



## Fred Spears, Jr.

April 2, 1948 - March 10, 2022

### FRED SPEARS, JR, AGE 73

And a resident of Franklinton passed away late Thursday night March 10, 2022 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. He was a 1966 graduate of Franklinton High School before obtaining a degree in Radiology. Fred served the residents of Washington Parish as an X-Ray technician at Riverside Medical Center for over 40 years. During this time he supervised numerous young people during their training and internships, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was beloved by his countless coworkers and clients through the years. Fred was always quick to play a prank on his staff or even an unsuspecting patient, just to keep things fun and lighthearted during a sometimes difficult situation. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Franklinton and a member of the Long Range Skeet Club. Fred loved gardening and enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He was an avid sports fan and loved traveling to LSU sporting events with his family, including football games in Los Angeles and Kentucky last season. Fred also loved spending vacation time with his family and grandchildren with recent trips to New York City and Lake Powell. He will be forever remembered by his family and close friends for all the great times they shared at LSU games, Mardi Gras parades, cookouts, and parties.

Survived by:

His wife of 52 years: Karen Jones Spears of Franklinton

Daughters: Kelly Spears of Baton Rouge,  
Nikki Spears Jones of Mandeville

Son and Daughter in law: Chesley Fred and Becky Spears of Franklinton

Grandchildren: Karson Jones,  
Brady Jones,  
Braxton Jones,  
Brynlee Spears,  
Harper Spears,  
Grace Karen Spears,  
Benjamin Spears

Sisters and Brothers in law: Margie and Jimmy Busby of Amite,  
Emma Lou Spears,  
Loretta S. Bracey both of Franklinton,  
Gaylon and Tammi Spears of Texas

Brothers in law and Sisters in law: Robert Truett and Darlene Jones of  
Franklinton,  
Diane and Bill Green of Huntsville, TX,  
David and Melinda Jones of Franklin, NC

Also numerous beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred Spears, Sr. and Ethelee Schilling Spears, his grandparents, brothers in law Sidney Bracey, Harold Ray Stickland, nephew Chase Busby, father in law and mother in law Truett Jones

and Bernice Clardy Jones.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Monday March 14th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm Monday with Dr. Cody Warren officiating. Burial will follow in the Morris Cemetery.

Fred was a big sports fan and always liked watching young people play the sports they enjoyed. In his honor and in lieu of flowers the family encourages memorial donations to Franklinton Soccer Club, 39497 Hwy. 1055, Mount Hermon, LA 70450 or to Franklinton Dixie Baseball, P.O. Box 393, Franklinton, LA 70438.

Pallbearers: Robert Truett Jones, David Jones, Karson Jones, Brady Jones, Braxton Jones, Jeremy Tullos, Brandon Fussell

# Tribute Wall

FJ

“ Today, August 07, 2022, I learnt of Fred's passing byway of Crain Funeral Home and technology, the computer. I didn't know, Fred, when his wife, Mrs. Spears, taught my children, Susan and Mark. Both my ex-wife, Wanda Ferrington and I loved Mrs. Karen. We knew our children were receiving the very best education. I had a number of X-Rays which either Fred or his sister, Loretta, took. I became more familiar with him after, Loretta, became my sister-in-law.. She made our lives much happier and more loving. Loosing her as sister-in-law placed a huge void in my life. Now, Fred's gone and I am doubly at a loss for words. God Help Us Heal. Your friend, F.Douglas Sylvest, Jr.

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**Francis Douglas Sylvest Jr** - August 07, 2022 at 04:38 PM

TT

“ My deepest sympathies to the Spears family, Mr.Fred was always a pleasure to be around and learn from during my clinical rotation at Riverside. I will always remember him & his wisecracks, he was a hoot!!! Rest easy Mr. Fred, you certainly will be missed.

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**Tori Tyler** - March 14, 2022 at 11:01 AM

KB

“ Every North Oaks Radiology student adored Mr. Fred! Nobody ever complained about going to Riverside for clinicals because we all loved to be around him, and learn from him. I don't think he was ever in a bad mood. praying for the spears family, I know he will be so missed!

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**Katie Bulloch** - March 14, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..*



March 13, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ *Joanie Varnado lit a candle in memory of Fred Spears, Jr.*



**joanie varnado** - March 13, 2022 at 07:22 PM



*Jimmie D, Joanie, Craig and Scott Varnado*

**joanie varnado** - March 13, 2022 at 07:24 PM



*In memory of Fred Junior Spears*

**joanie varnado** - March 13, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ *<a href="https://www.crainfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..*

March 13, 2022 at 04:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..



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March 12, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ Seems like just yesterday that I had a wonderful x-ray family at Riverside Medical Center, Fred, Loretta, Cindy, Joe, Donna, Scott and Bill. I loved them all but Fred was with me for the entire 25 years I spent at Riverside. Fred was always in a good mood, always kind to the patients and very tactful. His tact was never more evident than after the one and only time a friend talked me into getting a permanent. It was supposed to be a body wave but something went terribly wrong and left my hair looking more like little orphan Annie's! Fred was the first person I saw when I returned to the hospital. Fred looked surprised but managed to keep a straight face. "Might take a little getting used to but it looks good, Dr. M," he offered. That was Fred. It was a lie but I appreciated it. Everyone loved Fred. He will be sorely missed.

