

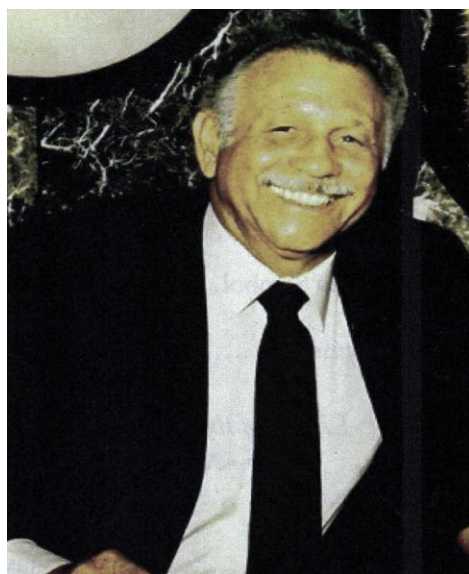
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The Passing of a Great Pioneer

Reflections of Life full of Love and Loyalty



February 26, 1925 – November 20, 2011

Leonce Joseph Gumbel, also known as " Pat" was born February 26, 1925 in New Orleans, Louisiana where he was raised by Richard Dunbar and Valentina Gumbel. Pat was an only child. He was a graduate of Gradate High School in New Orleans. Pat also attended Washington State University after completing his tour as a Marine.

Pat met his beloved wife Iris Fomerette while he was in the Marine Corp in New Orleans. They moved to Los Angeles in 1954 where they started their new life. From his first marriage was born three children, Brian, Cheryl and Tonjia. Iris departed this life in September 1983 after 30 years of marriage.

Then Pat married Roberta Coignet on July 30, 1986. At this point they became the Gumbel bunch adding to the family Wayne, LeRoy, Monique, Kirk and Josie. Pat retired from Department of Water and Power as a supervisor after 26 years. Pat and his loving wife Roberta lived 25 years, Traveling, Cruising, Madi Gras, Jazz, and Casinos. All the things Pat enjoyed.

Pat lived a life he loved. In December of 2010 he was diagnosed with lung cancer. Pat had a positive loving attitude through it all. Most people did not know Pat's LQ. It was extremely high. He could hold a conversation with those who held PhD's down to the homeless and respected them all the same. He loved to play Jeopardy and could answer more questions than the contestants. He was an avid reader, reading 2 to 3 books a week.

The morning of his death he sang love songs to his wife Roberta, he made jokes and clowned around with the family, always had a smile and never complained. His last words were "I'm the luckiest man alive" and at 12:02pm he went to be with his heavenly father.



Pat leaves behind to rejoice in his life, his beloved wife Roberta, Children Brian (Myrna), Cheryl, Tonjia, Wayne, Kirk (Khristine), Monique, Josie (Yoakum), and LeRoy (Preceded in death). His grandchildren Courtney, Jasmine (the con), Brian Jr., Kirk II, Michael, Britney, Kaila (pork chop), Kyle, Kohl, Curtis, Shenika, Mishay, Danielle, Brandon, Shayna (Preceded in death), Wayne II, Wayne III, Cameron, and Jense. Great grandchildren Tyler, Leilani, Maya, Brandy, Marcus and Jaden, including a host of relatives and friends

