



# J. Ernest Prieto

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## **J. Ernest Prieto**

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**J** Ernest Prieto, born on March 24, 1935 to Elisabeth Molloy and J. Clay Prieto, life-long resident of Mandeville, LA. passed away on Sunday, October 5, 2014. He was a significant presence in Mandeville well beyond his more than 40 years as a real estate broker and attorney.

His beloved wife of 14 years, Gerardine “Jeri” Vuscovich Thorne Prieto, survives him. For 41 years he was married to the late Marietta Hansbrough Prieto, the mother of his children - Malise Prieto (husband- Rick Deluane), Clay Prieto (wife-Roslyn Prieto and her son/grandson-Robin Gainey, Jr. and Robin III), Ernie Prieto (wife-Cindy Lockfield) and daughter-in-law, Zan Nichols Prieto, three grandchildren - Calla, Emily and Harrison Prieto; two step-daughters - Rene’ Thorne Bullington (husband-Paul) and Robin Thorne Huffman (husband-Stokes) and their children – Molly Mueller, Mary Elizabeth and Adam Huffman. He is also survived by two sisters - Joan Prieto Doolittle and Mary Prieto Golden.

Born in New Orleans, he attended Our Lady of the Lake Grammar School, and thus began a lifelong act of loyal service to the Catholic Church devoted to sharing his faith with others. Prieto served as a lector, commentator, Eucharistic Minister, and participated in numerous prayer groups for the church. Dear to his heart was the annual journey to Manresa Retreat House in Convent, LA. where he served as co-captain of Group 40.

A graduate from St. Paul’s School with the Class of 1953, he was a notable high school athlete lettering in basketball, football and track and field. His talents earned him a basketball scholarship to the University of Miami and induction into the St. Paul’s School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Prieto was selected Alumnus of the Year in 2007 for his dedication and commitment to St. Paul’s.

While at the University of Miami, he lettered in basketball for three years and joined the Army ROTC which later commissioned him as 2nd Lieutenant. In 1957, he graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree of Business Administration in Management and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Scabbard and Blade.



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In the years that followed he continued his military service with the Louisiana Army National Guard and US Army Reserve. During his 13 years of service he became a leader in a number of Battalions serving in the Ranks as Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Captain. He started with Company B, 141st Anti-Aircraft Battalion, served Troop B, 139th Cavalry in Covington and finally at Headquarters, 205th Engineering Battalion in Bogalusa.

In 1968 he graduated from Loyola University of the South Law School in New Orleans and began practicing law in Mandeville and Covington. Through the years he owned and operated Prieto Realty, served as property manager, Notary Public and co-owner of Prieto Marina.

He was a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, St. Tammany Board of Realtors, Mandeville Planning and Zoning Commission, Northlake Mandeville Rotary Club, Mandeville Jaycees, Greater Mandeville Chamber of Commerce among others. Mr. Prieto was a believer in the mission of the Christian Brothers and the St. Paul's School, a generous supporter of Catholic based charities and local organizations focused on helping those in need.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial mass at 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 W. Causeway Approach. Mandeville, LA 70471.

Visiting hours will begin at the Church on Saturday at 1:00 PM.

Interment at the Mandeville Cemetery will follow the mass.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home of Covington, LA has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Covington Food Bank, 814 N. Columbia St. Covington, LA 70433 or to LA. Hospice, 1200 Derek Dr. Hammond, LA 70403.



## Events


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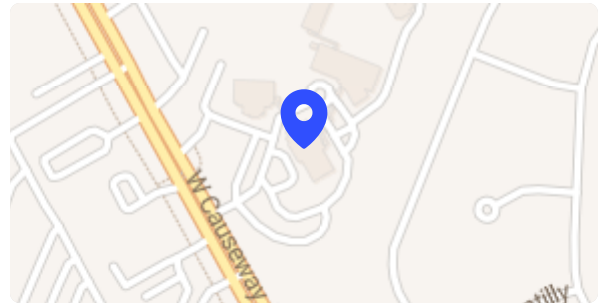
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### Visitation

 **Saturday**, October 11, 2014


 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT


 **Mary, Queen of Peace Church**  
1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA  
70471

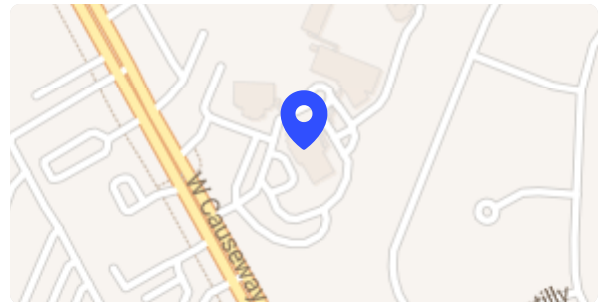


### Memorial Mass


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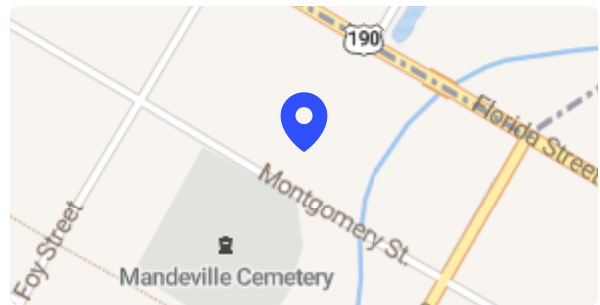
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### Cemetery Details