*Dr. DK Medlin (RMC Radiologist)*

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**Dr. DK Medlin** - March 12, 2022 at 09:39 PM



“ Dr. DK Medlin and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..



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**Dr. DK Medlin and family** - March 12, 2022 at 08:46 PM

MJ

“ Mary, Brent, and Kyle Jones purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..



Mary, Brent, and Kyle Jones - March 12, 2022 at 08:31 PM

JN

“ I always enjoyed Fred and Riverside even though some times were not easy for me because because of my handicap. But he always got whatever it was over as quickly as possible. Fred was one of the "good guys". God be with his precious family. Joy "Pope"



Joy Nielson - March 12, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..



March 12, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..



March 12, 2022 at 06:29 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Haley Warner lit a candle in memory of Fred Spears, Jr.*



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**Cathy Haley Warner** - March 12, 2022 at 02:08 PM

JV

“ *Fred Jr was one of my friends in high school. We lived about 3 miles from one another and would ride our bikes to one another's house. We usually got into mischief like trapping and catching pigeons in the hay loft.  
Great memories with a good friend.  
Jimmie D*

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**Jimmie D Varnado** - March 12, 2022 at 01:30 PM

JA

“ *Janet, Jay, Dennis, LeeAnn, Merrienne, Steve purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..*



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**Janet, Jay, Dennis, LeeAnn, Merrienne, Steve** - March 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Fred Spears, Jr.*



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**Susan Barber** - March 12, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred Spears, Jr..



March 12, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ I grew up knowing the entire family. Was shocked to hear this. Sending prayer and love to you all.

Peggy J Verberne - March 12, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ I am so sad to hear this. When I saw you all in Los Angeles six months ago, everyone was so happy. Fred was such fun to be around at work I am thinking about all of you during this time. Deepest sympathies, Chris Foret

christopher foret - March 12, 2022 at 08:19 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Fred 's passing. I can remember a lot of good times with him when I went with Ms. Margie and the the Busby crew to grandmas house. I Love y'all even though I don't get to see you much any more. I'm praying for your family.

Melinda Morris Mixon - March 12, 2022 at 04:47 AM

NL

“ *Such an awesome person! My greatest memories were the conversations we had on the walk to get coffee every morning during our clinical rotations there. Mr Fred helped create a relaxed atmosphere on my first day of that clinical rotation. He will be missed. -Nick Loupe*

**Nick Loupe** - March 12, 2022 at 03:11 AM

SK

“ *I worked with Fred at RMC Radiology for many years and he was a great leader , teacher and friend. Fred always made our work more interesting with his banter and jokes ! He was so proud of his family and kept us updated on his grandchildren who he loved spending time with . He taught all of us how to be Radiologic Technologist with his wealth of knowledge and expertise ! We will always remember and think of Fred at RMC ! Prayers for you all ! Shannon Knight*

**Shannon Knight** - March 12, 2022 at 12:13 AM

 Juanita Luper

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Fred Spears, Jr.*



**Juanita Luper** - March 11, 2022 at 11:18 PM

 Juanita Luper

*My grandmother loved Mr.Fred at RMC Prayers for his family. Rip... Mr.Fred*

**Juanita Luper** - March 11, 2022 at 11:21 PM

RV

“ *Mr. Fred was always so kind. It was a pleasure to be able to spend many years working with him at Riverside. He was always happy & joking with everyone. We will never forget him, he was one of a kind. He will surely be missed! My prayers are with his family!*

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**Ruby Varnado** - March 11, 2022 at 09:37 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dillon lit a candle in memory of Fred Spears, Jr.*



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**Carol Dillon** - March 11, 2022 at 09:31 PM

BB

“ *So sorry to hear about Fred. Always laughing and joking!*

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**bob bateman** - March 11, 2022 at 08:29 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. Thoughts and prayers for family and friends. Had the privilege of working with Fred at RMC for many years. He was truly one of the best!! He was loved by all that knew him. So proud one of Fred's students was our youngest Son, Bryan. He loved being at Riverside for clinicals. He learned procedures, and to treat patients with respect and professionalism from Fred. Bryan's a jokester too, so I know he and Fred had some fun at the expense of the other students and X-ray techs I'm sure. Love, thoughts and prayers*

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**Janet Breland** - March 11, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I worked with Fred for many years. He was a character, especially when he was with Joe Lee. He will be missed.

Linda Galloway - March 11, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I worked with Fred for many years. He was a character, especially when he and Joe Lee worked together. He will be missed

Linda Galloway - March 11, 2022 at 06:10 PM

BC

I am so sorry I didn't realize he was sick. Prayers for his precious family. Love you guys

Barbara Jean Spears Cantrell - March 11, 2022 at 07:44 PM

CA

Karen and family, I pray for God's comfort and strength at this time. What a legacy Fred leaves among those who had the opportunity to know him. I'm happy to be in that number. Carol

Carol Allen - March 13, 2022 at 11:47 AM

JV

Prayers for Karen, children, sisters and family 🙏🙏🙏

joanie varnado - March 13, 2022 at 06:34 PM