



## Louis Daniel Rao Sr.

January 14, 1933 - September 3, 2024

Louis Daniel Rao, Sr., 91, of Snook, TX passed away of kidney failure peacefully surrounded by loved ones. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 11am at the Snook Cemetery Pavilion.

Daniel was born in New Iberia, Louisiana on January 14, 1933. He was raised by two loving grandparents Louis and Bernice Rao, along with his father, Ned Rao. Dan grew up in the family grocery store in the Italian section of town. He learned early how to serve, fix and repair things. He learned the value of a dollar and the benefits of hard work. In his teens, Dan met Gloria Barras, whom he married on September 11, 1950. He was a proud United States Marine, serving as a Reservist first, then enlisting during the Korean Conflict. He delivered papers, grocery supplies, owned a service station, and was a mechanic at a car dealership to support his large family, all before he was employed with Otis Engineering. He started offshore, eventually working his way into inside overseas sales through stops in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, Corpus Christi and Dallas, Texas. He retired in 1991, moving to Snook to begin his rancher life. He loved his cattle, dogs, Gator and John Deere tractors. He was a true Patriot supporting many service-based organizations and his beloved Marine Corps. Oorah. Most of all, he was loved as a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great grandfather.

Dan is preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Barras Rao; his son, Louis Daniel

Rao, Jr.; his parents, Ned Paul Rao, Eunice Morvant Domingue and step-mother Lilly Mae Rao; in-laws John and Laura Silhavy; a son-in-law, Leslie “Zak” Yezak; grandson, Jake Sandlin; grandson-in-law Gary Pendleton; three great-grandsons, Michael Franks, Zak Michael Webb and Jace Andrew Yezak.

He is survived by his children, Laura Rao Thompson and husband Frank, Dale Rao and wife Jeanelle, Roxanne Rao Franks, and Dana Rao Yezak; one sister, Pam Little and husband Frank; nine grandchildren; six grandchildren-in-law; fourteen great-grandchildren with the fifteenth due in February; one great-granddaughter-in-law; and one great-great granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W. 26th St. Bryan, TX 77803 or The Wounded Warrior Project.

Express condolences at [PhillipsandLuckey.com](http://PhillipsandLuckey.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM.

Snook Cemetery  
Snook , TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis Daniel Rao Sr..*



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September 09, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ *May the Lord comfort each of you with fond memories and life lessons taught by Mr. Rao until reunited. He nurtured and cared for his loved ones and his country, setting the bar high.*

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**Patt Junek** - September 09, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *The Center for Space Research purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Louis Daniel Rao Sr..*



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**The Center for Space Research** - September 09, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *With Love: Joe & Venus Grimes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Daniel Rao Sr..*

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**With Love: Joe & Venus Grimes** - September 06, 2024 at 02:03 PM

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“ *With Love: Joe & Venus Grimes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis Daniel Rao Sr..*



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**With Love: Joe & Venus Grimes** - September 06, 2024 at 02:03 PM