

A QUIET AURA



Earl Schneider

Goodness has a way of making its presence known in quiet ways.

Each one of us can recall the influence of someone we've know, (or may still know) who has deeply touched us - someone to whom we've resonated, whose power has added to our own reservoir of strength. Perhaps Earl Schneider was that kind of person.

To our limited human vision, that person is no longer seen, yet, we know within the most profound core of our beings that he/she is still very much alive within us. Neither Time nor the Calendar has the power to erase their meaning from us. Some might call this a "memory," others might call it "that person's spirit."

It makes no difference what name we give to it. It's there. Again, perhaps Earl Schneider is that person.

The poet S.S. Lewis asked that the following short verse be read at his funeral. I think it would apply very well to those of us now who wish to say our final goodbyes to Earl: "Grieve for me - but only for a day. Always remember that the Spirit never goes away."

When hearing the word "strength" most people think of "physical" strength. In fact, the dictionary defines it as just that way. But, there are other kinds of "strength:" we hear the term "moral" strength, or "inner" strength, or ".the strength of character" Well, I'm here to tell you that Earl Schneider had "all of the above"

We can't see "strength" - only its effects - but I don't think that anyone would deny that it exists. Strength's power and presence isn't limited by any kind of perimeter or fence we might place around it.

And so it was with Earl. Those who knew him would tell you that this wonderful man had a quiet aura around him that was contagious.

Not once did I ever hear him say that he was the fastest Tiger in the school's long history who ever ran the 100 yard dash. Nor did I ever hear him speak of the many honors he won when he played as star player on the gridiron in Holy Cross' heralded history. He wasn't that kind of person.

I think Earl knew that there are more important things in life than holding a school's track record or being a great football player. I believe he understood that his legacy - his REAL legacy - was elsewhere: being remembered as a man of quiet kindness. This would last longer than any athletic achievement.

It's hard for me to say good bye to a friend like Earl. But it's comforting to know that I am a better person because I knew him. I think that many feel the same way.

"Good night Sweet Prince. May a thousand choirs of angels softly sing thee to thy rest"
- Shakespeare

Dom Gulotta

Earl Henry Schneider, Jr.

Was born in New Orleans on August 5, 1936 to Earl Henry Schneider, Sr. and Camille Faust. Earl grew up in the ninth ward where he attended Saint Cecilia until 1951. Later that year, he and his family would make a decision that would frame the rest of his life.

Earl's decision was to continue his education at Holy Cross High School. From 1951 to 1955, his high school years, Earl became somewhat of a local high school legend. During this time, he compiled numerous awards and athletic records. Many of those records would last for years. He was a 4-year letterman in Track, a 2-year letterman in Football and served as captain for both squads his senior year. In 1955, Earl ran a 9.8 100-yard dash. That was the fastest time recorded by a high school athlete, but it was football where the young speedster shined.

As a senior tailback for the Holy Cross Tigers, Earl compiled the first 1000-yard season ever by a high school athlete in the state of Louisiana and was responsible for scoring over 120 points his senior year. During that magical season there was a 5-game stretch where the first time he touched the football he scored. He was named to the All-Prep, All-State, and All-Southern teams, was a Catholic All-American and was the recipient of the Sugar Bowl Athlete Award.

After graduating from Holy Cross, Earl accepted a track scholarship to Southeastern Louisiana. He suffered a severe leg injury his freshman year and was never the same.

After graduating from SLU with a Degree in Physical Education he returned to Holy Cross in 1961, where he began his career as an educator and role model to countless young men. For 22 years, Earl was the Tiger's Head track Coach. During this time Coach Schneider spent his days teaching mathematics and PE.

Before and after school Coach Schneider took a walk on the wild side. He taught Drivers Education to very young Holy Cross and Holy Angles students. Earl retired from teaching and coaching in 1987. He remained at Holy Cross until 2016 as Director of Maintenance.

