



William Nelson Needham

January 6, 1940 - July 12, 2022

William Nelson Needham, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. He was a native of Hammond, LA and a resident of Livingston, LA. William served his country in the United States Army. He was an outstanding fire Captain for the Baton Rouge fire department. William loved hunting, fishing, watching football, but what he most enjoyed was spending time with his grandchildren. He cherished spending time with family and friends cheering on his favorite football teams the LSU tigers and the New Orleans Saints. Williams favorite place to was to be on the river where he could hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors. He embraced every day and enjoyed his life to the fullest. William was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife Johnnie Needham; daughters, Darlene Hutchinson (Billy), Missy Henry (John), Michelle Needham; Son Lucky Needham; sisters Marilyn Needham, Lanell Dixion (Scotty); Brother Claude Needham (Dovie); Grandchildren Rodney Matherne Jr. (Amanda), Waylon Matherne (Marlena), Christina McLaurin (Shane), Sal Cangelosi (April), Lindsey Owens (Nathan), Autumn Walden, Alex Walden, and 11 great-grandchildren.

William is preceded in death by his Parents Otis Needham and Zella Zeigler Needham; Brothers Spook and Maurice Needham; and Sister Opal Oliphant.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 W. Hammond, LA 70401, on Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Friday July 15, 2022 9:00am until the Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. Condolences and other information may be found at www.thompsoncares.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Zeigler Cemetery

Zeigler Cemetery Rd.
Livingston, LA 70754

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Hammond, LA 70401
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Burial

JUL 15 (CT)

Zeigler Cemetery
Zeigler Cemetery Rd.
Livingston, LA 70754

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Nelson Needham*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - July 13, 2022 at 06:58 PM

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“ *We were blessed to know you Mr. Nelson; thank you for the gift of your time and stories you shared with us. They are a treasure.*



Bo & Terri - July 15, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William Nelson Needham.*



July 14, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Nelson Needham.*



July 14, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Nelson Needham.*



July 14, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Mrs Johnnie/Family,*

Sorry to hear of Mr. Nelson's passing. I remember as a young boy fishing the river with my dad. We would often see Mr. Nelson on the river and he and dad would stop their boats in the middle of the river and have a conversation about hunting, fishing or ball, and most times they would talk about all three. I do remember many times peering over into the bottom of his boat and seeing it full of catfish. My memory of him during those encounters is that He was soft spoken and kind. I know he will be greatly missed. It seems like far to often we lose great men of this generation. My deepest condolences to the family. I pray that The Lord would bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.

*In Christ,
Gene Hoyt Jr.*

Eugene Hoyt - July 14, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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“ *Jane Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of William Nelson Needham*



jane Harris - July 13, 2022 at 09:28 PM

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Prayers are going out for the family, may God comfort all in this time of grief, what a wonderful day to be able to sit with The Lord at His side .Amen 🙏🕊️❤️🇺🇸

jane Harris - July 13, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Nelson Needham.*



July 13, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Nelson Needham.*



July 13, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Nelson Needham.* ”



July 13, 2022 at 06:43 PM