



## Melvin Henry Francis Sr.

August 12, 2020

Melvin Henry Francis, Sr. affectionately known as “Moon”, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Catherine Philip Francis for 52 years and the father of Charmaine Francis Rowan, Melvin H. Francis, Jr. (Shanice) and the late Adrienne D. Francis, grandfather of Kenneth Rowan, Jr., Kendal A. Rowan, Melvin H. Francis III, Tailor Smith, Mia King, Melneshia King, Kendell Francis, Dorian Francis, Meka Francis and Myesha Francis. He was the son of the late Louvenia Williams Francis and Manuel Francis, Sr. He was also survived by two sister-in-law’s, Fannie Philip of California and Estoria Johnson Francis of Paincourtville, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was 84 years old and a lifelong resident of Jefferson Parish, but a native of New Orleans. Melvin was a graduate of Walter L. Cohen High School in 1953 before joining the United States Air Force. He worked as an Iron Worker of Local Union 58 for over 30 plus years. He was known to visit family and friends, especially his nephew the Reverend Norman Francis. Known by “Moon” and “Uncle Moon” to not only family, but the neighborhood family as well.

Special thanks to Compassus Hospice and Dr. Ellis and staff of West Jefferson Cancer Center.

Relatives and friends of the family, also members of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Marrero & Estelle Community Centers, Delgado, UPS Harvey and Fanatics New Orleans are invited to attend the Mass of Christians

Burial at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 455 Ames Blvd, Marrero, LA on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at 10:00 am. The celebration of Life will begin at 9:15 am. Visitation will be held from 8:00 am to 8:45 am followed by the Rosary. Reverend Sidney Speaks officiating. Interment: Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 1020 Virgil Street Gretna, LA 70053. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask those who are attending to wear a mask at all times while adhering to the social distancing restrictions. Livestream will be available on: website: [stjworker.church](http://stjworker.church) , facebook [@stjworkermarrero](https://www.facebook.com/stjworkermarrero), or youtube at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Marrero . Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to sign the online guestbook, share memories and condolences for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Prompt Succor Cemetery

146 4th St  
Marrero, LA 70072

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 22. 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (CT)

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church  
455 Ames Blvd  
Marrero, LA 70072

## Service

AUG 22. 9:15 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ . PERRY AND Marie Allen lit a candle in memory of Melvin Henry Francis Sr.



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“ Melvin Moon was so kind and was a very good friend of the Allen family he often visited our parowhen they wereivbg. He shared good times and bad times with family ways with smile often with a joke but his presence was very much appreciated. He will be missed Perry and Marie Allen

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“ I am so sorry my friend is gone home.this is Spencer his friend and fellow IronWorker .We used to ride together when he lived on Barrone St . His name for you his wife was Cat.We were very good friends, I am sorry for your loss.

Spencer J Coudray III - August 21, 2020 at 05:55 PM