



Manton Joseph "Slim" Duhe

February 4, 1940 - February 15, 2026

Manton Joseph "Slim" Duhe passed away peacefully on February 15, 2026, at his home in Garyville, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 86.

He was the beloved husband of the late Diana Dale Heltz Duhe and the devoted son of the late Jules "NuNu" and Helena (Laiche) Duhe. He was a loving father and father-in-law to Faron "Slim" and Donna Duhe, Galen Duhe, Clint and Jennifer Duhe, and Shan and Billie Duhe. He is also survived by eight cherished grandchildren: Erin (Justin), Jacob (Amanda), Amanda, Hannah, Alyssa, Ryann, Shanna, and Brock; and five great-grandchildren: Jemal Baptiste III, Dawson and Sawyer Duhe, and Brody and Ethan Shiver. Manton was the brother and brother-in-law of Jane Heltz and the late Daniel "Lomac" Heltz; Richard "Jay" and Monica Heltz; Michael "Mickey" and the late Lotus Heltz; the late Clarence "Donald" and Roline Heltz; Ronnie Heltz; Cameron "Lamb Chop" and Beth Heltz; Geraldine "Gerrie" and Donald Laiche; and the late Nancy and Septime "Tim" Bourgeois. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. He was the nephew of the late Luke Laiche and the proud godfather to Jane Heltz Duhe, Eddie Duhe, Danielle Heltz, and Loni Heltz Bourgeois.

Manton attended St. Peter School from 1946 to 1953 and later Leon Godchaux from 1954 to 1958. He had a deep and lifelong love for music, playing guitar and singing from a young age. Along with a few friends, he formed the band The Rhythm Six, performing at school functions, weddings, and parties. The group later became Slim and the Rhythm Travelers, and

eventually Little Margie and the Country Swingers, where they played country music and frequently performed at the Louisiana Hayride dance hall in Ponchatoula.

Outside of his music, Manton worked at Reserve Dairy as a milkman and after hours he would help Harold "Peanut" Vicknair repair radios and televisions. He eventually went to work at Pellerin Milnor, where he dedicated 49 1/2 years of service before retiring.

In recognition of his contributions to the music culture of the River Parishes, Manton was honored with an award from the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature on motion of Representative Robert Faucheux on March 10, 1997, at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

In retirement, he could often be found in the kitchen, coffee in hand, recording his grandchildren as they sang along with him. Later, he built a garage studio filled with reel-to-reel tapes, albums, and 45s. From time to time, he would pick up his guitar and serenade his family, filling the room with music and memories.

He will be forever remembered for his warm heart, his love of music, and the joy he brought into the lives of all who knew and loved him.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Compassus Hospice staff. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service. Visitation will be held at Millet-Guidry Funeral Home, 2806 W. Airline Hwy, LaPlace on Sunday, February 22, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00p.m. and at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 176 Anthony Monica St., Garyville, LA on Monday, February 23, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Funeral Mass to immediately follow. Interment in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Reserve.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105-9959, stjude.org/memorial

Arrangements by Millet-Guidry Funeral Home. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.milletguidry.com

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

1550 Hwy 44
Reserve, LA 70084

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Millet Guidry Funeral Home
2806 W Airline Hwy
Laplace, LA 70068
(985) 536-7700
info@milletguidry.com
<https://www.milletguidry.com>

Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church
176 Anthony F Monica Street
Garyville, LA 70051

Funeral Mass

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Millet Guidry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Manton Joseph "Slim" Duhe



Millet Guidry Funeral Home - February 22 at 09:42 AM

SU

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers to you and your family, Faron "Slim". We are so sorry for your loss. Joe and Suzanne Quinlan



Suzanne - February 22 at 04:45 PM

DL

“ Slim, what a ride in life you had. I was proud to call you my brother in law. To my nephews and their families I want to extend my deepest condolences. We will miss him. May Slim rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Donald and Gerrie Laiche - February 21 at 11:07 PM

DD

“ Rest in Heaven Faron and family I'm so sorry for your loss



Donna Duhe - February 21 at 08:03 PM

CN

“ CHERYL NAQUIN lit a candle in memory of Manton Joseph "Slim" Duhe



CHERYL NAQUIN - February 21 at 11:20 AM

DF

“ Faron and family so sorry for your loss. Slim has not left you, he is looking over you and your family until God comes to take us all home. ❤️🙏

Diann Delbasty and Family - February 20 at 07:04 AM

BF

“ To Faron “slim” and family, I am so sorry for y'all loss. I have fond memories of your Dad, Slim! From long ago at LGHS and especially the Rhythm Six Band with my close friends, the Ayme brothers as well as “Peanut” and others. Slim was a great artist in his music ability. He was a gentle man and I always enjoyed talking with him. I know he will be missed by many who knew and loved him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you celebrate his life!

Bobby Feucht

Bobby Feucht - February 20 at 12:07 AM

BT

“ God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow, my sincere condolences.



Bernell Tassin - February 19 at 11:00 AM

MW

“ I am so very sad to hear the passing of such a dear friend. Slim was in my family, playing music with my brothers when we were all very young. Such good times with him. We all loved him like a brother and my mom just treated him like he was her son. We will all remember Slim fondly, and he was so loved by the Breaud family. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to all his family. RIP my friend Marie (Breaud) White

Marie (Breaud) White - February 18 at 05:40 PM

DH

“ We were introduced to Manton and Diana when our daughter, Billie, started dating and eventually married their youngest son, Shan. From the beginning we felt like family not by blood but by heart.

Diane Hodges - February 18 at 05:15 PM