



# Donald Cyril Celestin Sr.

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## **Donald Cyril Celestin Sr.**

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**D**onald Cyril Celestin, Sr., age 83 of Mandeville, LA died on Sunday, February 01, 2015, at his residence. Born, Saturday, March 21, 1931 in New Orleans, LA to Alphonse George Celestin and Alicia de Alminana Celestin also raised by his step mom Vivian Eloise Celestin.

Donald Celestin Sr. attended Fortier High School where he excelled in swimming, football, baseball, and became Cadet Captain of Fortier Military Unit. Don accomplished the rare feat of swimming 22 miles across Lake Ponchartrain at the age of 17. After marriage to his high school sweetheart, Betty Jane Matherne, Don enlisted in the USMC and left for Camp Lejeune in 1950. Subsequently, Don served 3 Tours of Duty in Korea from July 3rd 1950- July 2nd 1954 and became a Sergeant in the USMC receiving 3 Purple Hearts during his service.

Don received a swim scholarship to attend LSU where he developed a passion LSU.

As Don returned to Covington, LA, he was a general contractor for over 40 years. He served as President of St. Paul's Athletic Association and had a passion for working with St. Paul's High School. He helped build several facilities at St. Paul's school.

Don was a loving father to his son and daughter and loving husband to his bride of 62 years, Betty Jane Matherne.

Survived by his beloved wife - Betty Jane Celestin, son - Donald Celestin, Jr. (Toni), daughter - Karen Marie Celestin, granddaughter - Amber Whiteside, grandsons - Austin Whiteside, Canyon Celestin, Stone Celestin, brother - David Celestin, sisters - Patricia Riggle, Judy Enos, Sharon Wang. He was predeceased by his parents.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service at 12:00 PM on Friday, February 06, 2015 at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Avenue Covington, LA 70433.



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Visitation on Friday, February 06, 2015 from 9:00 AM to service time.

Interment in Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery Slidell, LA with full military honors.

Donations may be made to St. Paul's High School P.O. Box 928. Covington, LA 70434 or The Wounded Warriors Project 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida 32256 <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org> in lieu of flowers.

Share a memory on the tribute wall at [ejfieldingfh.com](http://ejfieldingfh.com).





## Events

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### Visitation

 **Friday**, February 6, 2015


 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

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2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



### Funeral Services


 **Friday**, February 6, 2015


 12:00 PM CT

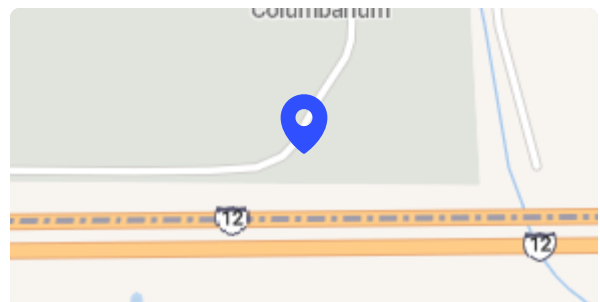
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### Cemetery Details

 **Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery**  
34888 Grantham College Dr., Slidell LA 70460

 **(985) 646-6458**





## Tribute Wall

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**Don Celestin Jr** posted:

Dad I think of you everyday and so much miss you and how much you taught me . I love you Dad .  
Your Son

August 1 at 2:32 PM



**Pen Clark** posted:

Don, my thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. Your father was a inspiration and fixture in Covington and will be greatly missed. It was nice to see you and your Family the other day. Remember the good times ! Your Friend, Pen

February 15 at 3:54 PM



**Deborah Havnen** posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your memories of Donald help you find peace in the days to come. He will be remembered fondly in our hearts as Uncle Donald always.Love,Jeremy, Debbie, Jeremy & Anna Havnen

February 5 at 3:38 PM



**John** posted:

Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember Uncle Don. May the love from family and friends comfort you during these difficult days.With love,John, Tanya, and Matthew Enos

February 5 at 2:26 PM



**Diane Kramer** posted:

Don, Jr, although its been many years, we still remember your friendship with Tony. May your dad rest in peace, and your family remember the good times. Al and Diane Kramer

February 5 at 4:11 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Celestin family.



February 5 at 12:40 AM



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**Edwin And Susan Jordan** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Celestin family.

February 4 at 9:10 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Celestin family.

February 4 at 10:13 AM



**Jessica Williams** posted:

Don, Toni, Stone, Canyon & Mrs. Betty, May you cherish all the wonderful memories throughout the years. I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you all during this difficult time.

February 4 at 7:42 AM



**Bobby Beck** posted:

My prayers are with you and your family. I'll never forget the time your dad ate the mud turtle at your crawfish boil many years ago. I know he will be missed. He lives in you". Bobby Beck

February 4 at 5:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Celestin family.

February 3 at 7:59 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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