



George Anthony LaFonta Jr.

December 25, 2024

George Anthony LaFonta, Jr., a husband, father and retired brick mason, entered eternal rest on Dec. 25, 2024, aged 82, of natural causes.

Born in New Orleans on Aug. 13, 1942, LaFonta served in the U.S. Army, mostly in Japan, during which time he mastered plotting coordinates for the Little John artillery rocket system, which predated electronic or computerized navigation and controls.

He married Joanne Bagneris, a public school teacher, in 1968, and settled in Gentilly. Both devout followers of Christ, George and Joanne built a home and a family, teaching their three children the values of faith, grace, hope, and generous love – values the family continues to espouse and share.

George was preceded in death by his parents, George LaFonta, Sr. and Lola Mirabin LaFonta, and his daughter, Dana Marie LaFonta, with whom he is now reunited in eternal peace; and by his siblings Gerard LaFonta, Faye LaFonta, Gail LaFonta Gibson, and Lelani LaFonta Farinas.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joanne Bagneris LaFonta, and his sons, Juan Anthony LaFonta, Esq., and Miguel Carlos LaFonta; and by his siblings Carmelita LaFonta, Lola Marie LaFonta, Alden LaFonta, Lionel LaFonta, and Pedro LaFonta; sisters-in-law Dr. Gina Bagneris Byrd and Sharyn Gex LaFonta; brothers-in-law Lawrence G. “Larry” Bagneris, and Vernel Bagneris; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi-Epiphany Catholic Church, 2022 St. Bernard Ave. New Orleans, on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.,

with visitation from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and a Rosary at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Henry Davis and Fr. Quentin Moody will co-celebrate the Mass. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Duplain W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., New Orleans, LA 70125.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70122

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church
2022 St. bernard ave.
New Orleans, LA

Recitation of the Rosary

JAN 4. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church
2022 St. bernard ave.
New Orleans, LA

Funeral Mass

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi/Epiphany Catholic Church
2022 St. bernard ave.
New Orleans, LA

Tribute Wall

EE

“ *Fond bricklayer. We worked in New York together along with other greats, David Domingue, Christmas, Alvin Flint, Cracker. May he rest in peace as he join David and Alvin as they remember those bricklayer days*

Eddie Encalarde - January 08, 2025 at 05:23 PM

MP

“ *May God's comfort and peace surround you, and may you find strength in His promise of eternal love. Please know that you and the entire family are in my prayers.*

Marco A. Pérez - January 06, 2025 at 09:45 AM

DS

“ *Dr. Lyle Schween & LA Health Solutions purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of George Anthony LaFonta Jr..*



Dr. Lyle Schween & LA Health Solutions - January 03, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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“ *Nicole Murray (Nicki) and Sara Tucker purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Anthony LaFonta Jr..*



Nicole Murray (Nicki) and Sara Tucker - January 03, 2025 at 07:02 AM

CS

“ *What an honor to have you as a brother and now our guardian angel.
Even near the end life the protective brother worried about our well being.
I think that is the part we will missed the most.*

Love,

Iola and Carmelita

Csrmelita - December 31, 2024 at 04:04 PM

CS

“ *My beloved brother I can't say how my heavy heart feels but know I am glad you are no longer suffering. God took you home to join our parents, grandparents and siblings. I will carry fond memories in my heart of the years we shared together. I am especially glad of recent visits.*

Knowing you as always a great big brother you will be watching over us.

I love you.

Carmelita

Csrmelita - December 31, 2024 at 03:50 PM