Wallace Howard Nichols
Wallace Howard Nichols, 72, of Moss Bluff, passed away at 2:07 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, in a local hospital.

Mr. Nichols was born on Nov. 30, 1941, in Kinder, La., and resided in Moss Bluff for over 40 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of four years. Mr. Nichols previously worked at Citgo Refinery and Occidental Oil Company. Following retirement, he and his son together developed land and created subdivisions such as Woodland Forest, Coffey Pines, Christy Acres and Holbrook Acres.

Mr. Nichols was an active runner and participated in marathons. He enjoyed many things in life including the outdoors, rodeos, horses and watching football. His most enjoyable moments were spent with his family, especially his grandchildren whom he adored.

Those left to cherish his memories are his loving wife of 50 years, Regena “Jeanie” Nichols; a son, Kenny Nichols and his wife Carrie; two daughters, Christy Richard and husband Tim, and Renee Monceaux and husband Robert, all of Moss Bluff; brothers, Weggie Nichols of Kinder, Isaac Nichols of Kinder, Wayne Nichols of Gillis and Winston Nichols of Scranton, Va.; sisters, Lucille Ellender of Sulphur, Margie Nell Turner of Pitkin and Emmadean Lambert of Mansfield, Texas; and a special sister-in-law, Chris Selby of Lee’s Summit, Mo. He also leaves behind five beloved grandchildren, Tara Leeds and husband Shelby, Jessica and Ethan Richard, and Gracie and Doran Monceaux.

He was preceded in death by his parents.
Force Base in Lake Charles, La., that she met and fell for Virt Peterson Jr. (Pete). They married and following several deployments abroad, Pete was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. In Abilene, she was known for her humor, volunteerism and devotion to family. She was employed personally by Mr. Mack Eplan, Abilene restaurateur, as his secret weapon. Myrtle was thought to be the reason for the success of his Jamaica Inn seafood restaurant. She was an active member of the Non-Commissioned Officers Wives Club and Our Savior Lutheran Church. There, she also encouraged her children in their studies and extracurricular activities.

She was preceded in death by her father, Austin Celestine; her mother, Ernestine Celestine; brothers, Ernest Celestine, Raymond Dugar, Horace Celestine; sister-in-law, Johnnie Rae Celestine; daughter, Sheila Celestine Limbrick; aunt, Eleanor Clark; cousin Willie Mae Prejean Ryan; and great-granddaughter, Jaylen Bush.

She is survived by her beloved husband Virt Peterson, Jr.; her aunt, Lessie Prejean; her sister-in-law, Velma Dugar; her daughters, Dola Marie Francis and her husband Mitchell Francis, Vivian Dancy, Jocelyn Dancy Smith and her husband Lester Smith, Dawn Dancy and her husband Harry Schyma. She is also survived by her sons, Craig Ryan, Roland Peterson and his wife Karen Rochon Peterson, Terrell Peterson and his wife Jeamese Scott Peterson. In addition to her children, she is survived by...