



## Dr. James E. Marler

December 20, 1939 - October 21, 2017

Memorial Services for Dr. James E. Marler will be held at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church with Rev. Dan O'Connor officiating.

Dr. James E. Marler is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Otis Marler and Mrs. Dorothy Lemmon Marler; one sister, Sandy Marler, and late wife, Mrs. Susan Marler.

Jim was born in Cleveland, Ohio on December 20, 1939, to Dr. Otis and Mrs. Dorothy (nee Lemmon) Marler. Jim was awarded his Ph.D. in biochemistry and plant physiology from Louisiana State University of Baton Rouge, LA, his M.A. in microbiology and botany from the University of Texas and his Bachelor of Science from the University of Miami (Florida) in zoology and botany. After receiving his Ph.D. at LSU, Jim and his family moved to Alexandria, where he enjoyed nearly every minute of, and was passionate about, his decades-long tenure teaching Microbiology at LSU-Alexandria. Jim especially enjoyed seeing his former students in successful (usually medical) practice! During his active professional years, he was an active member of the state's radiation safety commission. The quintessential teacher, Jim always enjoyed discussing with and educating anyone who would listen about science and any other of his passions/hobbies. While studying at LSU, Jim began his passion of being a martial artist as he studied/practiced Judo with his lifelong workout partner and friend, William "Bill" Pearson. The two of them continued this relationship at LSU-A in Juko Ryu Jujutsu, and the two of them with their "Wrecking Crew" were unstoppable. Jim has always been proud of the black belt students he and Bill produced. After retiring from LSU-A in 1996, Jim threw himself into another passion he had been pursuing—gemstone faceting and jewelry making—as an active member of the Red River Arts and Crafts Guild. His jewelry clients (many of whom became friends) from the Arts and Craft shows and Gem and Mineral shows attest to his skill and artistry with gems and jewelry. A natural extension of this jewelry making passion/hobby/business was gem and mineral mining/collecting. First with his friend and fellow biology professor at LSU-A, Bernard "Bud" MacSparrin, and then with his wife, Bridget, Jim traveled to the Rocky and the Appalachian Mountains to mine and

collect gems and minerals for sale and personal collection. Besides enjoying the discovery of “purty rocks”, they enjoyed exploring God’s creation in remote wilderness areas of the mountainous US and sharing the pictures and mineral specimens with their local gem and mineral societies (DeRidder Gem and Mineral; Gem, Mineral, and Lapidary Society of Central Louisiana). Jim’s family, friends, and more acquaintances than can be counted will miss him greatly.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 14 years, Bridget Joubert Marler. He also leaves his 5 children, Yvette M. Arzola (Fernando), Annette M. Putska (Mark), Lynette M. Lee (Eric), Jeanette R. Tudor (Bill), and Michael O. Marler (Ashley); and his two brothers, Bruce Marler (Sherran) and Tom Marler (Carol); along with 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be William “Bill” Pearson, Bernard “Bud” MacSparrin, Michael Marler, Fernando Arzola, Mark Putska, Eric Lee, Bill Tudor, Bruce Marler, and Tom Marler.

Donations and memorials can be made in his honor to Local Food Banks, Veterans Associations, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (or other rock and gem) Scholarship Fund.

To extend online notes of condolence to the Marler Family, please visit [www.KramerFunerals.com](http://www.KramerFunerals.com).

# Events

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**NOV**   **Memorial Mass**                      12:30PM  
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Our Lady of Prompt Succor  
401 21st st, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

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November 16, 2017 at 09:28 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. James E. Marler.



November 15, 2017 at 02:41 PM