



William "Russell" Bethel

November 27, 1950 - December 29, 2025

Russell, age 75, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025. He was a resident of Hammond, LA. Russell proudly served in the Louisiana National Guard. He was a hardworking man who believed in the value of taking care of his family. Life didn't need to be complicated for Russell, he found his greatest peace at his camp down the river, where he loved building fires, sitting back, and enjoying time with those around him. Those moments, filled with laughter and quiet conversation, meant everything to him. Russell cherished traveling with his wife, appreciating both the journey and the memories they created together. His grandbabies held a special place in his heart, and he took immense pride in watching them grow. A simple man with a big heart, Russell always put his family first. He was an amazing husband, loving father, and the best Paw Paw you could ask for, and he will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kathy Bethel; daughter, Tonya Joiner (Justin); son, Bryant Bethel; sisters, JoAnn Dickens (Frank), Sherry Brown (Bobby); brothers, Faron Miley (Shelia), Wendell Miley (Wanda), Daron Miley (Flossy); grandchildren, Blake Bethel (Harley), Kileigh Muse (Brice), Clayton Bethel, Shelbie Alston (Conner), Mallorie Sagely (Hunter), Brodie Joiner; and great-grandchildren, Sawyer Bethel, Leland "Buddy" Bethel, Austyn Bethel, Brett Muse, Huntlee Sagely, and Russell "Russ" Luke Alston.

Russell is preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Nelda Miley.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home at 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401 on Friday, January 2, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Saturday, January 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Frank Dickens will officiate with interment to follow in Loranger Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Loranger Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G Thompson Funeral Home Hammond
12012 Hwy 190 West
Hammond, LA 70401

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Russell" Bethel*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - December 31, 2025 at 04:51 PM

SB

“ *Sunshine Bethel Willett and Logan Bethel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Russell" Bethel.*

Sunshine Bethel Willett and Logan Bethel - January 01 at 09:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.*



January 01 at 09:54 PM

TS

“ *Travis and Blythe Shaw planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Russell" Bethel.*

Travis and Blythe Shaw - January 01 at 08:39 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.*



January 01 at 08:39 PM



“ *Ronnie, Geri, Jason, & Nicole Dunnington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Russell" Bethel.*

Ronnie, Geri, Jason, & Nicole Dunnington - January 01 at 08:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.*



January 01 at 08:13 PM



“ *Love Marshall and Bridget planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Russell" Bethel.*

Love Marshall and Bridget - January 01 at 07:38 PM

LB

“ Love Marshall and Bridget purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.



Love Marshall and Bridget - January 01 at 07:38 PM

NF

“ Nipper, Shellie and Family purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.



Nipper, Shellie and Family - January 01 at 03:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.



December 31, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of William "Russell" Bethel.



December 30, 2025 at 05:14 PM