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“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light”

Matthew 11:28-30

Hilton Joseph Hoover, Jr., age 83, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2025, at his home, surrounded by the love and comfort of his family. Born on September 1, 1942, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Hilton lived a life marked by humility, compassion, curiosity, and unwavering devotion to the people he loved.

Hilton began his schooling in Ponchatoula and proudly graduated from Ponchatoula High School in 1960. A veteran of the Air National Guard Reserves, he carried himself with the quiet strength and service-hearted spirit that defined him throughout his life.

Known by many as “the original how-to on YouTube,” Hilton, also known to us as Juju or Unca, was a natural fixer—someone who could solve nearly

anything with determination, creativity, and a twinkle in his eye. He had the kindest, sweetest bright blue eyes, a boyish smile, and a baby face that never seemed to age. Outgoing and always willing to lend a hand, he was the person you could call anytime, for anything, and he'd show up without hesitation.

Hilton spent many years working with his father, Hilton Hoover Sr, at Hoover Construction Company, where he constructed bulkheads, bridges, dredged canals, and did drainage projects across the region. Later, he followed his entrepreneurial spirit and opened Hoover Satellite TV. His interests were as broad as they were passionate—planes, trains, automobiles, and especially his prized DeLorean, which he loved to customize in his later years. He enjoyed caning chairs (or at least learning to), and he cherished evenings spent relaxing and watching TV on his huge projector screen with his wife by his side.

In 1983, Hilton met the love of his life, Linda, on a blind date that changed everything. The two were married on February 12, 1994, at St. Margaret Catholic Church, beginning a marriage grounded in laughter, partnership, and unwavering devotion.

Hilton lived boldly—driving a race car at Talladega, soaring in historic aircraft including a B-17 and B-25 bomber, and embracing every new adventure life offered.

Above all, he loved his family and friends more than anything in the world. His presence was a gift, his heart was steady and kind, and the legacy he leaves behind is one of love, generosity, and quiet heroism.

He will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who were blessed to know him.

Hilton is survived by his loving wife, Linda Koles Ivanyisky Hoover; his sister Laurie Stevens (Ray); his nieces, Kyla Broussard (Teryan) and Lilly Stevens; his nephew, Tyler Tucker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hilton Hoover Sr., and his mother Inez Hill Hoover Landry.

Pallbearers:

Alan Hoover, Clark Robertson, Darrel Kropog, Kendall Hill, Matthew Ivanyisky, Steve Hoover, Scott Monistere, Tyler Tucker

Services:

PONCHATOULA, LA.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Visitation from the Chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 North, Ponchatoula, LA. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Thursday, November 20, 2025 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ALBANY, LA.

On Thursday, November 20, 2025 a Funeral Mass will take place at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Albany starting promptly at 12:30 p.m. Fr. Paul Gros will officiate with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret Catholic Church Cemetery

30300 Catholic Hall Rd.
Albany, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV **20**. 9:00 AM (CT)

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1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Funeral Mass

NOV **20**. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church
30300 Catholic Hall Rd
Hammond, LA 70403-8326
(225) 567-3573

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr.*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - November 18, 2025 at 01:58 PM

FL

“ *Hilton was always the same every time we saw him. He did know so much about so many things. When he and Linda came to visit us in Florida, he helped us by putting our remotes all together on one remote for our tv. It's the little things that make us happy. Don and I loved talking to him. He really knew his stuff! Love ya and we will miss you so much. Rest in peace brother.
Don and Faye Lamonte*

Faye Lamonte - November 21, 2025 at 09:46 AM

CW

“ *Carol Sue Willoughby purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..*



Carol Sue Willoughby - November 19, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..



November 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Matthew, Amanda, and Ian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..

Matthew, Amanda, and Ian - November 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ Bud and Sandy Dupree purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..



Bud and Sandy Dupree - November 17, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Bud and Sandy Dupree planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..

Bud and Sandy Dupree - November 17, 2025 at 04:38 PM

JB

“ *Janelle Bovia lit a candle in memory of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr.*



Janelle Bovia - November 17, 2025 at 03:53 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hutchinson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..*



Kathy Hutchinson - November 17, 2025 at 12:03 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hutchinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..*

Kathy Hutchinson - November 17, 2025 at 12:03 PM

SM

“ *Scott, Ashley & Campell Monistere purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hilton Joseph Hoover Jr..*



Scott, Ashley & Campell Monistere - November 16, 2025 at 11:09 PM