



## John Belcher

January 18, 1929 - January 6, 2015

JOHN DEVELLING BELCHER, JR. AGE 85

And a resident of Franklinton died at 6:45 am Tuesday January 6, 2015 at his home. He was born January 18, 1929 in New Orleans but grew up in Shreveport. He attended Byrd High School where he met and later married his high school sweetheart Alean Henson. John excelled in track, enjoyed boxing and became a Mason during his time there. He and his wife had 4 sons named after the gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and later a daughter Beth. He also became a construction contractor before moving to Franklinton, where he helped build many buildings and businesses including the Washington Parish Courthouse in 1960 and later the entrance of the Washington Parish Fairgrounds. John was a charter member of Hillcrest Baptist Church that was very active in the Gideons organization and was also involved in many other area civic groups. He went on numerous church mission trips, enjoyed traveling and also liked duck hunting with his family.

Survived by:

2 Sons and Daughters in law: John D. "Dee" Belcher, III and Donna Belcher of Dubach, LA, Gregory Luke Belcher and Ross Belcher of Vancleave, MS  
Daughter and Son in law: Gina Beth Belcher Beal and James Beal of Franklinton

6 Grandchildren and Spouses: Jason and Laura Belcher, Jennifer and Matt Willis, Mary Elizabeth Belcher, Matthew Belcher, Victoria Beal, Gary Beal

8 Great-grandchildren

Brother and Sister in law: Roy Phillip Belcher and Joy Belcher of Texas  
2 Sisters and Brothers in law: Mary Ann and Billy Vandiver of Shreveport,  
Jaynee and Monroe Daniel of Waskom, TX

Also numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Alean Henson Belcher, 2 sons Mark  
Allen Belcher and Matthew Lane Belcher and his parents John Develling  
Belcher, Sr. and Philemon Marie Gendron Belcher.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Wednesday January 7th from 10 am  
until the funeral service at 12 pm in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Gene  
Richards and Rev. Andrew Voss officiating. A graveside committal service will  
be held at 11 am Thursday January 8th at Forest Park Cemetery-East in  
Shreveport.

Honorary Pallbearers are the deacons of Hillcrest Baptist Church and  
members of the Gideon Camps of Bogalusa and Tyler, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Gideons.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of John. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort with Psalms chapter 46 verse 1 that reads, "God is our refuge and strength, A help that is readily found in times of distresses." This is quoted from the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures.

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**Tonja** - February 05, 2015 at 08:14 AM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. John was a dear, sweet man.

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**Diana Casanova** - January 09, 2015 at 12:20 AM

RB

“ Dee, Greg and Gina , So sorry for your loss of your Dad, Mr, John D. Have many memories from Frankkinton Glassworks with my Dad , and church both at FBC & Hillcrest and at your house. That house always had so much energy, full of life and full of music. Boy could all those Belcher men sing .....Mr, John was a great man and may you have many fond memories of him.

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**Rhonda Kinlaw Byrd** - January 08, 2015 at 11:47 PM

EL

“ Sending my condolences to the family. Have so many memories living next door to Mr. John D and the Belcher clan. Never a dull moment in East Acres!! So sorry I missed the funeral. My thoughts and prayers are with you..

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**Elizabeth James LeBlanc** - January 08, 2015 at 01:36 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss, friends! I can still hear Mr. John D singing "Jesus...there's just something about that name." And he was one of my teachers on Sunday evenings at FBC! Your family was very special to us! May God Bless You, Jodie (Wood) Foster

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**Jodie Wood Foster** - January 06, 2015 at 06:44 PM

LK

“ Sorry for your loss, was a good Christian man and will be missed. Prayers for the family

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**Larry and Dot Kinlaw** - January 06, 2015 at 05:29 PM

TM

“ John Belcher

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**Ted & Kathy McElveen** - January 06, 2015 at 04:27 PM