



Donald "Don" James Breaux

February 18, 1936 - March 8, 2021

A Mass of Christian Burial for Donald "Don" James Breaux, 85, of Lafayette, Louisiana, will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 3pm in St. Mary, Mother of the Church.

The Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen will serve as Celebrant of Mass with the Rev. Msgr. Charles Dubois and Rev. Cedric Sonnier as Con-Celebrants. A visitation will be held at 1:15 p.m. prior to the Funeral Mass at the Church with a Rosary being prayed by Brady LeBlanc at 2:15 pm. followed by a Eulogy by Dana Durman. Leslie Hanks and Nicole Chism will serve as Lectors and the Giftbearers will be Peyton Pellerin and Anna Breaux.

Jodi Bollich, Dave Domingue and Hailey H. Stevenson will sing for the Funeral Mass "Pie Jesu". "Psalm 23", "Ave Maria", "Panis Angelicus" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" accompanied on the organ by Deborah Duhon and on the violin by Lauren Baker.

The Breaux Family asks that Covid-19 mask mandate and social distancing be observed.

A private family entombment will be held at St. John's Cathedral Cemetery Mausoleum.

Grandon, as his family affectionately knew him, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, March 8, 2021. His life was characterized by his passion for his profession, a love for his Catholic faith, his family, and his friends.

He was born February 18, 1936, in Crowley to Ellis and Alita Thibodeaux Breaux and attended St. Michael's High School. He earned a Master's Degree from Tulane University and later established an architectural firm in Lafayette. Hundreds of churches, schools, houses and public buildings stand throughout Louisiana and Texas as his creative legacy.

Don was a charter member and Eucharistic minister of St. Mary, Mother of the Church and was a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, the Serra Club and the Carmelite Guild. He served as past president of the Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Association, and was a past member of the Krewe of Gabriel, and the American Institute

of Architects. Professionally, he garnered many local, regional and state awards, including Red Lerille's Health Club, the restoration of the Grand Opera House in Crowley, Knight Oil Tools Corporate Headquarters and the Ford Building Restoration.

He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 57 years, Donna Baronet Breaux; children, Dana Durman (Brian) of Tyler, Texas, Leslie Hanks (Chad) and Nicole Chism (Cliff) of Lafayette and Chris Breaux (Laura) of Allen, Texas; grandchildren Hailey H. Stevenson(William) Patrick Durman, Heidey H. Hornsby(Keith), Peyton Pellerin, Brandon Durman and Anna Breaux; great grandchildren, William "Liam" and Landon Stevenson and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Belle Gow and Rita Foreman and a brother, Ellis Breaux, Jr.

Pallbearers will be Brian Durman, Chad Hanks, Cliff Chism, Patrick Durman, Brandon Durman and William Stevenson.

The family wishes to sincerely thank NSI Hospice for the wonderful care and support given.

It was Don's wishes, in lieu of flowers, that donations may be made to the Carmelite Monastery, 1250 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

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

Cemetery

St. John Mausoleum

914 St. John St.
Lafayette, LA, 70501

Events

MAR **Visitation** 01:15PM - 02:15PM

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St. Mary Catholic Church
419 Doucet Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70503

MAR **Rosary** 02:15PM - 02:45PM

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MAR **Funeral Mass** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Chad, Leslie and Family - We are so sorry for your loss. May his Soul Rest in Peace!
-Louis, Cheryl, Annie and Max Perret

Annie Perret - April 05 at 02:46 PM



“ Mrs. Breaux, Leslie and family, I am just learning of Don's death. Please accept my sympathy and prayers. Always enjoyed working with Don at Red's. He was such a kind spirit.

Suzanne Lavergne - March 11 at 07:29 PM



“ How I have missed my interactions with Don! He made my visions reality! His work on both our home and L'Eglise will always serve as a reminder of his talent and many kindnesses.

Merilyn Crain - March 11 at 08:49 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" James Breaux.



March 10 at 08:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" James Breaux.



March 10 at 03:44 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Don. Please know that all of you are in my prayers.

Rock and Marcelle Lasserre

Marcelle Bienvenu - March 10 at 10:51 AM



“ To all of the Breaux family, you have my deepest condolences.

Jennifer Mouton - March 10 at 09:05 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" James Breaux.



March 10 at 08:57 AM



“ Mr. Breaux was a remarkable man. Decades ago, he designed my family home in Crowley and even though I was just a child, I remember how exciting it was to watch the house go up. My mom spent many hours going over plans and keeping an album of the progress being made. It was a lovely home in a lovely town to grow up in. He gave us a home that by the time we all left it, left us with so many happy memories that we still talk about them every time we get together. Our deepest condolences from all the children of Nolan and Eleanor Edwards, Byrne, Chris, Bridget, and Nolan.

Bridget E Boustany - March 10 at 08:00 AM



“ In 1955, I was a music student at SLI in classes in Burke Hall which also housed the architecture department. I didn't know anyone, I was a country girl and Don was always kind and smiling. I had never met a more gentle soul. RIP, my friend.

Gerry Cormier Hubbell - March 09 at 07:44 PM



“ Nicole, Cliff, Leslie and Chad and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God, in His perfect timing, will bring you peace; just as I pray the same for me, May Olivier

may o - March 09 at 07:25 PM



“ The Anderson, Keeney and Martin Families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donald "Don" James Breaux.



The Anderson, Keeney and Martin Families - March 09 at 07:04 PM



“ I will always be appreciative of the 2 years I worked for Don. He was a kind man with a gentle demeanor. I enjoyed watching him interact with his clients both personally and professionally. He seemed to form lasting relationships with his clients, which said a lot about his character. I respected him and the work he did as an architect and as a mentor for me. I am grateful to have know him and to have shared some time and experiences with him through work. His stories that he would share with me about his experiences through the years in his profession are some that I recall with fondness. For all of this I say, "Thank you, Don." May God bless the Breaux family for generations to come.

Jeff Gonsoulin



Jeff - March 09 at 06:44 PM



“ Donna, I was sorry to hear of Don's loss. I know he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Margaret Gillaspie

Margaret Gillaspie - March 10 at 06:30 PM



“ Donna, when I read Don's obituary I was reminded of so many memories of the past, many of Don. However the one that brings tears to my eyes was the role you played many, many years ago as "Moon Lady." My sincere condolences to you and your family and may you cherish years of beautiful memories. May he Rest In Peace.

Jan Hamilton - March 09 at 06:42 PM



“ My condolences.

Rodney Naylor - March 09 at 06:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" James Breaux.



March 09 at 03:21 PM



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Don. He was such a kind and gentle man of unparalleled character and faith. We enjoyed many wonderful lunch visits over the years and I always felt enriched by his presence.

Pat joins me in offering our sincere condolences to Donna, Leslie and the entire Breaux family. May the sorrow you feel today soon be replaced by fond and loving memories built over those wonderful years together. May he rest in eternal peace.

Fred Reggie

Fred Reggie - March 09 at 02:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Breaux's passing. There aren't many childhood memories that don't include the Breaux Family for me. Thanks for all the warmth and kindness that was always shown! You are all in my thoughts. Much love to all of you!

- Jeff Champagne

Jeff Champagne - March 09 at 11:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" James Breaux.



March 09 at 10:26 AM



“ To the Breaux Family and my long time friend Chris Breaux. You have my Condolence. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.

- R.J. DePrima

RJ DePrima - March 09 at 10:14 AM