



## Mr. Gerard Joseph Cortese Sr

June 7, 1951 - December 9, 2025

Gerard “Jerry” Joseph Cortese Sr., 74, of Mobile, Alabama, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2025. Born at Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jerry grew up on Magazine Street helping his family run a neighborhood grocery store. These early years shaped his strong work ethic, loyalty, and deep connection to his community.

A man of many talents, Jerry worked as a welder along the Gulf Coast and shrimped off Lake Pontchartrain. Skilled and resourceful, he took pride in building, repairing, and creating with his own hands. He was also a proud retired member of the Fugarwe Tribe Motorcycle Club, a brotherhood he deeply cherished.

Jerry was a devoted father who upheld strong family values and leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and resilience.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Cortese and Margret Ragas.

He is survived by his children: Gerard Cortese Jr., Jason M. Cortese, Brandon J. Cortese, and Heather Cortese Covington; grandchildren: Dylan, Devan, Ashton, Anthony, and

Addison; great-grandchild

Blaine; sisters Janice Cortese Roper and Marilyn Cortese Bigelow; and niece Cherie Hadley.

Jerry will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.