



## Brian Joseph Decuir Sr

February 3, 2024

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord (Lamentations 3:22-26).

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Not--"How did he die?" But--"How did he live?"

These are the units to measure the worth  
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Brian Joseph DeCuir, Sr. was born November 12, 1949 in New Orleans, LA to the late Louise and Herbert DeCuir, Sr. He entered heaven on February 3, 2024 at East Jefferson Hospital, Metairie, LA. He was also preceded in death by his siblings- Elinor DeCuir Bushnell and Herbert Anthony DeCuir, Jr. After suffering a massive stroke, surrounded by his loving and devoted family, Brian is finally at peace resting in the arms of Jesus, his Lord and Savior—he heard the call, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

And--"How did he play his God-given part?

Not--"What was his church?" Nor--"What was his creed?"

As an honors graduate of Joseph S. Clark in 1967, he then matriculated at Dillard University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics in 1971. He completed further study by attaining his Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration in 1982. His passion was teaching, and he was an outstanding educator committed to helping students achieve greatness in and out of the classroom. In addition, he worked in a wide array of positions, such as Jewelry Salesman, Business Manager, and educational entities, such as Principal, Assistant Principal, Math & Science Coach, Math Tutor and Math Professor. Ultimately, he dedicated over 50 years of service to the Orleans Parish School Board by sprinkling joy, compassion, and knowledge on the minds of countless students and colleagues.

He was a God-fearing man who exhibited Godly and Christ-like traits—love, kindness, fairness, selflessness, thoughtfulness and humility. He prayed and attended church regularly, specifically at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church. Also, he had weekly rosary prayer with close friends and church members.

Not--"What did he gain?" But--"What did he give?"

Not--"What was his station?" But--"Had he a heart?"

Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer,

To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?"

Brian touched the lives of many—his family, siblings, cousins, friends, co-workers, students, church family, members of civic organizations in Orleans Parish and surrounding communities. The impact he had on so many—both near and far—are immeasurable. He was a dynamic and outstanding educator who was deeply committed to developing the talents and gifts of each individual student and the many professionals he interacted with in pursuit of educational excellence.

Brian also had membership in several groups, including the church, professional organization and a bowling league.

But--"How many were sorry when he passed away?"

Brian is survived by his children- Brian DeCuir, Jr. (Jennifer) of Marietta, GA.; Jason DeCuir, Sr. (Lauren) of New Orleans, LA; Vernon Frilot, Jr. of New Orleans, LA; Dinah DeCuir and Dyanna DeCuir of New Orleans, LA; five very special grandchildren- Joshua Frilot, Sr. (Ophelia); Jason DeCuir, Jr.; Caleb Frilot; Londyn DeCuir and Marley DeCuir; two great grandchildren- Joshua Frilot Jr. and Olivia Frilot; Brothers- Eric DeCuir (Beverly) of Lithia Springs, GA.; Gregory DeCuir, Sr. (Phila Mae) of New Orleans, LA.; Sister-In-Law- Linda Poche DeCuir of Houston, TX and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Also, left to mourn his loss is godchild Tierney DeCuir Ivey (Wendell) and special friend Ms. Abbie Fazande.

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For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone (Lamentations 3:31-33).

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The Measure of a Man

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Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer,  
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?"

Not--"What was his church?" Nor--"What was his creed?"  
But--"Had he befriended those really in need?"  
Not--"What did the sketch in the newspaper say?"  
But--"How many were sorry when he passed away?"

~Anonymous

"The true measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort  
and convenience,  
but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic  
Church, 2022 St. Bernard Avenue on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 10:00  
am. Visitation will begin at 8:00 am. Interment: St. Louis Cemetery # 3.  
Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue.  
Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70119

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church  
2022 St. Bernard Ave.  
New Orleans, LA

## Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church  
2022 St. Bernard Ave  
New Orleans, LA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Brian J. DeCuir was my friend and “brother” for over 50 years. We worked together for many of those years starting in Upward Bound at our beloved Dillard University and later at St. Katharine Drexel Prep. I was his guest or he was mine at numerous social outings. We never had an awkward moment. We share the Scorpio zodiac. I will continue to pray for his loving family because family was his priority in life.  
Please look to your memories, as I certainly will , for comfort. Trust your Faith as he diligently did. Talk to him as if he’s in the room with you ; call his name. Though he’s graduated to becoming your Guardian Angel now; he’ll be in your hearts forever. He’ll be in mine also. A friend like Brian comes along rarely in a lifetime.  
Ms. Acquanetta Reiss

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**Acquanetta Reiss** - February 16, 2024 at 03:56 PM

KJ

“ Eternal rest granted unto his soul and may the perpetual light shine upon him.



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**Kevin Joseph** - February 16, 2024 at 01:44 PM

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“ JCFA Family purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Brian Joseph Decuir Sr.



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**JCFA Family** - February 15, 2024 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Mr. Decuir was a faithful employee and super fantastic to all the classes of Joseph S Clark bulldogs and will be truly missed.*



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**John Emilien** - February 13, 2024 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Gabrielle Daniel Senentz lit a candle in memory of Brian Decuir*



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**Gabrielle and Daniel Senentz** - February 12, 2024 at 02:00 PM