



## Duplain W. Rhodes III

September 23, 2021

Duplain W. Rhodes, III (fondly known as "Pete") transitioned to his eternal heavenly rest early morning on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at the age of 61. He was at peace in his final moments beside his loving wife, Sherry Landix Rhodes.

Pete, born on November 14, 1959, was the only son of the late Doris Millaud and Duplain W. Rhodes, Jr. He spent his formative years in the Chef Menteur and Lacombe family homes with his beloved older sisters, Sandra Rhodes Duncan, Duplynn Joan Rhodes, Stephanie Rhodes Navarre, Kathleen Rhodes Astorga, and the late Edith Gomes. Pete was extremely close to his family, his dear Mable, and childhood dog, Annabel. Pete made lifelong friends in the Rhodes Drive neighborhood with Dennis Walker, Jimmy Robert, Cyril Barthé, Ronald Woods, Don and John Scott, Eugene Bart, the late Corey Williams, Kenneth Walker, C.J. LaSassier, and Yancy Robert.

Pete attended Martinez Kindergarten, Valena C. Jones Elementary School, and was a proud graduate of Saint Augustine High School (class of 1977). He later attended Louisiana State University (LSU), Morehouse College of Atlanta, Georgia and obtained his degree in Mortuary Science from Worsham College in Wheeling, Illinois (class of 1991). Pete forged lasting friendships with "Morehouse men" - Joe Lewis, Chuck Releford, David Boyd, Michael Moultrie, Mark Moultrie, Richard Harleaux, and Ernest Cherrie - until the end.

Pete earned his Funeral Director and Embalmer's License from the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in 1992, after completing an apprenticeship under his oldest sister, Sandra.

At an early age, Pete worked in the Rhodes' family businesses and was a servant leader in the New Orleans community. His parents instilled the value of hard work and education. Pete traveled with his parents and siblings. He participated in a fact-finding trip to France for Louisiana Economic Development opportunities. Pete grew professionally as a funeral director, embalmer, and remarkable businessman. Pete accepted responsibilities at the New Orleans International Airport during the years of Airport Rhodes. He was the President of Duplain W. Rhodes Funeral Home, a director on all Rhodes corporation boards, and proudly served as funeral director to many grieving families. Pete was also the manager of Rhodes Limousine Service, Rhodes Care Center, and supervised upkeep of the 80-acre tree farm in Lacombe, LA. He was appointed to serve on the State of Louisiana Embalmers and Funeral Directors board where he served in multiple roles including Secretary, Treasurer, and most recently Vice President. In July 2021, he was extended for an additional four year term. He served on the Louisiana Judiciary Commission (1997-2001). As an investor with the Jazzville Group, Pete was instrumental in successfully bringing the only land-based casino to New Orleans. He was a member and integral in reinvigorating the Crescent City Funeral Directors. Pete was a member of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club and former member of Young Men Illinois Club. He was also active in the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association (NFD&MA) and National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA).

To balance his demanding life, Pete found peace among the bayous and large oaks of Lacombe. He enjoyed holidays with family there and loved traveling weekly to visit Lacombe with his son. Pete enjoyed exhilarating activities such

as flying airplanes, deep sea scuba diving, water skiing, and snow skiing. He would often travel to Belize with close friends and family to scuba dive and snorkel in the coastal waters. He also spent time swimming, tossing a frisbee, shooting pool, boating, and fishing. A proud moment for him was purchasing his first boat, a 1982 Mitchell, with his sister, Joan. Along with his family, Pete created and hosted the infamous Rhodes boat parties held in Lacombe. Pete appreciated fine vehicles, including his most prized Camaro Rally Sport, pop-up headlight RX7, and a laundry list of other fun models. After a long day at work, he could be found spending time with family and friends on “the veranda” or enjoying time with his friends from Michelli’s.

