



LeBlanc, Chester

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LAFAYETTE - Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at a Mass of Christian Burial in the Martin & Castille Funeral Home Chapel for Chester J. LeBlanc, 76, who died at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, in Medical Center of Southwest Louisiana. Interment will be in the Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery. The Rev. Joseph F. Brennan of Lafayette will be the celebrant of the funeral Mass and will conduct the services. Jodi Bollich, organist, will play for the funeral Mass, "How Great Thou Art," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Be Not Afraid" and "Amazing Grace."

Survivors include his wife, Germaine Bernard LeBlanc of Lafayette, and two sisters, Georgie LeBlanc of Lafayette and Mary Eve Radu of Zephyrhills, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Saul LeBlanc Jr. and Harrison LeBlanc.

A native and lifelong resident of Lafayette, Mr. LeBlanc was the son of the late Saul LeBlanc Sr. and the former Eva Alleman, both Lafayette natives. A veteran of military service, Mr. LeBlanc served in the U.S. Army, 96th Infantry, Company I, and 383rd Infantry, during World War II. He participated in the invasion of the Philippines and Okinawa, Japan. He was a decorated combat soldier having received the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and Arrow Head, Combat Infantry Badge, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Badge and the Philippine President Unit Citation. Prior to his retirement, Mr. LeBlanc was owner and operator of Chester LeBlanc Roofing and Contracting Co. 25 years. He was a member of the St. Genevieve Catholic Community.

Pallbearers will be: John Radu, Michael LeBlanc, Dino LeBlanc, Ronald Bernard, Glenn Bernard, David Bernard and Alfred Latour.

Memorial contributions in Mr. LeBlanc's name may be made to Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston St., Suite 200, Lafayette, La., 70503. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today in the funeral home.

Visiting hours will be observed from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. Saturday until time of the services.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Martin & Castille Funeral Home Inc. of Lafayette.