



# Marcel R. Dionne

NOV 9, 1939 - NOV 9, 2015



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## **Marcel R. Dionne**

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**M**arcel R. Dionne, age 76, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2015. He was a member of Our Savior Catholic Church, member of Masonic Lodge of Alabama lodge #878, National Fraternal Order of Police Officers, and a lifelong community volunteer. He served in the United States Air Force from 1956-1964. He later went on to serve in the Civil Air Patrol having held the rank of Major while performing duties as a helicopter pilot. He was a talented airplane and helicopter pilot and loved to fly. While serving in this capacity, Marcel started the first Aerial Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) that worked in association with the Harris County Sheriff's Department to aid the police department in the search and recovery of missing children, victims of tragedy, and the capture of fugitives for the state of Texas. While working for the Harris County Sheriff's Department, he was awarded the Police Officer's Medal of Merit and the Meritorious Service Life Saving Award. He was dedicated police officer serving for 30 years; 17 of which in multiple specialties as a detective. He retired from active duty as the Assistant Chief of Police of Patton Village, Texas and moved to Semmes Alabama to be closer to his family. He continued to serve the public well after retirement in the reserve police officer's units of Citronelle and Mobile County. He finally traded law enforcement for Karaoke singing and Line dancing which he loved with a passion. He is survived by his sons, Michael Marcel Dionne, Raymond Paul (Cissy) Dionne and David Allen (Michelle) Dionne, siblings, Henry Dionne, Raymond Dionne, Therese Austin and Andrea Richards, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held at Serenity Funeral Home on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 5 pm until 8 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Savior Catholic Church on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 10 am.



## Tribute Wall

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**Message By Tom Brothers - November 12, 2015** posted:

David, I send my sincerest condolences to you and your family. After reading about your Dad, he was an honorable man serving our country and his community. He will certainly be in my prayers. God Bless, Tom Brothers.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Philip Gullion - November 12, 2015** posted:

Such an intriguing gentleman that impacted so many peoples lives in a positive way. He will very missed.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Kathleen Harper - November 11, 2015** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of my dear friend.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Dottie Norton - November 12, 2015** posted:

Marcel, you will always hold a place in my heart. You were a friend like no other. Mike, Nadine and I have been wanting to come to Alabama to see you. Now you are at home with Jesus. You will be missed more than you will know. Tonight I go home and listen to my CD's you gave me. Rest In Peace my dear friend. Love 4 ever.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Donna Keefe - November 12, 2015** posted:

Rest in Peace, Uncle Marce. We have so many great memories of you. Lots of love from Manchester, NH.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Dianne Sikes - November 12, 2015** posted:

Love the slideshow and all the fun pictures of Uncle Marce and family! He will be missed. Prayers for all of you.

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**Message By A'laine Grothe - November 13, 2015** posted:

Marcel, you were in my life for a good many years while in Houston and I treasure every one of them. You were a great influence on Scotty and Christine and were always there when needed. You are now flying with the angels and don't have to worry about those pre-flight checks. You will be missed, my friend.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Jim Kershaw - November 12, 2015** posted:

I first met Marcel when I joined the Harris County Sheriff's Office in 1980. I was working the old booking desk and we had a person that spoke no English. I finally realized the male only spoke French. So I yell out loud, "Now where in the heck am I going to find someone who speaks French in Texas"! And Marcel walks up and started talking to the male in French and I was just standing there with my mouth open! I could not believe it. When he was a Detective and you needed anything he was there for you. I knew he had moved out of state and I thought of him every once in awhile when I see an old Bell Huey Helicopter flying overhead. He was and always be a great friend.

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Mr.&Mrs.Joe M. Schultea Jr.&Family - November 12, 2015** posted:

Dear Family of Marcel Dionne, Our Prayers & Thoughts and Great Memories Of Your Dad Marcel Will Forever Be With Your Family During This Time Of His Passing. His Love Of His Family Was Number One To Him. We Will Miss Him .Love, Joey & Stacey Schultea

April 20 at 11:30 AM

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**Message By Jimmie L. Clark (Hcso Ret.) - November 13, 2015** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Dionne Family. It is so ironic I was just thinking about Marcel the last couple of days. About this time of year in 1984 Marcel and I took a fugitive trip to Manchester, New Hampshire. Upon our arrival we found ourselves up to our ears in candidates, media, and Secret Service. Marcel was a dedicated and determined man always trying to help others. God Bless You Marcel, may you Rest In Peace.

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**Message By Joel Caldwell - November 13, 2015** posted:

I did not know Marcel well but had the distinct privilege of assisting him with rescue operations during tropical storm Allison and flying with him on one other occasion. He was a talented passionate pilot and police officer. Rest in Peace Sir.

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**Message By Jj Freeze - November 13, 2015** posted:

To the Dionne family- I am so sorry to hear about Marcel. We worked together at the Harris County Sheriff's Office for many years. He was a very determined and passionate man who always made a difference-God Bless

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**Message By Leon & Melanie Austin - November 14, 2015** posted:

We are sending our love and prayers for all those whose lives were touched by Uncle Marcel. He definitely is a great man and has had a great life adventure. Now he will be a great guardian Angel.Love from Leon and Melanie

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**Message By Christine Harrison - November 13, 2015** posted:

Marcel u influenced me in all the best ways as I was growing up. We butted heads many times through the years, but u were always there for us. You'll be missed.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Marcel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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