Pete was the loving husband of Sherry Landix Rhodes and to this cherished union of 24 years was born their son, Duplain W. Rhodes, IV, and daughter, Alexis Erique Rhodes. From his first marriage to Irene Leon Grant (William) was born his eldest daughter, Amanda Duplynn Rhodes Segovia (Oscar). Pete was a loving and devoted grandfather, affectionately called “Pop-Pop,” to Jacqueline Sofía Segovia and Matthieu Santiago Segovia. Pete loved his children and grandbabies very much. He was never more than a phone call away and often talked about their accomplishments with pride. He especially enjoyed vacationing with his family in Biloxi, Destin, Fort Walton beach, and skiing in Utah annually, as well as hurricane and birthday escapes to Memphis. Pete was a strong role model to his three godchildren, Ashea Duncan, Tiffany Barthé, and Jonathan Plustache.

Pete lived by some classic principles: “Keep it Simple,” “Facts over Tears,” “Get it Done,” “Let’s solve it over lunch,” “I’ve got this,” “I’m going to see a man about a dog,” “I’m going to the library,” “Make good choices,” “I’m not getting in the grass over this,” Kill them with Kindness,” “Sit in the Front Row.”

Pete was an adored uncle to many nieces and nephews: Lisa Ramseur Fuller,

Walter Manuel Gomes (Yvonne), Sabrina Brustie Duncan-Rose (Frank), Otis Barrington Duncan Jr., Orrin Rhodes Duncan (Lurline), Omar Laneth Duncan (Gina), Asheia Lanette Duncan, Jasminne Monique Navarre, Gregory Hammond (Antoinette), Yonus Millaud Astorga, Jason Henry Astorga (Candace), Willie Jaimon Navarre (Ashley), Vernon Leroy Aych, Jr., DeSantos Joseph Manning, Jr., Nicholas Malik Manning, Trinity Faith Manning, and the late Kellie Eriqne Brown. Also survived by great nieces and nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Viewing at Rhodes Pavilion, 3933 Washington Avenue, on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, with a tribute starting at 4:00 pm. Celebration of Life on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 11:00 am at Beacon Light International Baptist Cathedral, 1937 Mirabeau Ave, New Orleans, LA 70122. Bishop Darryl Sylvester Brister, Officiating. Viewing will begin at 9:00 am until 10:30 am. Interment in Lakelawn Cemetery. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the guestbook.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in the name of Duplain W. Rhodes III to the Rhodes Community Art Collaborative, 7411 Chef Menteur Hwy, New Orleans, LA 70126; Support St. Augustine High School, New Orleans, LA by visiting their website at [www.staugnola.org](http://www.staugnola.org) by making a gift today; Click give award now and in 'special instruction' write in remembrance of Duplain W. Rhodes III "Pete".

# Cemetery Details

## Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd  
New Orleans, LA 70124

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rhodes Funeral Home - Washington Avenue  
3933 Washington Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70125  
(504) 822-7162  
<https://www.rhodesfuneral.com>

## Visitation

OCT 7. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Beacon Light International Ministries  
1937 Mirabeau Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70122

## Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Beacon Light International Ministries  
1937 Mirabeau Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70122



# Tribute Wall

EA

“ Stephanie and family:

*"The memory of the death is place in the live of the living." Marcus T. Cicero*

*May the memory of your love one and God's love comfort you and heal your broken heart.*

*God's peace,*

*Eugenia*

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**Eugenia Foster Adams** - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My deepest sympathies to you and your family. Tracey Branch adored this family and loved working for this family.

*From The Davis and Branch Family.*

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**Shelita Davis** - October 07, 2021 at 12:25 PM

MA

“ My heart goes out to Sherry, Lexi, Duplain, and the rest of the family. Pete was a very nice man did not say much but was a good man. I can say he really lift my spirit at a time in my life when I thought it was over for me. Pete came in that room and told me don't worry I will take care of it for you. It is so much one can say about him but, what's understood needs no explanation. Hold on Sherry to Gods unchanging hands, earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. I love you all and i am here if you needs to talk. RIP god has chosen another rose for his garden:(

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**Michelle Anderson** - October 07, 2021 at 11:01 AM

HL

“ we will miss a great man and friend.  
Tom Landry & Carolyn



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Hubert Landry - October 07, 2021 at 10:29 AM

WG

“ Pete was a very good person he would give you the shirt off his back was an amazing boss.