On March 12, 2016 Earl Henry Schneider Jr., a member of the 1st class, was inducted into Holy Cross's Athletic Hall of Fame. In total, Coach Earl Schneider spent 59 years at Holy Cross. A true Holy Cross Man. Earl called Chalmette, LA home. He moved there in 1966 and never left. Throughout his life Earl had many hobbies and excelled at most of them, but the one he loved the most was designing and building furniture. He truly enjoyed fishing, painting, and driving his Corvette to the Gulf Coast. Later in life you could find him at the casinos on the weekends, with Del, playing the slots and eating crab legs at the buffets.

Earl had 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, and if Pawpaw was coming to visit, rest assure his grandchildren knew fresh donuts were on the menu for the day. He loved watching his grandchildren participate in their individual activities. Baseball games, football games, dance competitions, music recitals and concerts Pawpaw was there to cheer them on. Earl Henry Schneider, Jr. passed away on July 24, 2020.

Dinner at Rocky's

A poll of the class was taken with the results being almost unanimous to cancel the 49 year Part 2 Unofficial Reunion due to the plague.

However, several classmates plan on patronizing Rocky and Carlo's on the night of October 10 at 5:00 pm. John and Rhonda Glorioso, Randy and Debbie Caire, Kenny and Melissa Duke, Glenn deGruy, Lou Reuther and Harry Schmidt say that they are planning on going.

It will not be the traditional buffet; you'll have to order your dinner as though you were a regular customer. Tommy will have the Sicilian Room set up in a different configuration for us.



Backyard Bear *Photo by Gary Ritzmann*



Chalkboard



Christine, Bill, and Calvin

Gary Vinturella's son-in-law, Vincent Falcone, is Orange County's (California) newest judge.

Bill and Christine Pedeaux welcomed the newest arrival to their family – Calvin, their fourth grandchild.

Anniversaries:

Phil and Renee Siccone, 45 years

Bobby and Suzie Wahl, 47 years

Larry Folse and Peggy Jones, 4 years

50 Year Reunion Plans Finalized

The Holy Cross Class of 1971's Official 50 year Reunion will be held on Friday, 21 May 2021 and Saturday, 22 May 2021.



The basic event information is as follows:

Friday, 21 May 2021

The Graduates will meet at Holy Cross and the cost should be \$25.00 per person.

Optional Shirts available from Faux Pas.

Shirts will be available in navy blue or white and the estimated cost will be \$35.00 per shirt. There will be a site set up to order online in January 2021. . . <https://www.fauxpasprints.com/>

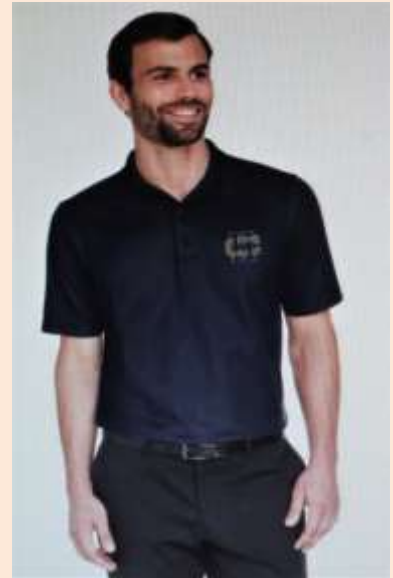
Optional Hotel Rooms

There is a block of hotel rooms reserved at Copeland Towers. If anyone chooses to reserve a room or suite the block is available under Holy Cross School 50th Reunion. Suites are \$129.00 plus tax and rooms are \$95.00 plus tax. Phone number is (504) 888-9500.

The Spouses and Friends have the option of meeting at Rock'N'Bowl and the cost should be \$32 per person which will include draft beer, wine, fountain drinks and food. Time will be 7:00 PM until 9:30 PM. Dress is casual. All spouses or girlfriends are also welcome to bring friends if they choose. Checks will need to be payable to Shirley Tessitore. Deadline for payment will be Friday, 14 May 2021.

