



## Reverend Richard Dale Broussard

June 15, 1939 - January 27, 2022

Abbeville -

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday February 5, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Erath, Louisiana for the Reverend Richard Dale Broussard, 82, who passed away on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

The Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass, and Deacon Gerald Bourg will serve as homilist.

Father Broussard served as a Roman Catholic priest for 21 years in the Diocese of Lafayette. He attended Seminary at Sacred Heart in Hales Corner, Wisconsin. He was Ordained on July 15, 2000, at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette. His was first assigned to St. Genevieve in Lafayette on July 24, 2000. On May 31, 2002, he was transferred to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Iberia. On June 10, 2003 he received his first assignment as Pastor, at St. Peter in Pine Prairie, Louisiana. He continued in ministry after submitting for retirement in 2014, serving at St. John the Baptist in Lyons Point. On September 30, 2017, he was assigned temporary administration at St. Helena, Louisiana. On November 20, 2020, he officially retired.

Father Broussard served as the state Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, December 12, 2003. He also served on the Priest welfare committee from January 1, 2006 through January 1, 2014.

Father Broussard was born in 1939 in Abbeville, and he attended Mt. Carmel Elementary School. He was a Graduate of Abbeville High School class of 1958. He attended seminary after high school, but discerned out of a religious vocation. He was a professional photographer for a time, then went to work in the oilfield. He began engaging in religious pilgrimages with his mother, and upon her death, he discerned to return to the seminary. He made many trips to the most popular Catholic Shrines including, Lourdes, and Fatima, saying Mass at both sacred sites. In his spare time he was an avid sportsman who enjoyed both hunting and fishing. He was also an accomplished fly fisherman who tied his own flies, as well as a black powder rifleman. He enjoyed being a ham radio operator, and he erected antenna towers in at least one of his church parishes. Father Broussard was an active member of the Knights of Columbus; as well as active in the Cursillo movement. He touched many lives and he will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Father Broussard is survived by his brothers, Marion Broussard and his wife Patricia of Montgomery, Texas, and Keith Broussard and his wife Tiona of Abbeville, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his father Laodis Broussard and his mother Monique Broussard; as well as his brother, Shelley Paul Broussard.

Pall Bearers will be Aubrey Curry, Wilson Judice, Todd Hebert, Clint Judice, Chad Judice, Chuck Autin, and Deacon Ricky Picard.

Interment will be held at St. Paul Cemetery in Abbeville, Louisiana.

A reception will held in "Pope John Paul II Church Parish Hall" next door to the Church, beginning after the end of the first Mass and continuing until 5:00 PM.

Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 West Lafayette St., Maurice, LA. 70555, (337) 740-3123, is in charge of Funeral arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St Paul Cemetery

515 Jacquelyn Street  
Abbeville, LA 70510

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
700 S Broadway St  
Erath, LA 70533

## Rosary Led by his Cursillo Brothers

FEB 5. 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
700 S Broadway St  
Erath, LA 70533

## Requiem Mass

FEB 5. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery  
700 S Broadway St  
Erath, LA 70533

## Interment

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FEB 5. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St Paul Cemetery  
515 Jacquelyn Street  
Abbeville, LA 70510

## Reception

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FEB 5. 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pope John Paul II Church Parish Hall  
700 S. Broadway St.  
Erath, LA 70533

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Father Broussard came to St Peter in Pine Prairie in 2003. He was in need of a DRE so in 2004 I volunteered. He married all three of my boys, baptized five of my seven grandchildren and blessed my parent's 50th wedding anniversary in 2012. Then in Dec of 2012 served at Mass in Ville Platte for my mom's funeral. He just showed up. I saw him when we arrived at church.*

*After my middle son got married his new wife, Brittany, became secretary at St. Peter. When their first child was born he decided that she would call him Nonc Bruce. He loved all three of Brittany's girls and when he was visiting in P.P. he would often call to see if I had them and come by to see them.*

*I am so glad that Brittany and I got to visit with him before he passed away. He will definitely be missed.*

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**Marla Bordelon** - February 04, 2022 at 08:14 PM

PS

“ *When Fr. Richard came to St. Genevieve Church, we became good fishing buddies. Had great fishing trips to Joseph's Harbor and felt the presence of Jesus's apostles, "fishers of men". Being from Abbeville and working in the oil field, everyone had nick names. Fr. Richard also worked as an electrician and was well known as "Seaco Brouss." Having answered the Lord's higher calling to the priesthood, may Jesus welcome Fr. Richard home with these words, "well done good and faithful servant".*

*Peter Scalisi*

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**PETER D. SCALISI** - February 03, 2022 at 04:43 PM

FC

“ *The picture captures him well. His eyes often expressed everything. In this one he seems to be up to something like a friendly chat or to try to make sense of things. He had another look which meant we needed to go to my office. Many hours were spent in support, care, and challenge. I truly appreciated the encouragement he offered. He was always up front if he had to say something. I appreciated such honesty. I will remember him in my masses and prayers. I will also remember those he has left to mourn. I truly would have been at the funeral. Yet, duty calls. May he pray for us. May we pray for him.*

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**father gregory cormier** - February 02, 2022 at 09:54 AM

JF

“ *Fr Broussard was one of the most down-to-earth priest I have ever known. I don't know of many priests whose resume' lists working offshore as a previous place of employment. Whether talking about God, football, or motorcycles, he was always a pleasure to speak with. My family and I will miss our priest and friend.*

*Jude and Keri Foster  
St. Peter's Catholic Church  
Pine Prairie, La*

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**Jude Foster** - February 02, 2022 at 08:31 AM

GR

“ *Our sincere sympathy to this family. Always enjoyed Father's homilies and visiting with him. He was one of a kind. Fondest regards. Gerri & Stephen Riley,  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Iberia, LA*

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**Gerri R. Riley** - January 31, 2022 at 04:05 PM

BS

“ *The AHS class of 1958 sends our thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends who knew and loved Fr Richard. We surely will miss his blessings when he attended our Luncheons every month that he could. May you rest in peace Richard. We will miss you. Betty Sellers and all your classmates.*

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**Betty Sellers** - January 28, 2022 at 10:08 PM

MK

“ *Father was a wonderful person. We enjoyed his services in Louisa and Cyremont Point. He will sure be missed.*

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**Michelle and Tommy Kleinpeter** - January 28, 2022 at 05:33 PM