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wanda coste godfrey - October 06, 2021 at 04:31 PM

RC

“ To the Rhodes family members Carole and I ,have lost a good friend so please accept our deepest sympathy and prayers. God Speed my friend.  
Ron and Carole Casey

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Ronald Casey - October 06, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



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October 06, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences goes out to the Rhodes family. I am so grateful to have known Pete, and shared a tiny bit of his amazing life. Rest in peace, dear friend.

*Jennifer Clavo*

Jennifer Clavo - October 06, 2021 at 10:47 AM

DS

“ The time we spent together sharing each other thoughts and ideas was priceless you signed my director's license and called me thank you mr Pete for the love shown to me Rest In Peace DENZEL STANLEY

denzel stanley - October 06, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



October 05, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



October 05, 2021 at 09:15 PM

MC

“ Sherry, you have my deepest condolences and sympathy. I will keep you and the family in my prayers.

*I love you cousin!*

*Miranda Landix Coleman*

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**Miranda L Coleman** - October 05, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



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October 05, 2021 at 03:58 PM

TC

“ To the Rhodes Family, I'm sorry to hear about your experience in family life with the transition of Duplain W "Pete" Rhodes III. Duplain III truly was a light that was dimmed to soon. I truly thank GOD for Duplain III and the family service to the community during their experience in family life. Rhodes Family please continue to kneel in prayer in JESUS' name so that you can forever STAND! I'm sorry I can't be with you during the home going celebration however I'll be lifting you in prayer in JESUS' name. Please remember that the memories of Duplain III will last a lifetime!



*Duplain W Rhodes III thanks for caring, sharing and being there for ALL of US!*

*Alice L Porter, Kenneth M Porter, Vanessa Porter-Thomas and Terry J Porter CFSP*

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**Terry J Porter CFSP** - October 05, 2021 at 02:46 PM

SM

“ Sean, Jerry & Monty purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



Sean, Jerry & Monty - October 05, 2021 at 02:02 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



October 05, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



October 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

LM

“ Love, Cleo, Rick, Vicki & Clee Miller purchased the Divine Light for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



Love, Cleo, Rick, Vicki & Clee Miller - October 04, 2021 at 12:15 PM

RG

“ Robert, Espe & Palmer of Berry & Gardner purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



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**Robert, Espe & Palmer of Berry & Gardner** - October 04, 2021  
at 10:08 AM

KJ

“ To the Rhodes family, Wife, Children, Sisters, Neices, Nephews and Rhodes Funeral Home family. Sorry for the loss of Pete, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest granted unto his soul and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May God welcome my brother into the Heavenly Kingdom. Amen



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**Kevin Joseph** - October 03, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



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October 03, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



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October 02, 2021 at 11:48 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



October 02, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to his family. You will be missed. 🙏🙏🙏

**Janice Spadoni Ancar** - October 02, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Mr. Rhodes welcomed our family into his home many times and for many years has shown us nothing but love, kindness, and hospitality as his extended family. The Segovia family will forever cherish and remember the wedding of Pete’s lovely, eldest daughter, Amanda Rhodes to our brother, Oscar Segovia, and the many family gatherings throughout the years where he extended his generosity and friendship to us all. Although he will be sorely missed by his family, his friends, and the community, the memory of his exceptional character will live on for generations to come.



**Lauren Segovia** - October 02, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Duplain W. Rhodes III.



October 02, 2021 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ *Jacqueline C Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Duplain W. Rhodes III*



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**Jacqueline C Mitchell** - October 01, 2021 at 11:52 PM

MT

“ *Rhodes Family & Staff: God is always there to comfort and give you strength in a way that only He can. God's Love, Comfort, Strength and Healing Powers are like the ocean, we can see its beginning, but not its end. People disappear, but they never really go away 🙏*

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**Mary DuCre, Fort Worth, TX** - October 01, 2021 at 08:13 PM