Saturday 22 May 2021

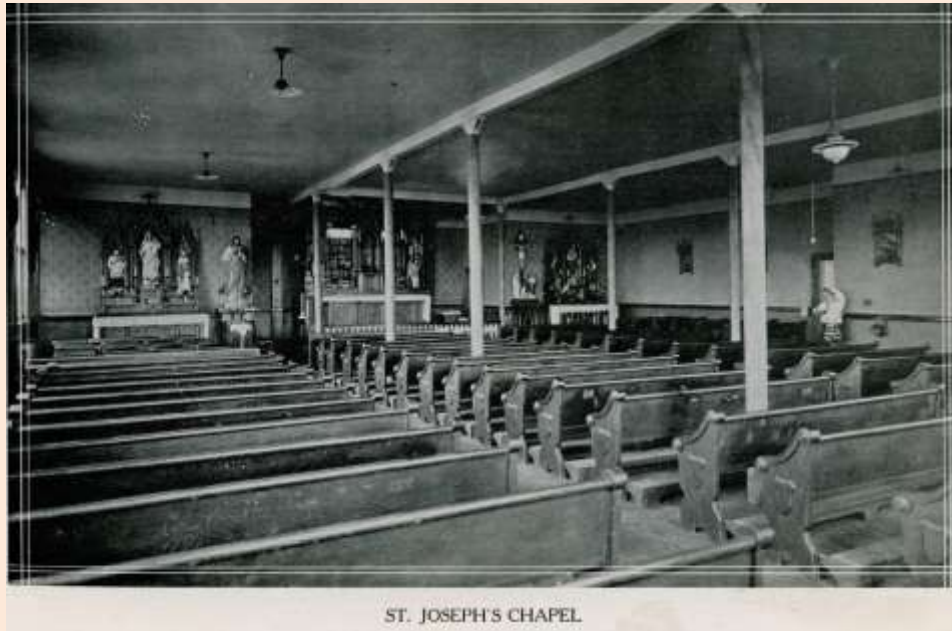
The Official 50 year Reunion Party will be held at the Chateau Golf and Country Club and the cost should be \$77.00 per person and is inclusive open bar premium liquor and food. It will be a three-hour reception 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. . . <https://www.chateaugcc.com/>



Shirts will have "Class of '71" on the sleeve

St Joseph Chapel

This photo from 1922 shows what the 3rd floor, west side, of the Lower School building looked like. While we remember it as a large, sub-dividable English classroom, for decades it was the school chapel, St. Joseph Chapel.



The Chapel was about 10 years old in 1922 as the addition of east and west wings to the main building were completed in 1912.



Kim, Donald, and Trace

Don Duplantier just wrapped up his year of being the St. Bernard Kiwanis President, Kim received the Zeller Award and daughter Trace acted as Don's secretary this year.

September Snow

Bert Brocato says that the 4 inches of snow he received at home in Colorado on September 8 was the earliest measurable snow.



All Aboard!

