

Christopher Santopadre, Sr. passed away on December 30, 2016 at his home in Mandeville, LA at the age of 72.

Chris was born in New Orleans, LA and lived most of his life in New Orleans, Covington and Folsom, LA.

He was a Resident Boarder and student at St. Paul's School in Covington, LA from fourth grade until he graduated with the Class of 1965.

Chris was the son of Jeannette Gagliano and Joseph A. Santopadre Sr. and the brother of Robert Sr. and Joseph Sr.

Chris is survived by his children Sophia, Lisa, Christopher Jr., Victoria and Gene. He was the grandfather of Kayla, Elisia, Nathan, Alexander, Luke and Emilia.

Chris had a tremendous love of animals but his true passion was his work at his beloved family business, The Original Tip Top Shoe Repair. It all started for him when he worked with his mother, Jeannette, at the Tip Top Shoe Repair located on Carrollton Ave in New Orleans. Later he opened his own stores in Metairie and Covington, but for over 25 years Mandeville has been his primary location. In recent years he didn't work on shoe repair as much, but concentrated solely on technical stitch work such as rips and zipper repair.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Services at St. Paul's High School Chapel located at 917 S Jahncke Ave., Covington LA on Wednesday, January 4 2017 at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Tammany Animal Resource Team at [STARTFOSTERS.com](http://STARTFOSTERS.com)