



Roy Rodger Marrero Sr. M.D.

December 14, 1933 - November 07, 2022

Roy Rodger Marrero, Sr., M.D. Obituary

Roy Rodger Marrero, Sr., M.D. passed away peacefully at New Orleans East Hospital on the morning of November 7, 2022. He was surrounded by his wife of 65 years and his children.

HE LIVED A GOOD LIFE.

Roy, also known as “Pete”, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana to Phillip A. Marrero, Jr. and Gertrude Guichard Marrero on December 14, 1933. He grew up on St. Peter Street near Bayou St. John. His family were parishioners of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church where he attended elementary school and was an altar boy. He went on to attend Xavier Preparatory Catholic High School where he played baseball and football, and met his future wife, Charmaine LaBeau. He graduated from “The Prep” in 1952 and enrolled in Xavier University of Louisiana. At Xavier, he played baseball and was awarded a baseball scholarship after his freshman year as a pitcher. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier in Medical Technology in 1956.

Shortly after he graduated, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving from 1956-1958. He married Charmaine LaBeau in 1957. He was stationed in Huntsville, Alabama until he was honorably discharged in 1958. From 1958 to 1965 he worked as a research associate at LSU Medical Center in New Orleans. During this time, he enrolled in the Master’s Degree Program at LSU and earned a Masters in Medical Physiology in 1963.

Having higher aspirations, he enrolled in Howard University College of Medicine in 1965. He performed so well as a freshman, he was awarded a scholarship. During his time at Howard, his family grew from 3 to 5 children. As a medical student, he tutored other students, and worked in a research lab. He graduated from medical school in 1969, finishing third in his class and was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

The family then moved back to New Orleans where he completed his internship at Charity Hospital in 1970. In July of that same year, he began the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program at Tulane University School of Medicine. In 1974, he became the first Black person to finish Tulane’s Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program and the first Black Orthopaedic Surgeon in the State of Louisiana.

Following his residency, he practiced orthopaedic surgery in New Orleans for the next 31 years, the last seven with his son Christopher as partner. He went into semi-retirement after Hurricane Katrina, working part-time at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in New Orleans. He continued at the VA Medical Center until he fully retired in 2018.

During his time in practice, he was the team physician for St. Augustine High School. He was a member of the National Medical Association, J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society, and the

Greater New Orleans Orthopaedic Society. He was deeply loved by his patients and served as a mentor for countless students at every level.

Outside of medicine, he was an active member of The Royal Gents Social Club, The Good Providers Fishing Club and The Townsman Social Club.

Though he kept a very busy schedule, he always found time to participate in activities with his children and grandchildren. He coached NORD baseball and basketball at Pontchartrain, Harris, Gorette and Joe Brown Parks and he was also a cub scout leader.

After retirement he spent his last years doing what he enjoyed most: fishing, playing golf, traveling, watching sports, especially the New Orleans Saints and Pelicans and most of all, spending time with his family. He was most happy when he had all of his kids and grandkids home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Phillip, Jr. and Gertrude Marrero, his step-mother Bernadine Gougis Marrero, and his brother-in-law, Albert Thomas.

He leaves behind his wife of 65 years Charmaine LaBeau Marrero. His children: Roy Jr., (Kathryn), Keith, Denise St. Cyr (Steven), Christopher (Shannon), Jennifer Lewis (Christopher) and Patrick (Angele). His grandchildren: Roy, III, John, Evans, Keith, Jr. (Victoria), Kira, Leda, Kristen, Corey (Melissa), Dominick (Rio), Christian, Lauren, Nylah, Zoe, Jonathan and Arianna. His Great-grandchildren: Corey, Jr., Charles, Dominick, Jr., Raine, and River. His sister, Lorraine Marrero Thomas and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.

Funeral Services for Roy Marrero, Sr., M.D. will be on Saturday, November 19th at Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church, 9701 Hammond St., New Orleans at 10 a.m. Visitation will begin at 8 a.m. and interment will immediately follow the mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Norman Mayer Ave New Orleans La 70122.

Cemetery



**MOUNT OLIVET
CEMETERY**

4000 Mayer Norman
Avenue, New Orleans,
LA 70122

Events



**MASS OF CHRISTIAN
BURIAL**
10:00 AM

Resurrection of Our
Lord Church 9701
Hammond Dr., New
Orleans, LA 70127
Visitation starts at
8:00 AM until the hour
of service