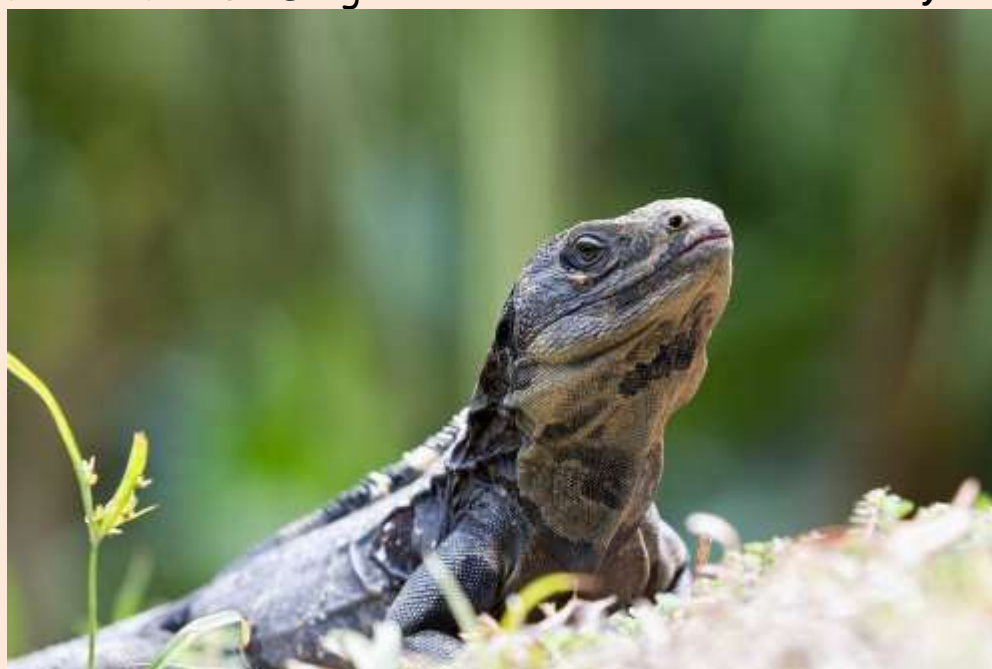
October 22, 1922: the Holy Cross College Heinemann Bus heads to Heinemann Park to take on St. Aloysius in H.C.C.'s first football "Prep League" game in school history. H.C.C. defeated Aloysius 13-0.

In modern high school football terms, this game was the first "District" game in school history. Heinemann Park, aka Pelican Stadium, was located at the southeast corner of Tulane Avenue and South Carrollton Avenue.



Note what it says on the side of the bus: The Arabi Packing Co./St. Bernard Parish Limo

Here There Be Dragons *Photo by Mike Pearson*



Building Named in Honor of Coach Schneider

July 27: Last week, in a private ceremony with family, former colleagues, students, alumni and administrators, a proclamation was presented to Mr. Earl Schneider '55 of the dedication of the new maintenance building in his name—the Earl Schneider Maintenance Building. He had a 53-year career with Holy Cross, as a coach, teacher, and director of HC's physical plant.



Known as a football and track standout at Holy Cross School from 1951-1955, Earl was selected for All-Prep, All-State, All-Southern, and Catholic All-American teams, as well as the Sugar Bowl. He returned to Holy Cross in 1961 as a coach for football and track and a math teacher and served in those capacities until retiring from the classroom in 1987. He then became director of the physical plant, a role he continued for more than 50 years.

For his athletic accomplishments and for his unmatched 53 years of service to the Holy Cross family, Earl Schneider, Sr. has earned a spot in the Great American Rivalry Series Hall of Fame. He will forever be remembered on campus as a true Holy Cross Man.

Chalmette's Torres Park Fireworks

Photo by Wayne Crumhorn



Robert Joseph Delaney, Jr.

Passed away this morning, September 12, 2020 at Heritage Manor in Slidell. He was the husband of Carmel Gorgone Delaney, father of Robert Joseph Delaney III, Dianna Lynn Delaney Hall, Michael Victor Delaney, Sr. He is the grandfather of Robert Joseph Delaney IV, Dominique Ann Delaney, Alexis Gabriell Delaney, Virginia Ortte Hall Ellison, Delaney Marie Hall Bilton, William Bateman Hall, Mannah Wheaton Hall, Dylan

Blake Delaney, Zander Ryan Delaney & Logan Christopher Delaney. He was the great-grandfather of Iris St. Clair Bilton, Joseph Harry Bilton II, Evelyn Carmel Ellison and Lessie Dianna Ellison. He was the brother of Daniel Errol Delaney, Jack Michael Delaney, Dennis Patrick Delaney & Kathleen Mary Delaney Bondio. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert Joseph Delaney Sr. and Gloria Catherine Carbo Delaney and his brother William Charles Delaney.

