



Clarence "Buster" Raiford Jr.

October 22, 1938 - August 10, 2023

Buster, age 84, joined his wife in Heaven on Thursday, August 10, 2023. He was a resident of Ponchatoula, LA. Buster was an extremely hard worker and took great pride in providing for his family. Buster enjoyed being outdoors fishing or working on his farm. At one point in his life, he had one of the largest strawberry farms in Ponchatoula. Buster liked going out to his camp on the river to spend time with the family or just sit on the river with a pole in his hand. He adored his children and grandchildren. Buster was a strong, loving, and honest man that will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Darla R. Himmeraug; sons, Clarence James Raiford (Mary), Danny Charles Raiford (Angie), Wes Aubrey Raiford; brother-in-law, Wayne Breckwoldt (Marlene); grandchildren, Jessica Raiford Stilley (Aron), Tara Raiford, Jamie Raiford, Danan Raiford Free (Tanawan), Abby Raiford Major (Ricky), Ryan Finley, Peyton Raiford, Ava Raiford; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Buster is preceded in death by his wife, Marie Breckwoldt Raiford; parents, Clarence Raiford Sr. and Pearl Fletcher Raiford; and sister, Bethel Raiford Arnold.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 1190 Hwy 51 N.

Ponchatoula, LA 70454, on Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Charles Vaughn will officiate and interment will follow in Bankston Cemetery in Hammond.

Cemetery Details

Bankston Cemetery

Hammond, LA 70401

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula
1190 Highway 51 North
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Funeral Service

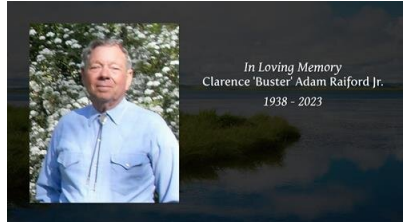
AUG 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clarence "Buster" Raiford Jr.*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - August 12, 2023 at 07:23 AM

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“ *We first met Buster and Bethel in 1952. Then the first convention Oct 1954. Vernell kept a daily diary ,so I find their names often thru the years, families grew ,Spouses, children , beautiful memories.Ulysses*



Ulysses LaPrairie - August 11, 2023 at 09:57 PM

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I first met Buster at the Effie SpMtg in 1956, my first time to LA. I was there to bring Dorne Garner and Charlie Mitchell back to Okla from Effie. I met Kirby at the store to ask directions to the Franks farm and he was going that way and to follow him. I knew nobody at the SP the next day but met a lot of people I never forgot since not knowing that my future wife was there also. I did meet Junior with Buster and Buster had a saying I never forgot, "Man, I'm tell'n you", and another BIG story. :) Wishing all the best to all the family! Jim

Jim Shelby - August 12, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence "Buster" Raiford Jr..*



August 11, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarence "Buster" Raiford Jr..

August 11, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ *James, Darla, Danny and Wes....our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Wish we could be with you. I will always remember and be grateful for the love and care that your dad showed to my parents. When my dad was in the hospital, your dad was there very often. One day dad was moved to another hospital and before I could let anyone know, your dad was there to see him. I looked out the window and saw your dad headed across the parking lot. Better days are ahead.*

Dan and Debbie (Myers) Oldham - August 11, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence "Buster" Raiford Jr..*



August 11, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Clarence "Buster" Raiford Jr..



August 10, 2023 at 10:14 PM



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