl K. Long.



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During his tenure in Baton Rouge, Bossetta conceptualized, drafted and steered through the state house the legislation that created LSUNO (now UNO) and SUNO. After leaving the capitol, Bossetta served as First Assistant District Attorney in the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office and later took on the role of acting D.A. In 1963 Governor Jimmie Davis appointed Bossetta to the judiciary where he would serve as judge in the municipal and criminal district courts for more than 25 years, both in elective and appointive capacities.

During his time on the bench, Bossetta instituted rehabilitation programs for offenders addicted to alcohol and drugs and started a clinic for battered women. After attending Loyola University, Bossetta was admitted to the Louisiana Bar Association in 1950 after apprenticing with his father. He maintained a private law practice for more than 50 years.

Throughout his career, Bossetta was a staunch ally of the New Orleans Police Department donating hours of free legal and legislative counsel as spokesman for the Fraternal Order of Police, Crescent City Lodge No. 2. In that role, he championed many benefits for the NOPD and also represented the Louisiana BAR Pilots Association.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral mass at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471 on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 1:00 PM.

Visitation AT THE CHURCH will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until mass time. Graveside services with Military Honors conducted by the United States Marine Corp will follow the funeral mass at St. Joseph's Abbey Cemetery, 75376 River Road, St. Benedict, LA (Covington, LA).



Events


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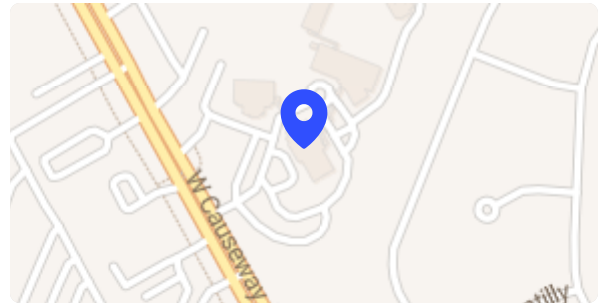
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 17, 2011

 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM CT


 **Mary, Queen of Peace Church**
1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA
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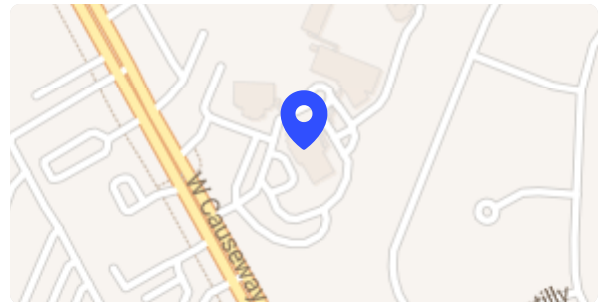


Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, September 17, 2011


 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT


 **Mary, Queen of Peace Church**
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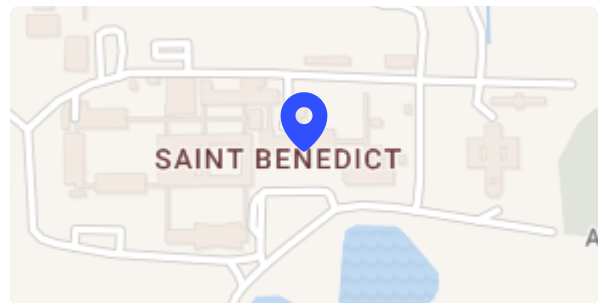


Graveside Service


 **Saturday**, September 17, 2011

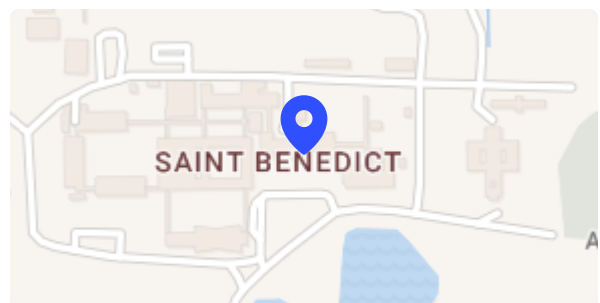
 2:30 PM CT

 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**
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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 21 at 7:20 AM



Bob Hardgrave posted:

COL Bossetta, our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We will keep all of you in our prayers. The Hardgrave Family

September 22 at 12:05 PM



Barb & Tom Layton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Psalms 34:18 give you hope and comfort.

September 20 at 10:03 AM



Charlotte Denny posted:

Dearest Patrick, MaryAnn and Barbara: Larry and I were very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please contact me if there is anything that you can think of we can do for all of you. The torch passes to those who can carry it. Charlotte and Larry Denny

September 19 at 9:24 AM



Rhonda Crawford posted:

Michael, Mrs. Mildred, and family... What an honorable service for Mr. Bossetta today! The words spoke by the priest and his children were such a tribute to him. I have heard many people in Tylertown speak highly of the Judge. The sacrifice he paid for our country at such a young age is priceless... something I cannot comprehend. Being married for 60 years and raising 7 children speaks highly of a man with so many other accomplishments as well. My prayer is for God to comfort you in losing such a wonderful man in your life.

September 17 at 5:22 PM



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CP

Col. Ray Pendleton posted:

I share your loss. Judge Bossetta was a friend and mentor to me, and will be greatly missed.

September 16 at 9:33 AM

DM

Dr. Joseph Macaluso posted:

Dear Mildred, Mike, and Family Members: Sorry to read about your husband and father's death. While I did not know him very well personally, I remember him from my days at Loyola. I hope to be able to see you all at the services on Saturday. Respectfully, Dr. Joe Macaluso (Dr. Mac)

September 16 at 7:44 AM

BM

Brian & Maureen Marquez posted:

We wish on to you and your family our deepest sympathies and condolences.

