



Richard Lyle "Pop" Denison Sr.

July 18, 1951 - May 21, 2025

New Iberia -

Richard Lyle "Pop" Denison Sr. was born in New Iberia, La. in 1951, graduated from Catholic High School in 1969, and attended USL for Computer Science. He left school early to successfully earn back the love of his life, Cheryl Denison, who he was married to for 51 wonderful years.

After building his life in New Iberia, he moved to Florida with his family for 3 years for work during the oil bust of the 80's. There he raised his family spending free time relaxing on the beach, learning to sail, building his own sail boat, fishing, collecting sand dollars on Marco Island, camping in the Everglades, and overall enjoying life. After being propositioned for relocation to a Northern state for work, the decision was made to return to New Iberia where he began to work with his older brother, Roland Jr. and niece, Christine. There he would remain working, and enjoying the relationships he made with his great customers, until his retirement.

After returning home to New Iberia, he became a private pilot in spite of his fear of heights. In doing so, he became infatuated with aerial photography, often gifting friends and family with pictures of their homes and businesses. Every now and then he would make a little money, but it was mostly about being up in the air and taking photographs. This is around the time where he

became vocal in local politics, running for office twice, and was later appointed as a Member of the Acadiana Regional Airport Commission on a mission to protect pilot and public safety in fierce opposition of private business and local political agendas.

He eventually decided to simplify life, and built a fine camp along the banks of Alligator Bayou with his own two hands, in a community of kind and eclectic individuals along the Oaks Canal against Vermilion Bay. During this time, he transitioned into the role of grandfather, taking on the name of "Pop" and it was a role that he excelled at. This phase of life would become his family's favorite, where his kindness and Joie de Vivre (Joy of Life) really shined for all that knew him to see.

Pop left us on May 21, 2025 in the care of his loving wife, Cheryl, who remained at his side throughout his transition. Richard Lyle "Pop" Denison Sr. is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Cheryl Ronsonet Denison; by his oldest son, Richard Lyle Denison Jr. and wife Madeleine, his youngest son, Jacob Ryan Denison and wife Whitney; grandchildren Landen Dausat, Olivia Dausat, and Claire Denison; his siblings Roland "Pompsie" (Margaret "Dinkie"), Greg (Lisa), and Charlie (Carolyn); and Mother-in-Law Barbara Moss Ronsonet.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roland Denison Sr. and Margaret Smith Denison; brother Martin Denison and his wife Grace; Father in law Charles Ronsonet, Brother-in-Laws Johnny Norris & Charles Ronsonet Jr.; and Sister-in-Law Phyllis Ronsonet Breaux.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at St. Peters Catholic Church in New Iberia with visitation beginning at 9:00 am. A rosary will be recited at 10:00 am and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am. A celebration of life will follow at the family's home in New Iberia.

His family would like to thank the great doctors and nurses he met along the way, as well as Hospice of Acadiana for making his last few days comfortable.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
108 E St Peter St.
New Iberia, LA 70560
<https://www.stpetersofnewiberia.com/>

Rosary

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Tribute Wall

KF

“ Kim, Jade, Jamie, Zack and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Lyle "Pop" Denison Sr..



Kim, Jade, Jamie, Zack and family - June 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

KF

“ Kim, Jade, Jamie, Zack and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Lyle "Pop" Denison Sr..

Kim, Jade, Jamie, Zack and family - June 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

BL

“ Cheryl and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss of your dear Richard. I always loved looking up at the sky and seeing Richard in his plane flying over our neighborhood. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Belinda Lucas

Belinda Lucas - June 18, 2025 at 08:03 AM

AR

“ Cheryl n family, my deepest condolences for yall 🙏🕊️ May the Good Lord give you peace at this time. Puts a smile on my face remembering his flights around town. RIP Richard❤️

Arlene Ransonnet - June 17, 2025 at 06:35 AM

KC

“ Cheryl and Family, My deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family, Msy All.the Wonderful Memories always comfort Everyone, Remembering Everyone in my thoughts and prayers

Kitty Courts - June 16, 2025 at 10:06 PM

MM

“ Cheryl, so very sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and family. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Marilyn Coleman McDonald - June 16, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DD

“ So sad to hear Richard's passing, what a great guy and friend. Fond memories with him in Grand Chenier....he will be missed!! Prayers and hugs for the family....

David Delahoussaye - June 16, 2025 at 02:14 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of Richard. I was a customer of those Denison boys and I sure grew to love them. They always came in to brighten my day. Their stories were the BEST. Praying for you all during this very difficult time. Tracie (Henry) Deaton

Tracie Deaton (Henry) - June 08, 2025 at 08:27 AM

LL

“ Cheryl I am so sotry to hear about Richard's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Lori Rodrigue LeBlanc - May 27, 2025 at 09:11 AM

DD

“ Keith and I were sorry to hear of Richard’s passing. Condolences to you and your family.

Donna Delahoussaye - May 25, 2025 at 11:16 AM

MM

“ Jacob,

Cecile and I offer our thoughts and prayers on the passing of your Dad. May he Rest in Peace !

Marc Mouton - May 24, 2025 at 07:48 AM

WE

“ Richard was one of the best people to ever sit on the airport board, he was there for all the right reasons. Rest in Peace Richard.

Wendy Carr Eldridge - May 24, 2025 at 05:52 AM

TF

“ Ms Cheryl, Richard, Jacob and your entire family, my condolences thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Thomas Falgout - May 23, 2025 at 07:47 PM

RB

“ Don’t know how he flew planes, when we built Jim and Sally camp, he wouldn’t get on a step ladder, couldn’t believe that. Great freind and great person! RIP MY FREIND!

Ronnie Boutte - May 23, 2025 at 01:24 PM