



John Virgil Matthews Sr.

September 11, 1930 - August 5, 2013

Age 82 and a resident of Hammond, John went to his Heavenly Home on Monday, August 5, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and worked as a Railroad Operator for many years. John was a loving father, step-father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to all who knew him and will be missed dearly. He loved to read anything and everything, even word games and puzzles, and making corny jokes while listening to his gospel music but most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

John leaves behind his wife, Mary Bickford Matthews; children, John Virgil Matthews, Jr. and wife Deirdre, Laura Kay Bigner and husband Alan, Lois May Ballard and husband Dewayne, Walter Irvin Matthews and wife Teia, step-children, Mary Karen Bickford, Pamela Dawn Bickford, David Crowe, John O. Bickford, Jr.; sister, Mary Sue Alford; grandchildren, Stephen Carter and wife Stacy, Jennifer Scallan and husband Mark, Christopher Bigner, Eric Bigner, Valerie McDonald, Lela Ballard, Bryan Matthews, Larissa Matthews, Alexis McDonald; great-grandchildren, LaMarca "Tank" Scallan, Trevor Scallan and Oakley Scallan.

Preceding John in death were his first wife, Martha Annette Kitchens Matthews; and his parents, Walter and Laura Lackey Matthews.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond, on Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Larry Moak and Rev. Mike McLaurin will officiate the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to First United Methodist Church in Ponchatoula or to Rev. Larry Moak for Mission Donations.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Our prayers go out to you and your family.* ”

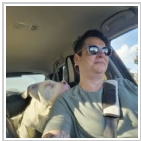


Scott Haynes - August 08, 2013 at 10:17 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Jean & Donald Berteau* ”

Jean Berteau - August 07, 2013 at 09:00 PM



“ *Debora Helton-Woodham lit a candle in memory of John Virgil Matthews Sr.* ”



Debora Helton-Woodham - August 07, 2013 at 02:10 AM

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*Our thoughts and prayers to the family of John Matthews...
Janice and Bubby Haydel
Laplace, La.*

Janice Haydel - August 08, 2013 at 08:28 AM