



## Kerry M. Hudgins

November 30, 1946 - April 30, 2026

Kerry M. Hudgins, age 79, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at St Tammany Hospital where he received excellent care. Born in Talladega, Alabama, Kerry moved to Louisiana and graduated from West Jefferson High School. He joined the United States Navy and served on the USS Hyman. He was a dedicated and hardworking man who spent much of his career providing for his family. Kerry began his professional journey with McDonald's, where he rose to the position of store manager. Seeking greater opportunities, he later joined Union Carbide/DOW Chemical, where he worked for over 30 years before retiring. He later discovered the joy of driving a school bus for the Tangipahoa School Board for 24 years.

He found immense joy in his role as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and cherished time spent with his family. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Hudgins; sons, Michael Hudgins (Theresa), Byron Hudgins (Jeannel), daughters, Stephanie Kessinger-Harvey (Kevin Jr.), Heather Foster, grandchildren Kaelon Speckner (Joe), Gavin Hudgins (Taylor), Josh, Christian, and Carrie Hudgins, Kellan Foster, Kinsley Harvey, and Kevin Harvey III, and one great grandson Sterling Speckner. He is preceded in death by his parents, Byron V Hudgins and Gladys Bishop, brother, Maxie Hudgins, and grandson Sean Michael Foster.

Kerry will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his love for family, and the pride he took in caring for those closest to him.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Lymphoma

Society or St. Jude Children's Research Center in honor of Mr. Kerry.  
Relatives and friends of the family are invited to the visitation at Brandon G.  
Thompson Funeral Home at 1190 Hwy 51 N. Ponchatoula, LA 70454 on  
Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA  
1190 Highway 51  
Ponchatoula, LA 70454  
(985) 370-9296

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kerry M. Hudgins*



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**Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home** - May 07 at 08:42 AM

MH

“ *Loved my Uncle Kerry! He was a hard worker, great husband, great Dad and great Grandfather. Will be missed by all. Love, Maxie and Donna*

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**Maxie Hudgins** - May 05 at 07:28 PM

RS

“ *Enjoyed working with Kerry for 30+ year's. Super guy, he will be missed. Prayers for the family. Rob Stein*

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**Robert Stein** - May 04 at 11:22 AM

MR

*Our entire community lost a very special man. Prayers for his family. You will be missed.  
Melissa Robertson-transportation*

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**Melissa Robertson** - May 09 at 01:55 PM

SC

“ Kerry was the kindest, sweetest and funniest person you could be around. He was the leader when we were younger in our adventurous times. He has left us with great memories. Miss and love him.. We will see you again! With Our Love, The Cupp's!

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**Shelby Cupp** - May 04 at 08:02 AM

MF

“ Sending our deepest prayers and love to Mr. Michael Hudgins and the entire Hudgins family during this incredibly difficult time. We pray that God surrounds you with his peace and provides comfort that only he can give.

You are in our prayers. 🙏

*Michael & Melissa Green Family*

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**Michael P. Green FD** - May 04 at 05:53 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am so glad I got to spend time with yall a few weeks ago. He protected me from a snake when we all first moved to Ponchatoula. He was such a wonderful man who loved his family. I am praying for you all.

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**leigh hathaway** - May 03 at 08:52 PM