Robert (Bobby) was born August 18, 1943 in New Orleans, LA. He graduated from Redemptorist High school in 1962 where he was an All State football player for the Rams. Although a highly recruited college prospect Bobby ultimately decided to hang up his cleats after his senior season with the Rams.

If you knew Bobby then you know he always had an affection for social gatherings. So it was no surprise to see him regularly parading in the Irish Channel St. Patrick's Day Parade. Out of his passion for people as well as his Irish heritage he founded the St. Patrick's Parade in his home city of

Slidell, LA in 1977. And in 2013 he was given the honor of being Grand Marshall of that very parade.



Bobby Delaney

One of Bobby's treasured accomplishments was when he had the opportunity to work on the Saturn V Program for The Boeing Company. He would go on to own and operate several restaurants in Slidell and Mandeville including the White Kitchen and the Live Lobster. After retiring from the restaurant industry Bobby decided to open up A-1 Home Remodeling and would eventually become the president of the St. Tammany Home Builders Association. He successfully led A-1 up until his official retirement in 2010.

Bobby was a fighter. And he fought the good fight. Twenty years ago his cardiologist told him he would be lucky get three more months out of life. But Bobby was Irish and lucky he was. He got a new doctor and continued enjoying life. He had a fierce passion for living. He lived hard and he loved hard. When anyone was in trouble he would always come to their aid. He taught us how to be tough, he taught us how to love, and he taught us how to live. He will be missed by all.

1943 Football Team . . . *From the collection of Al Perry*



TIGERS' VARSITY SQUAD—First row, left to right: Assistant Coach Larry Fox, Tom Macy, Ray Arthur, John McManis, John O'Hara, Charles Esterson, Arthur Scrimm, Head Coach Leo Hammond. Second row: Assistant Manager Tom Landry, Ray Wagner, William Collins, Jack VanDerVort, Dudley Sadler, Head Manager Ned Armstrong. Third row: Bernard McChesney, Joseph O'Meara, Timothy O'Connor, John Johnson, Hugh Gilmore, Edward Michel. Fourth row: Donald Malachuk, Earl Dale, James Myers, John Buckler, Carlos Long, Captain Bernis Wilbury. Fifth row: Erney Mackado, Garlan Schmitt, Ray Simpson, Octave Tomcatton, Alvin Binkley, Frank Feltz. Tiroletti (unreadable) and (unreadable).

Robert Louis Folse Sr.

67 of Caryville, FL, passed away on Friday August 28, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving wife of 49 years. Robert was born in New Orleans to Herman and Florence Folse. He graduated from Chalmette High School in 1971. He worked as a clerk/carrier for the Chalmette Post Office.

