



Austin Welborn

July 7, 1935 - September 13, 2011

Austin Earl Welborn ?Buddy?

Austin Earl Welborn ?Buddy?, age 76 and a resident of Albany, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond. At the ripe old age of 17, Buddy enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard and served for 3 years. During that time he was hospitalized for minor surgery and fell in love and later married a young student nurse, Edna Louise Skipper. After leaving the Guard, he joined his beloved Marine Corps in Camp Lejeune, NC. He served faithfully for an additional 11 years. During that time he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and won numerous awards in rifle and pistol team competitions. After leaving the military and relocating back to Louisiana, he worked as a directional driller in the oil field for several years. Later, he served for over 10 years in the Livingston Parish Sherriff?s Office in the capacity of reserve deputy, followed by service in the Albany Police Department.

Buddy leaves behind his children, Beth Edwards and husband Jamie of Watson, Cindy Welborn and Tina McAlister both of Albany; grandchildren, Stephanie Welborn, Mark Raborn, Chris Edwards and wife Paige, Carol Ann Edwards, Brittany Richardson and husband Justin, and Brandon McAlister; two great- grandbabies born this year, Avery Edwards and Kenadie Richardson.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Edna Louise, who he called "Skipper"; parents, Kathryn Lasswell and Buras Welborn; sister, Bernice Langston.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond, on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 12:00 p.m., with visiting hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. The services will be officiated by Rev. Charles Reitz and interment will follow in Blood River Baptist Church Cemetery.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.