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Leland Cornelius Lenahan, II, was born on January 23, 1938 in Toledo, Louisiana, to Leland Cornelius and Burnadine Slay Lenahan. He was the third and final child and only son, joining his sisters Louise (later wife to Deloy Ross) and Lelia, who grew to adore their little brother. The family moved from the Sabine River, where his father ran Hadden's Ferry, to Lee Hills in Leesville, where his mother ran Lenahan's Dry Goods and his father taught math at Leesville Junior High. After graduating from Leesville High School in 1956, he attended several universities before graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in Mathematics. Later he would continue his education obtaining degrees in Business and Education. Soon after graduating from NSU, Leland met and married the love of his life Vernia Gotreaux, and the couple ultimately settled in Anacoco to raise their four children. Leland worked in many areas including accountant at Ross Continental Motor Lodge, math teacher at Leesville Junior High, and math instructor at Northwestern State University, before purchasing a convenient store on Highway 171 in Anacoco.

For 25 years, Leland faithfully served the area as proprietor of Lenahan's Grocery. In 1993, Leland lost his wife to cancer, and 7 years later was blessed to find love and companionship again when he married Suzanne Sanders Tilley. Suzanne, more popularly known as "Tinee" and Leland spent 14 years together finding love and purpose again, before Tinee too passed. In the final months of his life, Leland took great comfort in the care of his four children, whom he considered his greatest legacy and most enduring accomplishment. He appreciated the continued devotion and commitment of his friends who were faithful to him through the many months of his illness.



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Leland was a faithful son to his father and especially to his mother, a devoted brother to his two sisters, a loving and faithful husband to his wives, a model father to his children, and a loyal and generous friend to everyone around him. His sense of humor, his complete acceptance of people, and his model of generosity and goodness will be missed by all who knew him.

Leland is preceded in death by his Father, Mother, Sisters, Brother-in-law, and Wives.

He is survived by his sons Leland C. Lenahan, III, M.D., and wife Christy of Lafayette; John E. Lenahan and wife Michelle of Anacoco; daughters Bernadine Lenahan and husband Tommy Bolton of Anacoco; and Tammy L. Cecil and husband Raymond of Anacoco. Grandchildren, Jonathan, Christopher, and Gabrielle Lenahan; Zac, Josh, and Julian Cecil; Leo and Max Dean; Evangeline Lenahan; and Thomas Bolton, as well as 2 great grandchildren. Sister-in-law Patricia Sanders Belsha. His many Gotreaux in-laws who were his family to the end of his days. Nephew Ricky Ross and family of Leesville and Niece Lisa Smolen and family of Houston, Texas. Loyal and true friends Ronald Britt, Roy Owers, and Roger Mayo, and a host of friends and customers.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 27, 2017 at Saint Michael The Archangel Catholic Church of Leesville.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Leesville. A Rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the charity of your choice.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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