



Richard Leighton Thompson

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Richard Leighton Thompson passed away on Monday, September 25, 2023, at the age of 46. He was the son of William Goodwin Thompson, Sr (deceased) and Kathleen Childress Thompson.

Leighton's brother, William Goodwin Thompson, Jr. preceded him in death. He is survived by his sons, Tatem Leighton Thompson (partner Montanna Darlene Westbrook) and Avery Richard Thompson, his grandson, Niall Tate Thompson, and nephews, Dustin Breaux, and Dalton Thompson.

Leighton grew up in New Orleans. He excelled in sports at an early age. When Leighton was 8 years old, he was one of 6 Louisiana boys invited to compete in a regional NCAA swim meet at Athens, Georgia. In high school, he also competed in basketball, football, soccer, and track. He attended several high schools, one being NOCA, where he studied art. While at NOCA, his artwork was selected by the local jeweler and metal sculptor, Thomas Mann, for an environmental research project. Leighton had several careers, but, his true niche was plumbing. He successfully owned a franchise with HOME360 as a master plumber. He raised his family in Springfield, close to the Tickfaw River. He loved being outdoors on the river fishing and being with family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home at 2260 West 21st Avenue, Covington, Louisiana, Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at noon. Visitation will be held from 11am until 12pm. Internment will take place at St. Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Road, St Benedict, Louisiana 70457. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in Leighton's name.

The Thompson family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, October 3, 2023

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



Funeral Mass


 **Tuesday**, October 3, 2023

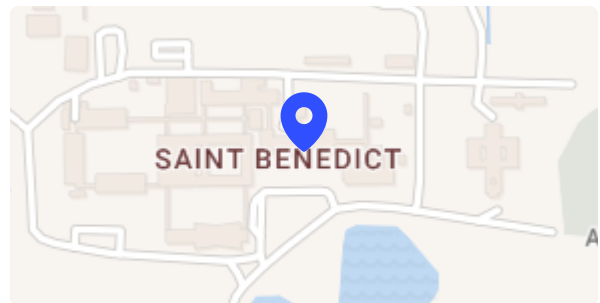
 12:00 PM CT

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Cemetery Details

 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA





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Montanna Westbrook posted:

Leighton was my father in-law. He could make a person laugh like no other. He would light up any room he'd walk into with his smile and could make any stranger a friend to him. He truly was so full of life, one of the kindest people, and all around one of my favorite people in the world. To know him was to love him in every way. We could talk for hours and it'd feel like seconds. I'm going to miss all the random phone calls, the hilarious stories & his laugh most. Whenever I think of chips & salsa, fast cars, rock music, my mind will always go to him... lolHe was such a proud dad to Tatem & Avery & loved them so much it was unbelievable. He was a great pawpaw to our son, Niall & I'll be sure to tell the story of his pawpaw Leighton for the rest of his life & how incredible he was. We miss you Leighton, so much. Too soon my friend but I know we will meet again & I can't wait to feel your hugs again because they were like no other. Love you lots, talk to you soon. ❤️

September 30 at 6:35 AM



Fran Fransen October 3 at 5:10 AM

Kathy, I am so sorry. I contacted a few of my old friends, his teachers from St. Jude. We are all saddened by this. We remember remember Leighton well in his 8th grade year with us. I can remember where he sat in my classroom for his English class with me. I also remember more recently our happy conversation at a party at the Lunsford's where he told me about his life and family. God bless you and your beautiful boy.



Sonya Kay White Jackson October 3 at 4:16 AM

You're so right



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thompson family.



September 28 at 11:46 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



September 28 at 11:46 AM



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Sonya Kay White Jackson posted:

Leighton was my first friend in the State of Louisiana. I moved here in 2018. Leighton loved shooting pool and he was at the marina when I walked in. I put my quarters on the table and was told there was a tournament going on. I said that's fine I wanna play the winner. Turns out Leighton was the winner. I beat him several times in a row once I put my glasses on. Needless to say he gave in and took me on a boat ride. He introduced me to a river that would bring me back always. He loved that River.

September 28 at 11:12 AM



Sonya J. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard.



September 28 at 11:09 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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