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Capt. Reuben Ruiz; towboat pilot, at 78

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Reuben Ruiz, once captain of the world's largest river towboat, has died at age 78.

Ruiz died Friday of cancer, his family said, and a funeral service was held yesterday.

He spent 32 years on the Mississippi River, and served for four years as the mammoth riverboat Sprague's last commissioned captain.
