



Eld. J. W. Graves

November 2, 1934 - December 27, 2019

ELDER J. W. GRAVES, AGE 85

And a resident of Franklinton went to be with his Lord and Savior Friday evening December 27, 2019 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. He was a longtime member of Acy's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, where as a young man he was ordained into the ministry. Bro. J.W. was a proud minister of the gospel for 48 years, having served at several churches throughout the area. He was presently the pastor of Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Franklinton for the last 19 years. J.W. loved the Lord, his church family and reading his Bible daily. He would always find a quiet, peaceful place to study God's Word, many times sitting by his pond with his beloved pet dog "Chubby". J.W. had a love for horses and still had a couple that he cared for to this day. He liked gardening, as he was blessed with a green thumb, and he enjoyed fishing. He was always a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survived by:

Wife of 62 years: Marcell Cooper Graves of Franklinton

2 Sons and a Daughter in law: Phillip Graves of Franklinton,
Chuck and Robin Graves of Pine

3 Daughters and Sons in law: Shannon and Jerry Bickham of Franklinton,
Cindy and Randy Creel of Pine,
Suzonne and Ryan Jenkins of Franklinton

11 Grandchildren and Spouses: Shelly and Jered Thomas,
Sammy Graves,
Ethan Graves,
Adrian and Justin Gilmore,
Callie and Zack Sheridan,
Derek Martin,
Deven and Camry Martin,
Jay and Chelsea Miller,
Colten and Caitlin Creel,
Jessica and Jake Pritchard,
Jadyn Jenkins

8 Great-grandchildren: Taylor, Clara, Braiden, Blake, Sawyer, Elias, Alaina,
Morgan

2 Sisters and a Brother in law: Mabel and Roy Beall of Denham Springs,
Wanzie Adams of Brewton, AL

Also numerous nieces, nephews, brothers in law and sisters in law.

He was preceded in death by grandson Spencer William Graves, parents Bill Graves and Nora Taylor Graves, brothers Billy T. Graves and Denman Graves.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday December 29th from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm and after 9:00 am on Monday. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 am Monday with Eld. Donnie Broom and

Eld. Duane Ball officiating. Burial will follow in the Acy's Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Ethan Graves, Sammy Graves, Derek Martin, Deven Martin, Jay Miller, Colten Creel, Austin Magee, Logan Magee

Honorary Pallbearers are his many fellow pastors of the Landmark Missionary Baptist faith.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Praying for the family,
Diane French. Mt. Hermon, La*

Diane French - December 29, 2019 at 08:53 PM

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“ *Joan Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Eld. J.
W. Graves*



Joan Nielsen - December 29, 2019 at 10:04 AM

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“ *Bro. Graves was a great man and pastor my
prayer's are with all the family at this sad time
he will be missed*



Camilla Breland - December 28, 2019 at 08:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Eld. J. W. Graves.*



December 28, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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“ So sorry Phil for your lost.

Linda Galloway - December 28, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Eld. J. W. Graves.



December 28, 2019 at 03:32 PM