



Donald James Broussard

March 17, 1932 - September 13, 2024

Abbeville -

On Friday, September 13, 2024, Donald James Broussard of Abbeville, Louisiana passed away peacefully at the age of 92, in his home surrounded by his beloved family.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 2pm at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Abbeville.

Father Francois Sainte-Marie will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024 from 1pm until service time at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Abbeville with a rosary taking place at 1:30pm.

Burial will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery.

Donald was born in Abbeville on March 17, 1932 to parents Ambrose Broussard and Pearl Stelly Broussard. He attended Mount Carmel elementary through high school, graduating from there in 1950. Upon graduating, he worked for a brief time for Dudley J. LeBlanc and Hadacol, working on the Hadacol train and driving trucks. He then enlisted in the United States Army,

serving overseas in the Korean War. He loved telling stories of his time being stationed both in Japan and Korea, driving tanks and chauffeuring a Colonel.

Upon return from overseas, Donald began working for Bellsouth phone company. He was often referred to as “the telephone man” having installed many of the phone lines throughout the Acadiana area including at Abbeville General Hospital, Erath Hospital, and many of the local businesses. He was also an electrician by trade and continued to help many friends and family with small jobs at their homes and businesses long past his retirement from Bellsouth in 1995 after 40 years. He also was known for doing the electrical wiring for the May Festival at Mount Carmel and Vermilion Catholic for many years.

Besides spending time with his family, Donald enjoyed fishing, hunting and being outdoors. He spent lots of time at his camp in Boston, the beaches along the Gulf Coast, and on the family houseboat. He also loved taking his family and lots of friends out on the houseboat or to the camp to share with them his love of Louisiana’s Sportsmans paradise. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and the Telephone Pioneers of America, keeping involved in both organizations until later in life.

Donald is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Gloria Faye Connor Broussard as well as six of his seven children, Marcelle Broussard (Cammy), Tanya Broussard Trahan (Norman), Haley Broussard Leatherwood (Leslie), Lane Broussard, Craig Touchet, Michelle Touchet (Alvin) and his son-in-law Duane Saunier. He is also survived by eight of his nine grandchildren, Kimberly Saunier Boudreaux (Darby), Kyle Saunier (Bridget), Marina Leatherwood, Sierra Leatherwood, Brittney Howell (Richard), and Angelle Miller (Donavaughn), Kristen Romero (Luis) and Hunter Trahan as well as eight great-grandchildren, Catherine-Grace Saunier, Brea Saunier, Briggs Saunier, Sawyer Howell, Madelyn Howell, Camille Howell, Tyler Boudreaux,

and Scarlett Miller. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law, Jackie Connor, many beloved nieces, nephews, godchildren, great-nieces and great-nephews. His passing will be felt greatly by his loyal dog, Pepper.

Already passed loved ones awaiting his arrival in heaven include his parents, Ambrose and Pearl Broussard, his daughter, Donna Broussard Saunier, his grandson, Casey Lewis Saunier, his sister Mary Delores Andrus and her husband Sheldon Andrus, and brother-in-law Jake Connor.

The family would like to thank all of the doctors and nurses that assisted with care of Donald over the last year of his life. A special thanks to Hospice of Acadiana for the wonderful care they provided in the last few weeks.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

St Theresa Church
101 N Leonard Ave
Abbeville, LA 70510
(337) 893-5631

Rosary

SEP 20. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St Theresa Church
101 N Leonard Ave
Abbeville, LA 70510
(337) 893-5631

Funeral Mass

SEP 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St Theresa Church
101 N Leonard Ave
Abbeville, LA 70510
(337) 893-5631

Burial

SEP 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St Mary Magdalen Cemetery
410 Old Kaplan Hwy
Abbeville, LA 70510

Tribute Wall

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“ *Faye and Family:*

*Donald was one of the friendliest men I have ever been privileged to know and call friend. Always witty, often his advice to me came like a father to a son. He truly cared for those around him. He often shared wonderful stories of my father during his political career and my godparents whom he worked with at South Central Bell. I always looked forward to our talks. My prayers are now with the family that Our Lord will bring them comfort. Donald has left us all with wonderful memories and as better people for having known him...
Dr. Sammy Theriot*

Dr. Sammy Theriot - September 20, 2024 at 11:30 AM

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“ *With love, Ken Ritter & Hunter Hargrave purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald James Broussard.*



With love, Ken Ritter & Hunter Hargrave - September 17, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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“ *Southern Urology New Iberia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald James Broussard.*



Southern Urology New Iberia - September 17, 2024 at 06:16 PM

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“ Southern Urology New Iberia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald James Broussard.

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