



Jay "J.B." Kennedy

December 15, 1940 - June 11, 2022

JAY "J.B." KENNEDY

Jay "J.B." Kennedy, age 81, born at home and a lifelong resident of Stateline died on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero, LA. He was an active member of Stateline Baptist Church and a retired heavy equipment operator working out of Local Union #406 in New Orleans.

Jay worked Pipeline construction for many years and traveled extensively over the United States until his retirement in 2000. He retired as a member of the Louisiana National Guard after 23 years, having served four of these in the US Army in Okinawa. Jay was a Charter Member of the World War II Museum in New Orleans and a 50-Year member of Pine Masonic Lodge #264 F&AM.

J.B. was owner and operator of Kennedy Dozer Service and was happiest when on a piece of heavy equipment or when his family was around. Paw Paw J.B. was a loving daddy, grandpa, and great-grandpa. He delighted in riding his grandchildren and great-grandchildren on his John Deere Gator or golf cart.

J.B. loves the outdoors and his family land...land that had been in his family for three generations. It has been said about J.B. that he was a "rough, gruff,

and tough” kind of guy. Never one to sit idle, J.B. was constantly doing something. He was quite often found mowing or bush hogging. If he “slowed down”, he could be found sitting under the oak tree in the back yard, in a rocker on the patio, or riding down in the field by the creek on his John Deere tractor or Gator.

J.B. loved taking his camper to the Washington Parish Fair for a week of camping and catching up with friends. He looked forward to visiting with friends from years of traveling and working across the United States. After retirement, he especially enjoyed the annual Pipeline Reunions where he and his buddies continued to lay miles of pipeline as they reminisced. Another yearly event he looked forward to was the Kennedy Reunion where he visited with family and friends.

J.B. is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joan Pace Kennedy of Stateline, LA, daughter, Jackie (Donald) Williams of Denham Springs, LA, son-in-law, Bryan Thomas of Stateline, and daughter-in-law, Glendette Kennedy of Wilmer, LA; 5 Grandchildren, Megan Hebert of Pine, Leslie (Andrew) Hinton of Stateline, Andrew (Kaylah) and Ashley Williams of Denham Springs, and Konnor Justin Kennedy of Wilmer; Great grandchildren, Emilyn and Seth Hebert; Paul Benjamin “Ben”, Kennedy, Henry, and Ruthie Hinton; and Penny, Rose and David “Ollie” Williams; and 1 Brother and sister in law, Clyde and Yvonne Kennedy of Angie.

Preceding him in death were his parents Henry Andrew and Eunice Pope Kennedy; 2 sons, Jeffery Kennedy and Justin Ben Kennedy; a daughter, Juanette Kennedy Thomas; brothers and sisters-in-law, Carlos W. (Bonnie Mae) Kennedy; Havon (Elsie) Kennedy; Bryce (Ruth) Kennedy; Harry (Annie Mae) Kennedy; Ford (Dorothy) Kennedy; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Henrietta K. (Nolan) Williamson; Earline K. (Reese) Parker Folks; Annette Armour Phillips; Myra (Earl) Boone; and Betty Joyce Kennedy; mother and

father-in-law, Winfred “Dutch” and Betty Pace.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home from 5:30-9:00 pm Monday June 13, 2022. Visitation will continue Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at Stateline Baptist Church (31384 Hwy. 62, Franklinton) from 12:00 am until the 2:00 pm funeral with Bro. Trey Jenkins and Bro. Glen Nace officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow in the Seal Cemetery at Stateline.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to Stateline Baptist Church in memory of J.B.

Pallbearers: Richard Kennedy, Brian Kennedy, Jonathan Kennedy, Chris Nace, Hunter Knight, Tim Saucier, Dakota Warren, Stuart Parker

Honorary Pallbearers are John Douglas and the men of Stateline Baptist Church

Tribute Wall

EM

“ I am so sorry to read of your loss. May God bless you, Joan, and your family in this time of grief.



Elane martin - June 19, 2022 at 08:49 AM

DT

“ Joan and family. We're sorry you had to endure the grief of losing another family member. J B and I were lifetime friends growing up in same area. We served many years together in the National Guard. Lot's of good memories. He will be missed. Devon and Delores.

Devon and Delores Thomas - June 15, 2022 at 04:54 PM

CM

“ Praying for you and your sweet family . I love all of you so much .Chyrrl McCrary

CHYRLL MCCRARY - June 14, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jay "J.B." Kennedy.



June 13, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jay "J.B." Kennedy.*



June 12, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ *Dearest Joan, Jackie and family, I am so sorry about your loss of JB. Praying the Lord gives you strength and courage as he has done many times for your loss of Wynette and Justin and your parents. God bless you!*

Sally Champagne

Sally Champagne - June 11, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Dear Joan,
I didn't know your husband very well but we appreciated the fact that he would check on things at the seal cemetery all the time. Always jolly and friendly he would ride over to the cemetery at times when he saw us there just to check on things and we'd always have a lively conversation. We appreciate the fact that he was keeping an eye over the graves of our dear loved ones there. It was a joy to read about his life story. May the Lord comfort your heart through the days ahead. Darlene Seal Shirlen, daughter of Daniel and Myrtle seal who are buried there in the Seal cemetery.*

Darlene Seal Shirlen - June 11, 2022 at 07:52 PM

RM

“ *Joan, I am so sorry for your loss of J.B. Your family and you have my deepest sympathy. Prayers for all.*



Rita Mulina - June 11, 2022 at 07:13 PM

BB

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Have all of you in our thoughts and prayers 🙏*

Billy Ray and Janet Breland - June 11, 2022 at 04:15 PM

SH

Joan, I am so very sorry!!

Sandra Honaker - June 17, 2022 at 06:35 AM