



Jimmy Ray Sledge

October 24, 1932 - September 18, 2021

Jimmy Ray Sledge, loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle, and friend, died peacefully Saturday, September 18, 2021 in Shreveport, Louisiana surrounded by his family. Jim, a resident of Hammond, recently retired as a 40 year agent for Shelter Insurance, was born in Martin, Louisiana, October 24, 1932 to Valery D. and Charles Marklin Sledge. He attended Louisiana State University before joining the Air Force. He married and loved dearly, Patricia Hankins Sledge until her death in 2005.

After the Air Force, Jim moved to Hammond, Louisiana in 1958 where he lived until he evacuated to Shreveport after Hurricane Ida. He spent 20 plus years in the poultry business, a job he thoroughly enjoyed, working for Sledge-Townsend, Ralston Purina, and Cal Maine Foods. In 1980, he began selling insurance for MFA, which soon became Shelter Insurance. He especially enjoyed this profession because he was able to meet and help new friends.

Jim was very active in the Hammond community and belonged to many civic organizations. He was a proud Rotarian, having been a member in Hammond and Ponchatoula. He received the Paul Harris Fellowship. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, board member and president of the school board for Southwood Academy, where he also served as president of the Booster Club. One of his favorite responsibilities there was announcing the football games. He also coordinated and cooked many a bar be que chicken

dinner to raise funds. Jim was an avid baseball fan and was delighted to share he had visited all 32 major league baseball parks. Working in his beautiful yard brought him much pleasure, as did feeding and watching the many birds that stayed. He enjoyed roasted peanuts and made the best homemade peach ice cream.

Jim was a devoted servant of his Lord, Jesus Christ and tried to live a life of integrity and humbleness.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Truett, Dorothy V., C.B., and Yvonne.

Jim leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Theresa King, who spent the last 6 years loving him unconditionally, a daughter and son-in-law, Valine and Kirk LaBorde and a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Melanie Sledge. His grandchildren, who were the light of his life, Maegan LaBorde Brown (Adam), Ann-Marie Sledge, Meredith Leigh LaBorde, Amelia Claire Sledge, Sydney Joffray Richard (Eric), and Scott Campbell "Camp" Sledge; great grandchildren, John Lane Richard and soon to arrive Olivia Kate Richard, sisters-in-law, Pam (David) Brown and Evelyn Sledge, many nieces and nephews that he loved, numerous cousins that will miss him, and Lisa LeBlanc, his secretary for 25 years and dear friend.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 West, Hammond, LA. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will resume Thursday at 10:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery in Hammond.

The family would like to thank Dr. Daniel Johnson, Dr. Stephen Bardot, Dr. Edward Sledge, Dr. Syed Rab, and Dr. Stewart Bundrick Jr. for their care and especially the staff at St. Joseph's Hospice in Shreveport, who showed such

kindness and compassion to the family during his stay.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph's Hospice Foundation or the Tangipahoa Parish Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Visitation

SEP **23.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **23.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Scott, sorry to hear about your dad passing away - what I remember most about your dad - his voice from the press box - seems like he was always there. he will be remembered as another of the many parents who made SWA the special place it was.*

Marlin Mullins - September 23, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Sledge.*



September 22, 2021 at 11:33 AM

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“ *9/22/21
I was saddened to learn this morning of the passing of Jim. I remember him especially for his generous nature and genuine concern for others. He and Pat were so kind to travel far and visit Mom when she was having health problems. I recall with great satisfaction the family's treasured visits to our Christmas gatherings.*

Thomas C. (Tom) Wooldridge

Thomas C. (Tom) Wooldridge - September 22, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Sledge.*



September 22, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of a long time family friend. His brother and sister-in-law And their children we're very close friends like family. His other brother Mr. CB gave me the first job I ever had catching chickens. Many good memories to cherish. Our prayers are with you*

Gordon and Eloise Anderson - September 21, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *The CivicSource Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jimmy Ray Sledge.*



The CivicSource Team - September 21, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Sledge.*



September 21, 2021 at 10:19 AM