



# Don Austin Scoggins

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**G**raveside service will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Leesville Cemetery with Bro. Craig Forque officiating.

Don, the son of F.P. Scoggins, Sr. and Tressie Keel Scoggins Hagan, was born on June 5, 1939, in Leesville, LA. He passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020 in Alexandria, LA.

Don was an extremely loving husband, father and grandfather. Being very family oriented, he never missed an opportunity to grill steaks with all the trimmings. The family's favorite was gathering for "granddaddy's steaks".

Don had a deep love for Leesville and his country. He graduated from Leesville High School in 1957 and then from Northwestern State University where he served as a Black Knight in the ROTC program. Don married the absolute love of his life since junior high, Linda Elizabeth "Betsy" May, on January 26, 1962. He served in the United States Army, taught junior high science at Leesville, sold real estate for many years, and then owned Hernandez Farm Supply until his retirement.

Don was a member of First Baptist Church in Leesville for over 65 years and was also a faithful member of the Unity Sunday School class and "morning coffee crew". He was a member of the Leesville Lions Club, where he was a past president and rodeo chairman. Don was a Master Mason belonging to Leesville Lodge #240 F&AM. He was a 32nd Degree Mason of the Shreveport Scottish Rite Bodies. Don was instrumental in establishing local volunteer fire stations throughout Vernon Parish and was always quick to volunteer for any veteran service organization.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, F. P Scoggins, Jr.; and wife of 54 years, Betsy Scoggins.



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He is survived by his daughters, Susan Elizabeth Scoggins and Linda “Dandy” Scoggins Beckermeyer and her husband Tony, both of Leesville; four beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth May Gautreaux Cyr and husband Timothy, Austin Clark Beckermeyer, Nathan Don Gautreaux, and Collin Wayne Beckermeyer; three nephews; and one niece.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers are Austin Clark Beckermeyer, Nathan Don Gautreaux, Collin Wayne Beckermeyer, and Timothy Cyr.

Honorary pallbearers are Linwood Pace, Danny Rowzee and LeRoy Jackson.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the Scoggins Family at [www.labbymemorial.com](http://www.labbymemorial.com)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Baptist Church of Leesville.



## Tribute Wall

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CW

**Chuck Watts** posted:

Susan, Dandy and family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I do not get on social media so I did know until I was on a search about Leesville. Just remembering old times. I am sorry I am so late.

May 2 at 7:00 PM

RS

**R J Steyerman** posted:

The Heart is Heavybut The Soul Rejoices

March 30 at 7:00 PM

SD

**Shannon Conner-Dumolt** posted:

Mr. Scoggins was truly a wonderful, honorable man. My memories are extremely fond of a man who treated me with such kindness that I learned life lessons from him. I have memories of seeing Mr. Scoggins at every activity of Susan and Dandy's. He and Mrs Scoggins never missed a game, performance, or recognition involving their children (Even after the girls went to college). It took a lot of effort and love to be parents like the Scoggins. I was impressed then, and i'm more impressed now after having my own children. My prayers are with Susan, Dandy, and their families. Your dad was larger than life. I know it is a difficult time, yet I smile when I think how happy your mom must be right now.

March 28 at 7:00 PM

PR

**Priscille Rodriguez** posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Margie & Wes Beaver** posted:

We are saddened by your loss. Rest assured that we will be praying for the family and friends of Don.

March 27 at 7:00 PM



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PA

**Patrice Avery** posted:

It's hard to picture Mr. Don without a smile. He was truly a precious man. I've known him for many years... Long before I knew his sweet family. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

RB

**Robbie Bailes** posted:

So very sorry , such a sweet gentleman with an awesome smile. Love to you all , Robbie Bailes

March 27 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Bobby & Charlotte Smith** posted:

On behalf of the LHS Class of 1956, we would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. Don was always a special friend and will be missed by all. May you all receive peace and comfort in the coming days.

March 27 at 7:00 PM

JR

**Juanita Rector** posted:

~ Juanita Rector, Leesville, Louisiana

March 27 at 7:00 PM

LM

**Linda Mclawhorn** posted:

I love this obituary. He was a truly amazing man and left behind a great legacy! There's a party in heaven now ♥ Hallelujah! I love the memories I have of spending time with him. Like the time we were on the floor wrestling and I challenged him. He got down and let me flip him. I felt so strong and proud of myself. I think he knew that I needed that feeling. He was such a wise man to see inside my aching heart. He will be greatly missed but how wonderful to know I'll see him again ♥. Prayers for the family, Much love too, Linda Whitfield McLawhorn

March 26 at 7:00 PM



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**Yvonne Everett** posted:

Dandy....my heart aches for you and your family at the loss of your dad. I truly thought the world of him. I will miss not seeing him when I come to Louisiana. I wish I had the words to help heal your heart but all I can say is that I know he loved you all very much. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Yvonne Everett(Paula's mom)

March 26 at 7:00 PM



**Robbie Northcutt** posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Many Wonderful memories going in Hernandez feed w/ daddy & Mr. Don always making us laugh! The Massey family sends our prayers & love!

March 26 at 7:00 PM



**Jim Gautreaux** posted:

Rest in Peace old friend. You will be missed!

March 26 at 7:00 PM



**Bertha Spears** posted:

Heartfelt sympathy to family and friends May gHod bless and comfort each in time for sorrow

March 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We were so privileged to enjoy knowing Don and spending time together celebrating family events. He will be missed by so many.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



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GN

**Gabriela Nazario** posted:

He was a kind and loving man who would help everyone that needed it. This is truly a great loss for his family and community

March 26 at 7:00 PM

LG

**Lesli Thomas Gray** posted:

Deepest condolences to the family. I know Don will be missed.

March 26 at 7:00 PM

KK

**Kaye Kyzar** posted:

Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.

March 26 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Don by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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