



Bernard "Ben" Babineaux

July 7, 1936 - March 27, 2019

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Bernard "Ben" Babineaux, 82 announce his passing on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at his residence in Lafayette. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille in Lafayette. Entombment will be in Fountain Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

The Very Reverend Thomas Voorhies, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Ville Platte will conduct the funeral services.

Survivors include the love of his life and sweetheart, Alice Stelly Babineaux, wife of 59 years; one son, Kevin Gerard Babineaux and two daughters, Rochelle Renee' Babineaux and Bridget Babineaux Foret and her husband Thomas; and seven grandchildren, Dez Bernard Babineaux, Nicholas Babineaux, Chandler Cole Foret, Alexandra Leigh Foret, Ashley Blaire Foret, Conny Jo Leigh Babineaux and Alice Johanna Babineaux; and three great grandchildren, Cole Matthew Babineaux, Blair Madison Babineaux and Jaxon Babineaux all of whom he fondly referred to as the "apples of his eyes".

He was preceded in death by his beloved son in heaven, Troy Babineaux; his parents, Desire "Dez" Babineaux and Cecile Bernard Babineaux; his brother, Patrick Babineaux; and his treasured in laws, Curley Stelly and Liza Jo Stelly.

Ben was born on July 7, 1936 in Cade, Louisiana and was a resident of Lafayette for most of his life. He was a veteran of military service and proudly served his country as a member of the Louisiana National Guard for over 9 years. He was a strong man, a wise businessman, a wonderful husband, a dedicated father, and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. He attended St. Joseph and was a graduate of Rayne High. After 2 years at SLI (ULL), he went on to become the owner of Lady of the Oaks Nursing Home for 40 years. He also owned Babineaux Construction and Real Estate, and worked for years as a bookkeeper for the Louisiana Frog Co. and Babineaux Lumber Co.

He had many other talents and interests, one of which was training German Shepherd show dogs for 30 years and was honored as the 1st President of the Lafayette German Shepherd Dog Club. Besides being known as an expert joke teller and story teller, he was also an undefeated arm wrestler. But his one true passion was as a boxing coach for nearly 30 years. His original amateur team, Lafayette Sports for Boys, was made up mostly of boys who were in need of guidance, direction and purpose, and Ben stepped in and fathered them inside and outside of the ring. When they became professional boxers, his team name changed to Babineaux Stables. It was during this time that he invented and patented the first and only boxing-back bag used for defensive training. Many years later, he was recognized by his boxing peers for his outstanding leadership as a coach and service to his community.

He was a devoted Catholic who prayed his rosary daily, never missed mass and always looked forward to the Sunday Gospel. He adored and cherished spending time with his family, and gatherings almost always included a football or frisbee competition, loud music and dance-offs or a someone serenading him on the piano. He was a self-taught musician on the bongos and harmonica. In fact, he never missed a birthday without performing his own rendition of the birthday song with a harmonica solo. He diligently worked to provide a beautiful life for his family, and was sure to make an education available to his children and grandchildren as he valued this the most. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Carrying Ben to his eternal resting place will be members of Babineaux Stables boxing team. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kevin Babineaux, Dez Babineaux, Chandler Foret, Cole Babineaux, Nick Babineaux, Thomas Foret, Joe Tezeno and Travis Johnson.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN location on Sunday from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Monday from 8 AM until time of service.

A rosary will be prayed by Voorhies Short on Sunday at 6:00 PM in Martin & Castille Funeral Home.

A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Babineaux family to the nurses, staff and doctors of Amedysis Home Health and all of his caregivers for their kindness and compassion given to Ben during his time of need. And finally, the family would like to give special appreciation to Dez Babineaux, Ben's grandson, who postponed his vocation 5 years ago to become Ben's primary caregiver. He loved, pampered and cared for Ben every day and was by his side until the very end.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com
<<http://www.mourning.com>>.

Martin & Castille-DOWNTOWN-330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-234-2311

Cemetery

Fountain Memorial Gardens

Mausoleum

1010 Pandora St.

Lafayette, LA, 70506

Events

MAR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 09:00PM

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MAR **Rosary** 06:00PM - 06:30PM

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APR **Visitation** 08:00AM - 10:00AM

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APR **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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La Chapelle de Martin & Castille

330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - March 30 at 05:31 PM



“ 114 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - March 30 at 04:24 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss your family has experienced. Please accept my sincerest condolences. You may at times feel you have no where you can turn to for comfort. So I wanted to share a thought with you that always comforts me when I lose someone I love. It's found at Revelation 21:4, here God is promising that soon he will heal all of our pain and suffering as well as eliminate death forever. What a beautiful promise from someone who cannot lie. I hope this brings you peace and helps you to heal. I'm so sorry again for your loss.

Holly - March 29 at 01:29 PM



“ Thank you so much for teaching so many of us how to fight and become productive young men by keeping us in the gym and off the streets.
FLY HIGH COACH See you in heaven.

danny caswell - March 30 at 08:31 PM



“ Rest in Peace kind sir. You were truly one of God's angels here on earth

Pat - April 01 at 03:15 PM



“ Daddy I'm thinking of you this morning. I know that you have GOD sending your whole family miraculous messages since your passing!!! We all keep telling each other about all of your astounding whispers to our hearts by radio or dreams. Two things you loved lots now that I think of it. Music and sleep, hmmm. WOW, all of the exact songs you sang and loved are playing. The things you said before you left us are now being repeated in dreams

and unbelievable instances at the time we need you. We are absolutely sure that these are not coincidental but GOD winks on your behalf. It is so comforting to us knowing you are home with your Lord and Savior. GOD is good!!! The numerous GOD winks coming our way give us such peace. You took such good care of your family daddy. Now it's your turn to be cared for by the Almighty Creator who will reward you for all of your good works that came so sincerely from your "MAMOUTH" heart. Funny that I can still feel you trying to take care of us now. And to think the last words you said to me were "I love you..... now you be careful, you hear"? So soothing indeed feeling your spirit and your love coming to me still. GOD is AWESOME!!! That's it!!! That's the word that describes my daddy!!! Soothing oh so soothing you were. I can still feel you hands caressing me when it was needed. I will never forget that special touch from those soft and chubby, perfectly manicured hands. You always knew what to do or how to make it all better. You were love at its best!!! Love is the one word I feel sums up the full teachings of the Bible. You surely practiced that every single day. You inspire me even more than ever daddy!!! I really, really truly love you from the ends of this earth to the glorious heavens above, where I know you are now. May a billion angels times a billion angels swarm you now and wrap you up in their wings, massaging all your earthly pains and worries away!!! Secondly I pray that JESUS will lift up all those you missed into your arms so you will smile that big smile and sooth them with your sincere heart of Love. Then lastly, May our Adored GOD take you all in HIS arms and rock you all like little babies, giving you a trillion times a trillion kisses from your loved ones who miss you oh so badly. Keep sending us your comforting embraces and whispers because we feel you all around. Especially, when we are surrounded by the marvelous treasures creations and teachings you leave us. Because of your dedication and will to do everything with perfection we will be enjoying them forever. They shine like you do daddy and your reflection is imprinted in through all things you touched and loved!!! Kiss my daddy for me Dear Jesus and don't stop until he throws in the towel!!!

Shelly - April 02 at 11:38 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard "Ben" Babineaux.



March 29 at 09:49 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernard "Ben" Babineaux.



March 28 at 11:28 PM