



## Raymond Mercadel

November 3, 2021

Raymond T. Mercadel Sr. "PawPaw" passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 87 on November 3, 2021 at his residence with family by his side in his hometown New Orleans, LA; just a month shy of a year since the passing of his twin Ramona Brisco. Raymond was a retired United States Air Force veteran of 23 ½ years who served during the Vietnam War. After retirement, Raymond continued to serve 10 years at the Michoud NASA assembly facility as supervisor over the assembly of the exterior fuel tank for the space shuttles. After many crashes of the Phantom 4 jet used in Vietnam, he invented a strut used to stabilize the wings of the jet which resulted in less crashes. Raymond was preceded in death by his parents Marcel Mercadel and Zelia Jones Mercadel and step mother Florence Mercadel Magee; sons Steven, Eric, Ronald, Roland, daughter Trina, grandson Steven; as well as his siblings James, George, Harold, Anthony, Bernell, Leo, Sr., Louise, Desiria, Ramona, Louise, Huey, Armand, Gerald, Lester, Norman, and Doreen. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 66 years, Yvonne Robiho Mercadel; sons Raymond Jr., Merlin, and Arnold; grandchildren Shontel, Ryan, Arnold (AJ), Aaron, Ariane, Wendy, Ricky, Domonique, and great-grandchildren Corey, Shane, Carly, Trent, Aiden, Ava, Ashton, Cholie, Autumn, Aubree, April, Darrireal, Irving, Ricky Jr., London, Domonic, Domonae, and Loyalty; as well as his siblings Florence, Ronald, Henry, Allen, Gloria, and Charmaine; 3 God-children Melvin Robiho, Jr., Albert Brisco, Jr. and Connie Mercadel. Raymond will be remembered most for his cooking

calas, gardening, decorating his house for each holiday and celebrating holidays with his family (passing out \$5 bills for birthdays and Christmas). Relatives and friends of the family also are invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial at Corpus Christi/Epiphany Church, 2022 St. Bernard Ave. New Orleans, La 70116 on Friday November 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Due to Covid-19, Please follow social distancing guidelines and a mask is required to attend services. Interment: Mt. Olivet Mausoleum 4000 Norman Mayer Ave. New Orleans, La. 70122. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue. Please visit [www.rhodesfuneral.com](http://www.rhodesfuneral.com) to the guestbook.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Norman Mayer Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70122

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
2022 St. Bernard Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70117

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Monika Mercadel lit a candle in memory of Raymond Mercadel*



Monika Mercadel - November 12, 2021 at 05:24 PM

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“ *2 files added to the album Memories*



Monika Mercadel - November 12, 2021 at 05:23 PM

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“ *Tracey Mercadel lit a candle in memory of Raymond Mercadel*



Tracey Mercadel - November 12, 2021 at 09:04 AM

JE

“ *John Emilien lit a candle in memory of Raymond Mercadel*



John Emilien - November 12, 2021 at 05:30 AM

JE

“ I remember Mr. Raymond in that 7th ward being a great neighbor to all. Most remembered on St. Anthony St. May you continue to rest in peace and God continue to bless all those who knew and loved him!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

John Emilien - November 12, 2021 at 05:29 AM

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“ Monika Mercadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Mercadel



Monika Mercadel - November 12, 2021 at 04:49 AM

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“ Aunt Yvonne, Merlin, Buggy, and Arnold, my heart goes out to you on the passing of your Husband and Father. I remember many years as a child visiting and him dancing around the living room, Uncle Raymond style. He loved his music, or so it seemed. He will always be in my heart. I know these past few years have not been good to you but know they are all in peace. I'm just happy Uncle Raymond doesn't have to suffer anymore. He is back with his sister and favorite brother, my Father, Tony. Just know they are all having a big party in Heaven, dancing and singing.



Monika Mercadel - November 12, 2021 at 04:23 AM