



## John Anthony Bidol Jr.

June 6, 2024

John Anthony Bidol, Jr. peacefully completed his earthly journey on June 6, 2024 at the blessed age of 98 years old. He was the eldest of six children born to John Bidol Sr. and Laura Baham. John was born and raised in New Orleans, spending most of his years in the 6th, 7th and 9th wards, however he did enjoy spending time with family members “across the lake.” John was a proud U.S. Navy veteran, honorably serving his country during the WWII era.

The Lord blessed John with two blissful marriages. His first was to Ursula Brandon (deceased), who passed away early in their marriage, making him a widower at a young age. They embraced two beautiful daughters; Shermaine Bidol Moore and Cynthia Bidol Smothers (Albert). The Lord later introduced him to his second wife of 49 years; Clair Romain (deceased). Through that union, they welcomed “lil John” (Diana). Also through that union, he lovingly welcomed seven additional children; Clifford (Jenny), Dwight, Lisa (Mark), Tom (Norma), Juanita (Tyrone), Terence and Alfred “Pat” Foster. John was a prideful patriarch to his blended family.

Recognizing the importance of work early on, John began his career as a paper boy and errand runner as a way to subsidize his family’s humble beginnings. It was at the age of twenty when he began a full-time career as a medical logistician. He spent eighteen years honing his skills before he was promoted to supervisor. He would go on to complete over thirty years in this

leadership role, leaving a lasting impact on the companies (A.S. Aloe, Brunswick and Owens and Minor) and those he supervised. His supervisors and peers acknowledged him as a professional, efficient, customer-oriented, strong performer. One supervisor noted, "...you have been an extremely important link in the chain of our distribution system."

Once John decided to move away from his work in medical supply distribution, he turned his focus to being a direct supporter of St Peter Claver (SPC) School. Fr. Mike, long time pastor and friend, influenced John to become a part of the SPC school staff as both disciplinarian and librarian. In recognition of his contributions, Fr. Mike noted, "In the sharing of gifts and talents, you made Christ visible through your words and actions."

John was a dedicated member of St. Mary of the Angels and St. Peter Claver Church parishes. He was duly recognized with receipt of the "Order of St Louis" medallion, an esteemed, archdiocesan award given to laypersons for their outstanding, Christlike contributions to the Church. He served in a variety of capacities, particularly as the President of the Claver Federal Credit Union board of directors. Annual meetings were a community highlight.

Many family and friends have pre-deceased him, including two beloved sisters, Joyce Bidol Evans and Justlin Bidol. Along with his children, his legacy continues with endearing sisters Una Millet (Nolan Sr), Marguerite Johnson (Ellis) and Merlene Walker (Clinard). He also leaves twelve dear grand and nine great grandchildren, with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held Thursday, June 20, 2024 at St. Peter Claver Church located at 1923 St. Philip St., N.O., LA 70116. Viewing begins at 9:00am followed by the funeral mass at 10:00am. Burial will be conducted at St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 located at 3421 Esplanade Ave. Arrangements entrusted to

D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave., N.O., LA 70125. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Louis #3 Cemetery

3421 Esplanade Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70119

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
1923 St. Philip St.  
New Orleans, LA 70116

## Funeral Mass

JUN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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