

Richard Henry Franklin

HOUMA, La. - A funeral mass for Richard Henry Franklin, 65, of Houma, La., was said at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, at the Maria Immacolata Catholic Church in Houma, La.

Burial followed in the St. Francis de Sales Cemetery No. II.

A native of Houston, Mr. Franklin died Sunday, Nov. 20.

Together with his son, Dean Franklin, he was co-owner of Cajun Vending of Houma. Mr. Franklin also retired from Shell Offshore Co. following 26½ years of service and was a former employee of Delta Ironworks for seven years.

Mr. Franklin was a member of the Knights of Columbus No. 8779 and was a parishioner of the Maria Immacolata Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Levi Franklin and Mary Ester Bell Franklin Chapman; his foster parents, Henry and Christina Schimth Bell; and a sister, Jeannet Franklin.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Bonnie Jean Ledet Franklin; a son and daughter-in-law, Dean Henry and Kate Meche Franklin; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debbie and Michael Lansen and Donna Franklin Graham, all of Houma; two brothers, Les "Sonny" Franklin of Trinity and William "Bill" Chapman of Bakersfield, Calif.; four sisters, Vera Smith of Trinity, Mary Ellen Standish of Houston, Pat Williams of George and Wanda of Conroe, and five granddaughters, Debra, Nancy

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Franklin, Marissa Lansen, Destin Lansen, Tristan Henry Graham and Rhiana Graham.

Chauvin Funeral Home of Houma directed the arrangements.