



## Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel

November 23, 1946 - September 14, 2025

Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel, age 78 of Gardendale, passed away peacefully at his residence on September 14, 2025. Budgie is predeceased by his parents, Alvin and Edith VonHagel; brother, Bernard VonHagel and sister Sandy VonHagel. He is survived by his loving wife, Jane VonHagel; son, David VonHagel (Jeanne); daughters Robin Rodriguez (Hubert) and Amanda Whaley (Ronny); granddaughters, Katie Reilly (Luke), Kara VonHagel and Addison Whaley as well as his sisters, Amy Richardson and Susan Erwin (Randy). Budgie was a devoted, lifetime member of the Roman Catholic faith. He dedicated his life to serving others in his career as fireman. He retired from Birmingham Fire Department as Captain of Station 3 after 20 years of service. Budgie then served another 20 years at Hueytown Fire Department. He enjoyed beach trips to Panama City, FL with his family, played guitar and was an avid University of Alabama football fan. Budgie was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be deeply missed by both family and friends. Services to honor his life will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Visitation will be held from 10am-12pm and the funeral mass will begin at 12pm. The Very Reverend Vernon Huguley will officiate. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Affinity Hospice and to Father Vernon for their exceptional love and care extended to both Budgie and all of his family during his illness. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
334 Main St  
Gardendale, AL 35071-3623  
(205) 631-9398

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel.*



September 16, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel.*



September 16, 2025 at 12:11 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel.*

September 16, 2025 at 12:11 AM



“ *Chris, Tonya, Preslee, and Rylee Turner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel.*



**Chris, Tonya, Preslee, and Rylee Turner** - September 15, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel.



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September 15, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Raymond Leon "Budgie" VonHagel.



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September 15, 2025 at 01:58 PM



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