Hurricane Rita one year later

Remains unclaimed

The Rev. Herb Bennenfield, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Delcambre, looks over two of the 11 tombs that floated out of place in the town's Catholic graveyard. Bennenfield is asking for help in finding the proper location for the tombs.

Cemetery tries to identify displaced tombs

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Following a catastrophe such as Hurricane Rita, communities like Delcambre face problems they never imagined, including trying to identify tombs that floated more than a block away for their cemeteries nearly a year ago.

Eleven of the 53 vaults that floated in a matter of minutes need to be identified, the Rev. Herb Bennenfield said. Bennenfield is the pastor of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Martin de Porres, the latter of which is located only blocks from Our Lady of the Lake and still is rebuilding after Rita.

If the tombs remain unidentified, they will remain unidentified. Census records do not identify the tomb as a burial site.

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