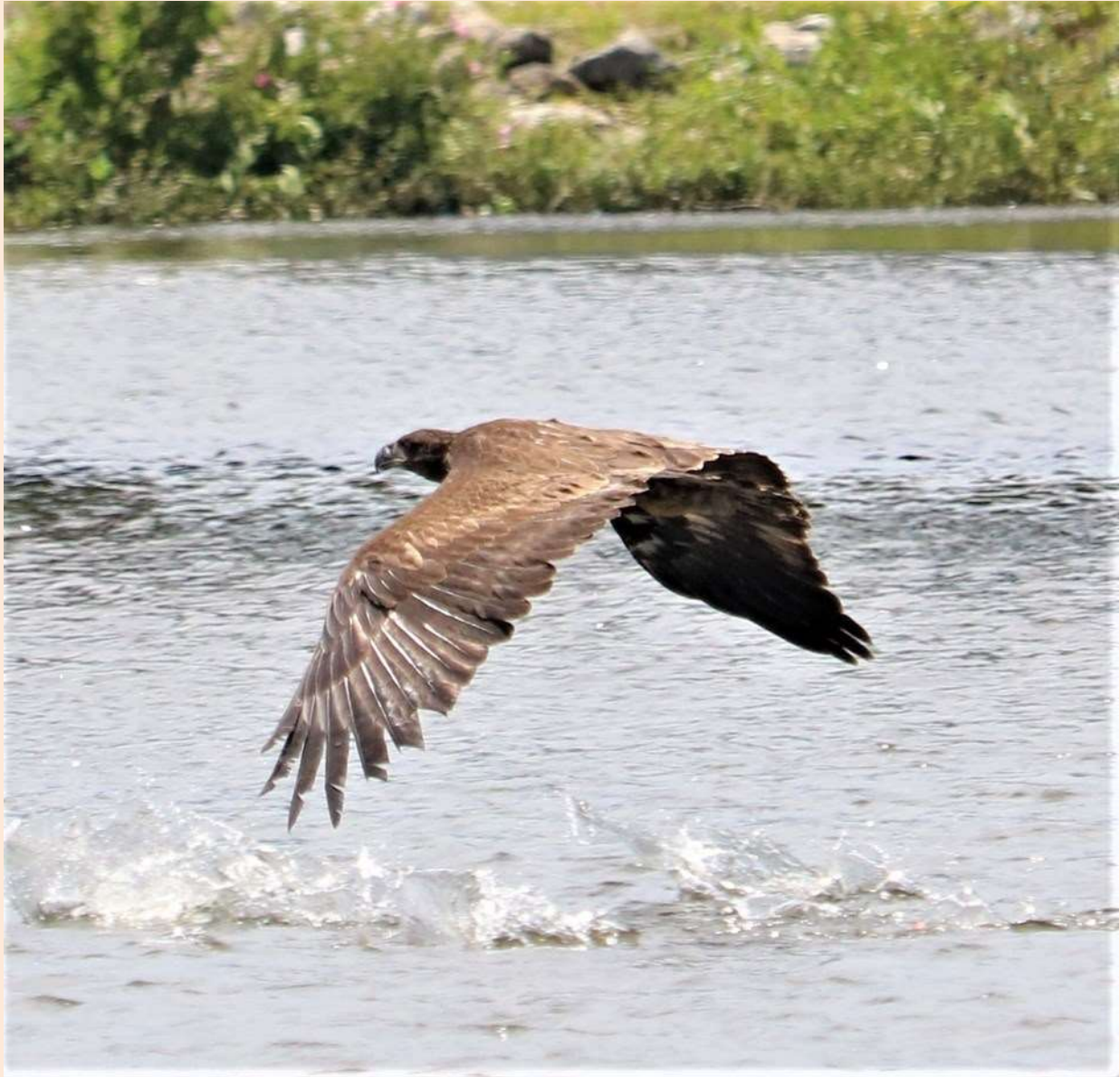


Bob Folse

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the US Army. He was involved in the refurbishment of the Homer Winter Carnival in Homer Alaska in the 80's. He was also a DJ with KBBi radio station and served on the Homer City Council. Robert was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Florence Folse, and his brother Paul Folse. Robert is survived by his wife Cynthia Letort Folse, his son Robert Folse Jr. (Melissa), his brother Michael Folse (Kathy), his sister Barbara Folse of Albuquerque, NM and his 3 grandchildren.

(Bob also spent a couple of years at Holy Cross with '71)

Turbulence *Photo by Jeff Junker*



Life Imitating Art *From the collection of Sue Ellen Lyons*

A young Reid Ellzey offering hydration to senior Zach Harris in 2013



Albert William Wilhelm Jr.

Faithful husband and loving father, passed away after a two year battle with cancer on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at the age of 74. Survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Karen Kronlage Wilhelm; daughters, Alyssa Catalano (Brian) and Rachel Wilhelm (Kelly), and son, Jeffrey; grandchildren, Cameron Catalano, Katie Catalano, Jonah Wilhelm, Charlie Wilhelm, and Austin Guillory; sister, Kathleen Berger; mother-in-law, June Carlini Kronlage; and numerous in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert William Wilhelm Sr. and Mamie Delores Mierl Wilhelm and father-in-law Alfred Joseph Kronlage Sr.

