



Ronald J. Best

September 29, 1955 - March 22, 2026

Lafayette -

A Liturgy of the Word service will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Cypress Funeral Home in Maurice for Ronald J. Best, age 70, who passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2026 in Lafayette.

Deacon Tim Marcantel will officiate the services.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Cypress Funeral Home in Maurice. A rosary will be prayed by Deacon Tim Marcantel on Sunday at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue Monday, March 30, 2026 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Cypress Funeral Home in Maurice.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Best, Cyrus Best, Jack Burns, Nicholas Best, Leonard Oakes, and Edward Best.

Ronald Best was born on September 29, 1955 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, and he was a longtime resident of Lafayette. He worked as an engineer who retired from John H Carter in Lafayette and had a brilliant mind; he was a true leader of men. Ron worked as hard as he played and loved every aspect of life. He was a sports enthusiast who loved coaching his boys and their friends in youth football and baseball. Ron was a serious fan of Fantasy Football as

well. He also loved his alma mater, Penn State. He had a great sense of humor. He was a people person and loved all things Louisiana; he loved Lafayette, Louisiana cuisine, Mardi Gras, and New Orleans. He will be dearly missed by his family and loved ones.

He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Holly Ann Best; his children, Patrick Best, Cyrus Best, Jack Burns, and Nicholas Best; his grandchildren, Augustine Best and Annabeth Best; his brother, Edward Best and wife Debby; his brother-in-law, Leonard Oakes and his wife Lisa; a host of beloved nieces and nephews; as well as his precious dog, Maggie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Theresa Best; his sister, Terri Taormina; and his brother, Timothy "Tim" Best.

In Lieu of flowers, please donate to MD Anderson Houston Cancer Center (<https://gifts.mdanderson.org/Default.aspx?tsid=37435>) and the American Cancer Society (<https://donate.cancer.org/?campaign=incentivehubdefaultmedia>)

Ron's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the nurses at Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center for the care they provided him during his time of need.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cypress Funeral Home
206 W Lafayette St.,
Maurice, LA 70555

Rosary

MAR 29. 7:00 PM (CT)

Cypress Funeral Home
206 W Lafayette St.,
Maurice, LA 70555

Visitation

MAR 30. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cypress Funeral Home
206 W Lafayette St.,
Maurice, LA 70555

Liturgy of the Word

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cypress Funeral Home
206 W Lafayette St.,
Maurice, LA 70555

Tribute Wall



“ *Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald J. Best*



Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory - March 29 at 01:02 PM

MF

“ *Our sincere condolences and love to the Best Family.*



Meuleman Family - March 30 at 03:50 PM

YF

“ *Your John H. Carter family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald J. Best.*



Your John H. Carter family - March 28 at 10:09 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Best.*



March 27 at 10:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Best.*



March 26 at 07:51 PM



“ *Dylan Meuleman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ronald J. Best.*



Dylan Meuleman - March 26 at 03:39 AM



“ *Dylan Meuleman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald J. Best.*

Dylan Meuleman - March 26 at 03:39 AM

EN

“ Thankyou for being the best Daddio Bestie! You did so much for all of us and you fought so hard and never let anything get you down. You will be loved and missed always and forever. I wish I could have saved you somehow.



Ellen Nixon - March 26 at 01:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Best.



March 25 at 05:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ronald J. Best.



March 25 at 01:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald J. Best.

March 25 at 01:37 PM

CB

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy on the passing of your dear husband, father and friend. We know that we are blessed when we have friends we have known for most of our lives. We also know that we lose a part of our history and, perhaps even ourselves, when we lose them. Perhaps Yeats said it best when he wrote, "Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends." Ron's friends and classmates, New Brighton High School, Class of 1973

Charles Burkett - March 25 at 10:54 AM

LB

“ Love Dan, Sue and Cassie Bobin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ronald J. Best.



Love Dan, Sue and Cassie Bobin - March 24 at 08:22 PM

LF

“ Lisa, Sherry, Eileen and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald J. Best.



Lisa, Sherry, Eileen and families - March 24 at 04:50 PM

TF

“ The Best Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald J. Best.



The Best Family - March 24 at 04:31 PM

CK

“ *Chris Kuzma lit a candle in memory of Ronald J. Best*



Chris Kuzma - March 24 at 01:28 PM

CK

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Holly, his wife, and all of his family.*

With sincere sympathy,

Christine Kuzma

Chris Kuzma - March 24 at 01:27 PM