September 16 at 7:36 AM

CM

Carl J. Mancuso posted:

Pat, Marlene, Brian, and Kathleen; As we are all very good friends who have been very fortunate to be a part of each other's lives, your Dad did a great service during his life as a judge, father, and resident of New Orleans. He will be missed. You have my sincere condolences. C.J. Mancuso

September 16 at 7:26 AM

RL

Reggie Lane posted:

Deepest condolences from reggie and Angel

September 16 at 6:33 AM

BA

Barbara E Adams posted:

My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the Bossetta Family during this sorrowful time. While with the NOPD, I had occasion to interact with Judge Bossetta. I have nothing but pleasant memories of those interactions. May he rest in peace!

September 16 at 6:31 AM



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OR

Optimer & Mary Roussel posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the Family of Judge Bossetta. Upon reading about the life of Judge Bossetta, it is obvious the world would be better if we had more citizens like him. May his soul rest in peace with God in Heaven and all the best to his family he has left behind.

September 16 at 5:37 AM

MC

Myron J. Creecy posted:

Condolences to the BOSSETTA Family, we pray that the LORD GOD continue blessing you during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace!

September 16 at 5:02 AM

EF

Eric Feazell posted:

Sorry for your loss. From what I read, he was a great man!

September 16 at 4:41 AM

DJ

Dallas & Donna Jones posted:

Pat and family, Donna and I would like to send our condolences to you and your family. We too lost Tony, Donnas father in April. We share your loss and are here for you and your family. Yours,
Dallas & Donna Jones

September 16 at 4:20 AM

GJ

Gary Jenkins posted:

I have never forgotten this Man and never will. My father introduced me to him when I was a out of control teenager. He convinced me that the only way to straighten out my life was to join the Marines. I did and it did. I owe this man my life. RIP.

September 16 at 4:19 AM



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Matthew And Fran Miranda posted:

We will always remember our neighbor, Judge Bossetta, as a kind and friendly man who would walk daily through the neighborhood with his beloved rosary in his hands, occasionally stopping his prayers to chat with us. He was in the legislature with my grandfather and told me stories I had never heard before. We will miss him dearly. The Miranda's

September 16 at 3:41 AM



Jena Sharp posted:

Mrs. Bosetta and family-please accept my condolences on the loss of Mr. Bosetta. I was honored to have participated in his care through home health. He was such a gracious man, even though he was very ill. Your family will be in my prayers.

September 15 at 10:29 AM



Media

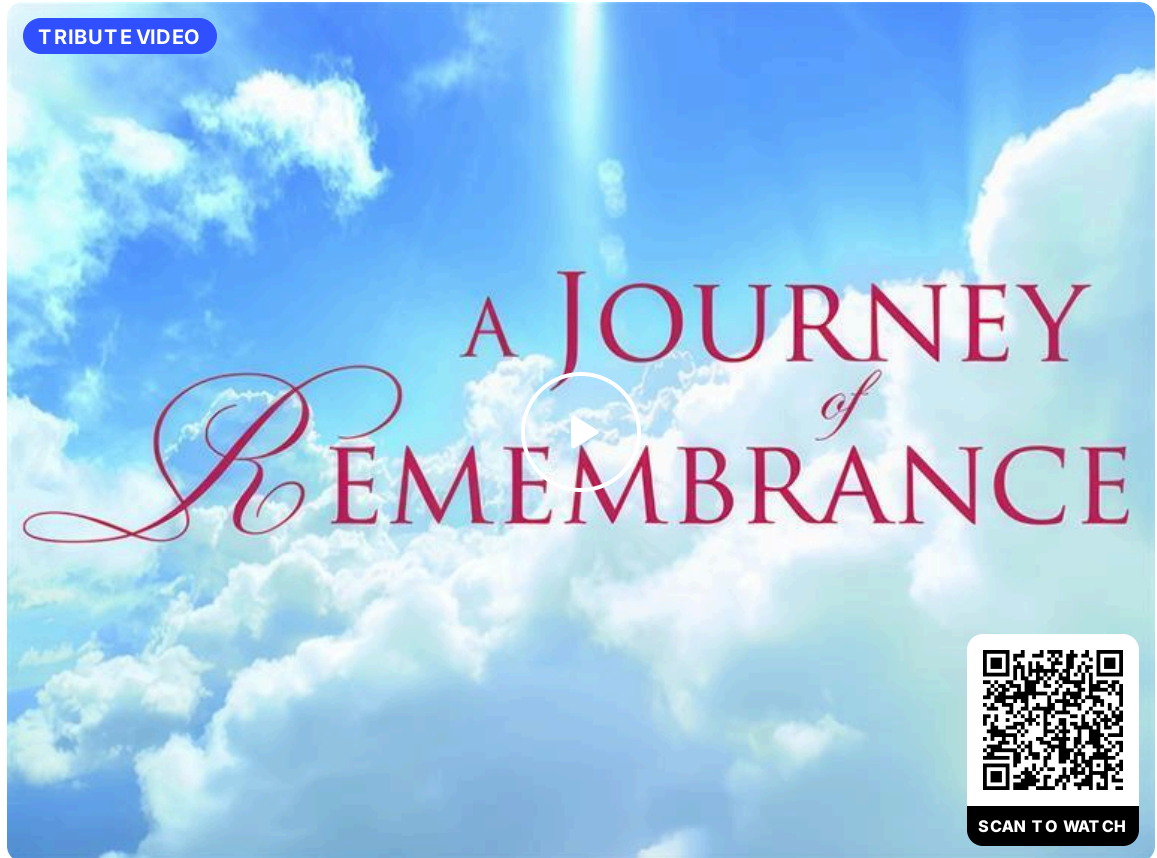
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Judge by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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