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Home-going services for George Thomas Ferguson, of Leesville, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 11, 2022 in the Hope Springs United Pentecostal Church, Burial will follow in the Pine Island Cemetery in Leesville.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 5:00 P.M– 8:00 P.M in the church.

George Thomas Ferguson passed away on February 6, 2022 at the age of 80, due to unexpected complications from a recent illness. Even throughout his short battle, he kept those around him laughing and smiling as they cared for him through the end.

A man who stood head and shoulders above everyone he met, he was beloved by every person who had the privilege of his company. He never met a stranger, and never faced a problem he couldn't find a way to solve. He was always going to tell a joke just to see someone else smile, but he would not let his own smile be captured in photographs. Once the grandkids came along, though, that dislike for pictures would fade and he would be found surrounded by the smiling faces of his family.

As a young man, he was a part of the United States Army, stationed at Fort Polk. This endeavor brought him to the love of his life, Joyce, whom he married 3 short months later and moved to Baton Rouge. This pair would build a beautiful life together on a solid foundation and love for God. During his time in Baton Rouge he learned the trade of mechanics and auto body repair. This would be his signature trade through life when they moved to their home in the Leesville area. He was a hard worker and at times held 2-3 jobs. He would make sure the job was done correctly and no short-cuts were taken. He took pride in his work and it reflected with each job.

On his own time, he learned to play the banjo. He enjoyed eating boiled peanuts and drank sweet tea by the gallons in his green and yellow cups. A man with a spirit gentle and kind, he had his moments where he made sure there was more than enough, from overflowing strawberries and bushels purple hull peas, to endless pickled bologna.



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As many would know, his love of mechanics poured into his hobby of building hot rods for racing. He was always going to find a way to make things go just a little faster. As the saying goes, "Find something you love to do for free, then find a way to make money from it." He found that and he worked with the Leesville fire department, Bellsouth, Fort Polk Civil Service/ Role Play, and the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Department. In each position he worked in the role of mechanic or overseeing others in the auto shop. Through each of these experiences, he gained a collection of friends that would be there throughout life and beyond.

He is survived by his kind and loving wife of 58 years, Joyce. His beloved daughters: Sonya Toney, married to Dale Toney; and Donna Barrio, married to Richard Barrio. His 3 grandchildren: Ashley Miller, married to Jared Miller; Brandon Toney and Jessica Barrio; his 2 great-grandchildren: Jaxon and Adalynn Miller; and one brother: Glenn Ferguson. In addition to many nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister (Patricia Ramsey) and his infant son, Daniel Wayne Ferguson.

We love you and will miss you more than words can say.

Words of Comfort may be expressed to the Ferguson Family at www.labbymemorial.com



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HL

Heike Leibenguth posted:

Dear Mr George, RIP. You will be missed. Dear Mrs Joyce and Family, my deepest condolences.
Heike Leibenguth

February 9 at 7:00 PM

RD

Rene' Duhon posted:

Joyce, I am so sorry for your and your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's comforting presence be with you in the times to come. Rene' Nance Duhon

February 9 at 7:00 PM

JL

James M. Leonard posted:

This man was the greatest mechanic, a friend, someone you could talk too when advice was needed. And prayers to go along with it, I'm so glad uncle George finally learned to play the beautiful banjo he cherished. Until we meet again my brother in Christ.

February 9 at 7:00 PM

DW

Debbie Wascom posted:

I met this man years ago and there's no words to describe him that hasn't already been said He will truly be missed and I just thank God I had that opportunity to know him. Keeping your family in prayers today See you when I get there Uncle Tommy as I knew him love and miss you David and Debbie

February 9 at 7:00 PM

AV

April Volpe posted:

Our prayers are with you. Mr. George was a special friend. So thankful I was able to make peanut brittle with him and Mrs. Joyce. I will always remember his devotion to his wife, his jokes, teaching him how to use his new cell phone, and him always asking me when I was going to buy my better half a boat. And the peppermint jar. He loved the peppermint jar in my office. He always had a contagious smile no matter the struggles of the day. He will be so unexplainably and greatly missed.---April Volpe, Skeeter Mills, Emily Volpe--VPSO

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EG

Everett Gibson posted:

It was my honor to attend church with him, when I lived in Leesville. He was a friend for life. Sad to know 'Mucho Meano' (his part in a skit we did years ago) has run his race. But he ran well all the way. My prayers are with you all.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

ST

Shelly Toney posted:

I will never forget this gentle giant. It's been many years since I have seen him, but I can still see his smile and hear his silliness. Praying for you all.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

LD

Leslie Dowden posted:

I will miss George , been seeing him at NAPA for 40 years . He was a very good customer , trying always to get a laugh . He just made the day better .

February 8 at 7:00 PM

VJ

Virginia Jackson posted:

Bro. Ferguson was a fine man, and would and did help anyone who came across his path with a need. He and his family were very devoted to each other and to God. The salt of the earth kind of people. So thankful for them. I met them when I was a young girl, maybe 18. He and his family gave me a ride home all the way out in the country. I lived down a gravel road, and he just couldn't resist doing his thing -- he made the car go sideways, as if it were going out of control -- but he had it under control the entire time. :) His family just laughed, but it was new experience for me. I learned to love this family so much, and it is with great sorrow that we must say goodbye, but only until we meet again in Heaven with our Lord! Thank you, Bro. Ferguson, for all the memories and all the work you put in through the years for the church and for others. No one else like you.

February 8 at 7:00 PM

PM

Phyllis Miller posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you ferguson family. May god give you comfort and peace. Your in my prayers. Phyllis Miller

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Gayle Midkiff Broyles posted:

Mr George will be missed for sure!!! I remember him always with a smile on his face!!!! Please know Ms Joyce you and your family will be in my prayers ! Gayle , Michael, Amber and Ashley Midkiff

February 8 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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