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Mr. Henry Leonard Bart, Sr.

Obituary

Henry Leonard Bart, Sr. aged 88, died peacefully at home on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Born in New Orleans on November 6, 1926, he was the youngest son of Morris Engle Bart and Noelle Dagherret Bart. He is preceded in death by his parents, and by siblings Felma, Gladys, Anthony, Morris Engle, Marion, John, Merlin, Bernadine, and Nellie. He is survived by Corinne Smith Bart, his devoted wife of 63 years. And their ten children, Christine (Ellis), Linda, Bonnie, Henry Jr., Regina, Michael (Gina), Philip (Sophie), Robert (Paige), Carol (Armando), and Angela (Eddie); 19 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 2 great, great grandchildren. Brothers- and sisters-in law, nieces, and nephews in Louisiana and California will miss him and remember him fondly. Henry served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and received the Congressional Medal of Honor with his fellow Montford Point Marines in 2012. He rose through the ranks of the United States Postal Service, retiring as a superintendent, and in retirement began a second career with the Office of the Constable in New Orleans. Henry was an artist talented in several Medias. Especially remarkable are his carvings of Louisiana wildlife. Fishing was his greatest pastime for many years. In the early 1960s Henry and Corinne became active in the social justice movement within the Catholic Church, and participated in the integration of Catholic schools in New Orleans. Always a great storyteller, in his last days he recorded a Story Corps interview with his son, Henry Jr. Upright, compassionate, and self-sacrificing, he was an exemplar of his unwavering Christian faith. Family, friends, neighbors and colleagues are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Raymond-St. Leo Catholic Church, 2916 Paris Avenue. Visitation is at 9:00 a.m., followed by mass at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday May 5, 2015. Interment will be in St. Louis Cemetery #3, 3421 Esplanade Avenue. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Covenant House New Orleans.