 **Mandeville Mausoleum**  
1609 Montgomery St., Mandeville LA 70448





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DD

**David Derbes** posted:

Dear Clay, Malise, Jeri and Family, My condolences to the Prieto Family. I know Ernest will be missed terribly by all. What a great guy! I enjoyed working with Ernest on a few Real Estate deals. Tough, concise, honest and sometimes grumpy; but we always parted with a warm smile and sincere handshake. He invited me to Manresa on more than one occasion. I wish that I had joined him. I know he is in heaven with our Lord and Savior, likely trying to organize files for some celestial land deal. Sincerely, David S. Derbes

October 14 at 12:17 PM

BM

**Blair Monroe** posted:

Mr. Prieto was a great person. He was a close friend of my father (Pat Monroe) for decades. I remember how personable he was to everyone, and always seemed to make everyone smile and laugh. Mr. Prieto was a leader in the community and a very devoted Catholic. It was truly an honor to know him. My heart goes out to his family and friends. Blair Monroe blair629@aol.com

October 14 at 10:17 AM

SD

**Sharon Lo Drucker** posted:

My condolences to Malise and your family for the loss of your father. May he rest in peace as he now is your guardian angel.

October 11 at 9:01 AM



**Lisa Frederick** lit a candle in honor of J. Ernest.



October 11 at 5:29 AM

JF

**Joy Fandal** posted:

To the Family, From the family of Freddie and Joy...our sympathy goes to all of you. We have fond memories of the holidays spend around our pool on Marigny Ave. Ernest's sarcastic wit was always there. Sincerely, The Fandals

October 11 at 5:28 AM



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SK

**Sister Jeanne D'arc Kernion** posted:

Dear Malise,I so regret that I will not be able to attend the funeral tomorrow, due to a prior commitment, but your Father and all of you have been and will continue to be in my prayers. A Mass has been offered for him in the Abbey infirmary chapel where I go each day. Though I didn't know him well, I was aware that his faith was a major part of his life, and I'm sure that touched many. May God give you consolation from that as you suffer his loss.My sincerest sympathies,Sister Jeanne d'Arc

October 10 at 2:30 PM



**Steven Reed** posted:

He was a great man of character and strength, and his memory will live on in our hearts always.

October 10 at 11:55 AM

JD

**Jesse Danna** posted:

OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE PRIETO FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.CAROLE AND JESSE DANNA

October 10 at 4:38 AM

TB

**Tom Buell** posted:

To the Prieto family we have all lost a good friend and a great community servant.

October 9 at 5:50 PM

BD

**Bill Dobson** posted:

Malise, Clay, Ernie, and family: Mandeville and St. Tammany Parish has lost another native son in the passing of your dad. He was a great man with a wonderful personality and he will surely be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. Mandeville is much better because he lived. The donations made by your family have been many but I am especially proud of the property donation(s) for our Fire District. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.Bill Dobson, for the Dobson family.

October 9 at 8:34 AM



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LE

**Lizby Eustis** posted:

Malise and Family, Your Father was a great Leader in our Community and his legacy will be remember for many generations. So sorry for your loss but know that he is with his Eternal Father in heaven,  
Lizby Morse Eustis

October 9 at 8:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Garden Spray to the Prieto family.



October 8 at 10:20 AM

TM

**Terry Maddox** posted:

Malise, Heartfelt condolences on the passing of your father. He was quite a man. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Terry Maddox

October 8 at 3:47 AM

JR

**Jimmy Rogers** posted:

I will miss my friend of 30 years. He welcomed my family to Mandeville and shared his home with us on our first Thanksgiving in Louisiana. I was privileged to have a long friendship, business relationship and share a spiritual journey at Manresa. I will never forget his kindness and sense of humor.

October 7 at 4:08 AM

ST

**Stfd4** posted:

Mr. Ernest will be missed by many. He and his family have done wonderful things for the community. The citizens and the staff of St Tammany Parish Fire District #4 will always remember his contributions to our development and cherish the relationship the Fire District has enjoyed over the years with the entire Prieto family. You are in our thoughts and our prayers.

October 7 at 3:11 AM



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**Mark Johnson** posted:

For so many years I looked forward to my Thursday lunches at Rotary ... and Ernest was so much the reason: The banter, the stories, the humor as well as a mentor. Thank you Ernest for being the man you were.

October 6 at 2:23 AM



**Bill Dobson** October 9 at 8:32 AM

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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