He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, lived many years in Chalmette, Louisiana, and spent the last thirty years as a resident of Slidell, Louisiana. Al was a proud graduate of Holy Cross High School and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and a graduate degree from Tulane University.

He began his career in education back home at Holy Cross as a chemistry teacher and eventually as a guidance counselor at the school. During his twenty years at Holy Cross, his co-workers became dear friends and fishing and duck hunting buddies. He finished his career in the St. Tammany Parish School System as a guidance counselor at Northshore High School for twenty years.



Al Wilhelm

Al was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking, and reading, and he was always up for a good debate. He was happiest spending time on the water, fishing with his beloved wife.

Grand Canyon: Classic Rock . . . Photo by Suzie Wahl



"He was a good man."

Our hearts are saddened by the passing of Al Wilhelm. I don't have to tell you that he was good man-you already know that.

Al and I were good friends. One of Brother Robert Hampton's policy for teachers that once a teacher was finished teaching for the day at Holy Cross, he/she could leave campus and didn't have to stay until the end of the school day. Al and I took advantage of this perk many times and immediately after teaching our last class (about 2 pm) we hightailed it out of HC and hit the St. Bernard/Lake Borne area as soon as we could.

After putting his 16' aluminum skiff in the water at Bayou Bievenue, we dropped a well-worn trawl net on the way to Lake Borne to catch the live bait we'd use. Al insisted that we keep the net in the water no longer than 15 minutes so that the shrimp we caught would still be alive



Al Wilhelm's rendition of "Great Balls of Fire"

when we brought them into the boat. We always had more shrimp than we needed. The ones we had left over later found their way into such goodies as jambalaya, gumbo, and a host of other great creative seafood dishes!

Al knew Lake Borne like the back of his hand. I distinctly remember that on one trip we headed toward what seemed to be nothing but an empty shoreline leading to the "Back Marsh." After anchoring there, I remember saying to him, "Al, there's nothing here!" He just smiled and replied, "We're sitting

right on top of an oyster reef - there are more fish here than you can count Gulotta! Throw your damn line in the water, then hold on!" He was spot on!

I could tell you many stories about Al Wilhelm but they all lead to the same point: he was a good man.

Those of you who knew him know exactly what I'm talking about. As I see it that's the greatest thing anyone could say about a teacher, a father, or anyone else for that matter. Being a good person is one thing - deserving that honor is another thing. In Al Wilhelm's case both of these things are true. Rest in peace Al.

Dom Gulotta

James M. Ryan

86, passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long fight with Lewy Body Dementia on April 2, 2018, with his family by his side. James, known as Jim or Mr. Ryan to his students, was born June 20, 1931, in Monroe, Mich., to Thomas and Lezetta (Saum) Ryan. He was the third of five children, with Rosemary, Thomas, Patricia and John.

Jim went to high school at Monroe Catholic Central and began his collegiate studies at the University of Detroit, but followed his calling to Notre Dame to become a Holy Cross Brother. After completing his training and taking his vows, he finished his bachelor's degree at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas, where he began his 42-year teaching career at various Catholic schools in Austin, Long Beach, New Orleans, Wichita Falls and Miami.

In 1970, he settled in Battle Creek, Mich., to teach math at St. Philip Catholic Central, where "he walked the number line" with thousands of students until his retirement in 1997. He also met Joyce Jacobs, who taught across the hall from Jim at St. Philip, in 1970. They were married on a snowy Saturday, April 3, 1971, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Hastings, Mich.



James Ryan

The Holy Cross Class of 1971 Web Page can be found at:

<https://hubhobbyshop.com/holy-cross-new-orleans/>

The Holy Cross Class of 1971 You Tube Channel can be found at:

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