



John Milton Southworth

April 2, 1931 - February 22, 2023

John, age 91, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 while surrounded by his loving family. He was a native of Springfield, LA. and a longtime resident of the Hungarian Settlement. John proudly served his country in the United States Army, where he was wounded during the Korean War earning him a well-deserved Purple Heart Medal. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from SLU and his Master's Degree from LSU in Education, teaching agriculture to his students at Albany High School until his retirement. John loved farming strawberries and vegetables, raising cattle, going fishing and hunting, and working with his hands on his land. First and foremost, John was a family man who loved to take the grandkids fishing, or simply being together enjoying each other's company. John was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who is missed by all who knew and loved him.

John is survived by his loving wife Peggy Lee Southworth; daughter, Debra Southworth Ruzensky, husband Robert Ruzensky, Jr.; sons, Paul Southworth, wife Donna, and Greg Southworth, wife Anne; brother, Robert Hosh; grandchildren, Robert Ruzensky, III (Katharine), Katie Martin (Jordan), John Southworth (Shanae), Justin Southworth (Brigitte), Allison Southworth, and Abigail Southworth; and great grandson, Henry Ruzensky.

John is preceded in death by his mother, Rosa Kopsco Hosh; grandparents,

Michael and Lena Kopsco; sisters, Lenora Strom, Rosemary Bankston, and Shirley Hosh.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that donation please be made to Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church.

The family is thankful and appreciates all the staff and caregivers with St. Joseph Hospice who lovingly cared for Mr. John.

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 Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Daniel Vanek will officiate with interment to follow in Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church Cemetery

30767 Hungarian Presbyterian Church Road
Albany, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Milton Southworth*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - February 26, 2023 at 02:43 PM

TB

“ *Sincere condolences to your family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “ Jesus plainly told her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.*

The Bell Family

T. Bell - March 09, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Milton Southworth.*



March 03, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Milton Southworth.*



March 02, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ *John & Linda Fodor purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Milton Southworth.*



John & Linda Fodor - February 24, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of John Milton Southworth.*



February 24, 2023 at 10:45 AM

BH

“ Mr. Southworth taught me science at AHS and my fondest memory as I entered AHS as a freshman. Already nervous about being a freshman as I walked into his room and sat in a seat on my first day at school, he asked me my name. I said Billie Hutchinson and he immediately asked "are you related to Thomas Hutchinson", and I answered yes sir, he is my brother. He said very straight forward, "you go sit on the other side of the room away from everyone else". I did as I was told. Anyone who knew Thomas knew he loved to talk so Mr. Southworth figured he would nip this in the bud. I NEVER forgot Mr. Southworth. He was a great teacher and a wonderful individual. So sorry for y'all's lose.

Billie Ann Hutchinson - February 23, 2023 at 02:39 PM

PP

Rest peacefully Mr. John. You've served your Lord, your Family, your Country, your Community, your Purpose... Blessings of comfort to Mrs. Peggy, Paul, Debra, Greg and their families. Love you all, Paulette

Paulette Patterson - February 23, 2023 at 04:03 PM

RG

*To Peggy, Paul, Debra, Greg and your families, we send you our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry for your lost and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
From Roger & Debby Green*

Roger & Debby Green - February 23, 2023 at 06:42 PM

KU

So sorry for your loss buddy. Kirt and Deb

kirt ulfers - February 24, 2023 at 10:39 AM

AM

Mr. Southworth taught me through high school. Graduate of 1969. He made a big impression on my life. I enjoyed being in his class. He was a special teacher.

Andrea Starkey McCon

Andrea McCon - February 24, 2023 at 11:30 AM

HH

As an 11th. or 12th grader at AHS, I had to take chemistry, Mr. Southworth was the teacher, I hated chemistry, it scrambled my brain, so, of course, I was a poor student. However, it was not Mr. Southworth's fault, he tried his best with a disinterested student. Had him for study hall also and there I discovered his sense of humor, his less formal persona, his humanness, he was no longer a 'teacher', he was a real person and gained my respect.

God Bless John M. Southworth and the entirety of his family. Mr. Southworth is in the Spirit realm now, but is still watching and caring for each of you.

*Hurd Hess
Fairfield, Iowa*

Hurd Hess - February 25, 2023 at 12:30 AM