



Alcide Pierre Guidry

March 8, 1951 - August 29, 2026

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Alcide Pierre Guidry died in Baton Rouge on August 29, 2026. He was seventy-five. Born there on March 8, 1951, he grew up speaking a house French that the school later tried to iron out of him, and he kept enough of it to season a kitchen and a joke. He learned a wrench before he learned a necktie. A line, he said, does not talk back, and it pays when the river is high.

For thirty-two years he was a millwright at a plant along the river that did not look like the brochures. He arrived early. He did not advertise. Foremen called him because he would write up a cracked exchanger even when the unit was already promised. He charged a fair hour and a smaller one when a church van needed a lift more than a sermon. He kept a notebook of machines, not clients. The notebook had grease on the edges.

He married Evangeline Guidry in 1973. They raised three children in a shotgun that grew a porch because the first one filled with cousins. Evangeline kept the garden and the choir. Alcide grilled on Sundays and considered a plate of smoked chicken a seasonal obligation. After his knees quit the worst pits he still came out for a favorite unit, moving slower, doing the same honest work.

Friends remember a man who wiped his hands before he shook yours, who could stand in a noise without making it a personality, and who left a floor cleaner than he found it. He loved the river at evening, a glass of tea he did not finish, and the sound of a unit that had decided to live. He died in Baton Rouge, in the city whose river had written his calendar. The line still starts. Someone else will hear the knock that means trouble.

Services

A rosary and funeral Mass in Baton Rouge. A gift to a plant-workers' fund or a neighborhood pantry is

welcome.

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