



Tillman Jules Sterken

December 23, 1930 - May 11, 2014

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Age 83 and a resident of Ponchatoula, Tillman Jules Sterken passed away, while surrounded by his family, on Sunday May 11, 2014 at North Oaks Medical Center. He was a loving husband to his wife of 58 years, Sylvia Cortez Sterken, and a proud father and grandfather. Growing up on a small farm on Sisters Road in Ponchatoula, he was the middle child, with an older brother, Ervin and a younger sister, Barbara. From an early age, both Tillman and Ervin were fascinated with airplanes and spent time building model airplanes with small prop engines. They both served in the Air Force and were in the Korean Conflict. Tillman worked along the river in many plants, including Dupont Pontchartrain Works, where he was employed for 25 years. He was a Ponchatoula Pinegrove Lodge Chapter Mason, where he served as Worshipful Master. A true classic car enthusiast, Tillman was a member of the Florida Parish Vintage Car Club and enjoyed owning many different types of classic cars throughout the years. In addition, he was a private pilot, owning a Cessna 172 for 12 years. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to fish and hunt.

Tillman leaves behind three sons, Tillman Sterken, Jr. and wife Angie, Barry Sterken and wife Gay, and David Sterken and wife Michelle; grandchildren, Chad Sterken, Amanda Sterken Warren, Ben Ernst, Kayla Ernst, Erica Smith, Grant Sterken, and Olivia Sterken; great-grandchildren, Haze and Knox

Shelby, Lathyn Wall, Bentley Smith, Hartley Smith, and London Smith; sister Barbara Sterken Alack and husband Al.

Preceding Tillman in death were his wife, Sylvia Cortez Sterken; parents, Henry and Violet Bubert Sterken; brother, Ervin Henry Sterken.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home in Ponchatoula, on Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. and interment will follow in Sandhill Cemetery.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sandhill Cemetery

Sandhill Cemetery Road
Ponchatoula, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Many years ago, (approx 44) i was attending a playoff baseball game in Covington and it has rained earlier in the afternoon. I had 2 little sons and expecting my third child, wearing tennis shoe and decided to go get the boys a treat, I slipped and Tillman grabed me and saved my daughter(didn't know it was a girl) and me from falling through the bleachers and hitting metal rails. Nearly each time I would see Tillman, I thanked him for saving my baby and stopping me from getting hurt also.
Lois Duplessis Fendlason Freeman

LOIS D FREEMAN - August 11, 2014 at 03:34 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Gordon Anderson - May 15, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tillman Jules Sterken.



May 14, 2014 at 02:17 PM

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“ *Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Sylvia gave me my very first job at Dandy Burger. Best experience of my life. They taught me how to be a worker and all of that stayed with me throughout my life of working. Me. Tillman will be missed. My Prayers are with Mrs. Sylvia , Tillman Jr. Barry and David. God Bless*
Jerri Gill Wise

Jerri Gill Wise - May 13, 2014 at 03:20 PM