



## Harold P. Rabalais

April 5, 1931 - October 12, 2022

Harold P. Rabalais was born to Joseph Henry Rabalais and Blanche Marie Guilbeau on April 5, 1931 in Odenburg, Avoyelles Parish, LA. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne B. Rabalais, whom he married in 1953, and their children; Michael W. Rabalais, Martin J. Rabalais, and Suzanne M. Holliday, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by their daughter, Cherie Anne Rabalais.

Harold received B.S. in Business from Louisiana State University and served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He owned Gulf Machinery Company, a construction equipment business in Houston for 15 years. He was founding member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and served as a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus Memorial Council 6527. Harold was connoisseur of fine wine and a talented French Creole chef. His hobbies included fly fishing, hunting, flying, and he was a voracious reader.

The Rabalais family will be present to receive friends Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Mr. Rabalais will be laid to rest at Memorial Oaks Cemetery following the Holy Mass and reception at church. Visit [www.DettlingFuneral.com](http://www.DettlingFuneral.com) to leave words of condolence for the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Rosary

OCT **19**. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Funeral Mass

OCT 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Reception

OCT 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Graveside Service

OCT 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Oaks Cemetery  
13001 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77079

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dettling Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold P. Rabalais* ”



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - October 18, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ *Harold P. Rabalais* ”

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October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Harold P. Rabalais* ”

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October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Harold P. Rabalais* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Harold P. Rabalais* ”

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October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ 154 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Detting Funeral Home** - October 18, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear that Mr Harold has passed away. He was such a lovely man. He is the essence of a Southern gentleman in my mind. I did not know him well, but I know he loved his family and they loved him. What a tribute to a life well lived. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with Ms Yvonne and the rest of his family.*

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**Frannie Gary** - October 16, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ *The Lill, Baird, & Work Families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Harold P. Rabalais.*



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**The Lill, Baird, & Work Families** - October 16, 2022 at 04:53 PM