



## Howard Franques, Jr.

January 10, 1938 - November 12, 2020

“Best of all he loved the fall. The leaves yellow on the cottonwoods, leaves floating on the trout streams, and above the hills the high blue windless skies ... Now he will be a part of them forever.” Ernest Hemingway

Howard Luckett Franques Jr., 82, a lifelong resident of Lafayette, La., passed away at his home on November 12 in the company of his loving family. Howard was an adoring and dedicated husband, father and grandfather survived by his wife of 61 years, Patsy Sue Acord Franques; son William Franques Sr., daughter-in-law Yvette, and grandchildren William Jr., Benjamin and Madeline; son Howard Franques III, daughter-in-law Annette, and grandchildren Matthew and Claire; and daughter Susan Franques Flurry, son-in-law Philip and granddaughter Charlotte.

Howard was preceded in death by his father, Howard Luckett Franques Sr., and his mother, Beatrice Angelle Franques.

Born on January 10, 1938, he was a 1955 graduate of Cathedral High School, where as a sophomore he met and began dating future wife Patsy Sue, beginning a devoted partnership that spanned nearly 70 years. Howard received a bachelor's of arts degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, and he earned the Juris Doctor from the LSU School of Law. He was a practicing attorney for over 50 years - often providing pro bono counsel for clients in need - and he was an active member of several civic and legal organizations. He served as president of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and as president of the Pinhook Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors. Howard worked on the City of Lafayette's Charter Revision Committee, and he was the chairman of both the Professional Division and the Attorneys Division of the United Givers Fund.

Howard was resolute in his support of his beloved home state, particularly its higher education system and its economic vitality. He proudly served on the LSU Alumni

Association Board of Directors from 1987-89, and he often shared his opinions in the Letters section of The Advocate, gracing its pages with thoughtful insight on his vision for Louisiana. A man of strong faith, Howard loved literature, history and physical fitness, taking a daily jog for more than 55 years. In retirement, he and Patsy enjoyed traveling throughout the country, visiting America's beautiful sites from Maine to California.

A funeral Mass celebrating Howard's life will be held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 3:00 PM in The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette. Visitation will be observed at the Cathedral from 2:00 PM until time of services.

For family members and friends unable to attend on Monday, November 23, 2020, the service will be live-streamed in a Facebook Group dedicated in Mr. Howard Franques, Jr.'s memory. To join the group, simply click the link below, then "join group". The live-stream video will appear at service time (3:00 PM). You may share condolences to the Franques family in this group as well.

Link: [www.facebook.com/groups/HowardFranquesJr](http://www.facebook.com/groups/HowardFranquesJr)

Honorary pallbearers are William Franques Sr., Howard Franques III, Matthew Franques, William Franques Jr., Benjamin Franques, Charles Franques, Philip Flurry, Darryl Boniol, Marc Mouton, Anthony Navarre, John Abdella and Paul Angelle.

Howard's family wishes to thank Dr. Molly Thomas, Dr. Juan Perez, Dr. Ronald Daigle, the staff of Hospice of Acadiana - especially nurse Jonathan Bourque - and the staff of Caring Hands Sitting Service - Becky Cahee, Judy Evans and Selena Dugas.

A very special thank you also goes to Howard's cherished friends with whom he enjoyed great conversation at his favorite coffee shops.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200 Lafayette, LA. 70503 or to The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 515 Cathedral Street Lafayette, Louisiana 70501-6701.

View the obituary and guestbook online at [www.mourning.com](http://www.mourning.com)

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# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
515 Cathedral St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

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

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Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
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# Comments

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“ Howard was one of my favorite friends. Both of us were dedicated and loyal Tigers and had great conversations about how to improve and build LSU to a greater University. My gathering for coffee with Howard at the Hub City Group was the high light of the day. Thanks to Howard's keen knowledge of history and current events, he kept us on the right track. A great guy and friend.

Frank Harrison

Frank Harrison - November 20, 2020 at 03:30 PM

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“ Alissa Cavaretta purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard Franques, Jr..



Alissa Cavaretta - November 20, 2020 at 02:47 PM

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“ It's a pity there are not more Howards in this world.  
Ron Ashford, coffee shop patron.

Ron Ashford - November 15, 2020 at 11:43 AM

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“ I met Howard about 15 years ago at CC’s on Kaliste Saloom through a mutual friend. And from the get go I found him very friendly with a very acute mind. What a great conversationalist he was and demonstrated it every day. I saw him help a mutual friend who down and out very often. So you knew he had a big heart. The other impression I have of Howard was he really into reading. Even taking notes and dog-earring the pages where a particular passage moved him. I have not seen him in quite a while and his passing brought a tear of sadness to my heart. The community of friends will surely miss Howard and so will I.

Kim Andrus

Kim Andrus - November 14, 2020 at 05:18 PM

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“ Howard was a friend who was always interesting to talk to. He had a good intellect and loved Louisiana and Lafayette. He will be missed by me and many others.  
Lawson Babineaux

lawson babineaux - November 14, 2020 at 04:42 PM

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“ The best way I can describe my High School friend is an old 50s saying “Calm, Cool and Collected” A gentle giant. So sorry for your loss Patsy Sue.

O.p. Ditch - November 14, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ Patsy, I was so sad to see in this morning's Acadiana Advocate of Howard's passing. I would think of you each morning as I prayed for him. Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers as you grieve Howard's loss.

I know today is your birthday. I wish you all the best as you go forward with your life without Howard.

Love, Bettie

**Bettie Sonnier** - November 14, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ I met Mr. Howard about 15 years ago at the coffee house and since then we have had coffee every day with our group that we bonded with. I enjoyed listening to him talk, I would get my history, politics , religion, and every day lessons. He wanted great things for our town and was very concerned about every day issues. He was a very compassionate, kind man with a huge heart. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace till we meet again. Love, Donna

**Donna Venable** - November 18, 2020 at 07:30 PM