



Luke Austin Branch

March 13, 2001 - May 9, 2017

LUKE AUSTIN BRANCH, AGE 16

and a resident of Thomas passed away Tuesday afternoon May 9, 2017. He was a 10th grade student at Pine High School and an active member of New Beginning Baptist Church in Thomas, where he worked with the youth and mentored many of his peers. Luke loved the outdoors, including hunting, fishing and building camp fires. He enjoyed tending to the family farm animals and goofing off with his big sister. Luke loved music and had recently begun playing the guitar and also like playing video games. He was the type of young man that was always there to lift others up, continuously making his family and friends laugh with the jokes and tricks he played because he always wanted everyone to be happy. Luke was always a loving son, brother and grandson that cherished every moment spent with his family and friends.

Survived by:

Parents: Dawn and Benjamin Cornwell of Baton Rouge,
Rev. Keith and Megan Branch of Thomas

Luke's sister and Best Friend: Carrie Branch of Baton Rouge

6 Younger Siblings: Bridget, Brittany, Brooklyn, Jy, Jade, Kinley

Grandparents: Faye Tate of Nampa, Idaho,
Pat and Cathy Branch,
Debbie Rester all of Thomas

Great-grandmother: Clara Kennedy of Angie

Aunts and Uncles: Brenda and Jerry Miller,
Steven and Heather Branch,
Theresa and Byron Stogner

Also survived by numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends as well as his church family at New Beginning, that he cared for deeply.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Jon Tate, great-grandparents Eld. R.J. Kennedy, Robert and Chinesey Branch, Andy and Doris Creel, Hubert Rester and an uncle Robert J. Kennedy, Jr.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Sunday May 14th from 5 pm until 9 pm and after 9 am on Monday. A funeral service will be held at 1 pm Monday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Eddie Hartfield, Rev. Frederick Brumfield, Eld. Billy Ray Hines and Rev. Eric Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the New Beginning Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Cole Flynt, James Adams, Matthew O'Bryant, Christopher O'Bryant, Joseph Giordano, Noah Mitchell, Dustin Ishee, Matthew Rawls, Dakota Brooks

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 5:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home, Inc.
1109 Bene Street
P.O. Drawer H
Franklinton, LA 70438
(985) 839-5676
crainfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.crainfh.com/>

Service

MAY 15. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Even though i never got to meet luke cause he passed away before his grandma took me in from the foster care system but i will always remember him from the story's his parents have told me about him

mylah rester - November 26, 2025 at 05:09 PM

LB

“ Luke Barber sent a virtual gift in memory of Luke Austin Branch



Luke Barber - January 24, 2019 at 11:31 AM

LB

“ Luke Barber lit a candle in memory of Luke Austin Branch



Luke Barber - January 24, 2019 at 11:31 AM

LB

“ Luke was basically my brother and he always made ppl laugh

Luke Barber - January 24, 2019 at 11:30 AM

DP

“ Deby Pigott lit a candle in memory of Luke Austin Branch



Deby Pigott - May 17, 2017 at 08:00 AM

DP

Praying for God's peace and comfort for his family and friends.

Deby Pigott - May 17, 2017 at 08:01 AM

SH

“ I am so very sorry. Sending love and prayers to your family.
Sandra Honaker

sandra honaker - May 14, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luke Austin Branch.



May 13, 2017 at 01:25 PM

CB

“ So sorry for y'all loss my prayers are with you all.



Camilla Breland - May 12, 2017 at 10:27 PM

GM

“ *Gail McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Luke Austin Branch*



Gail McDaniel - May 12, 2017 at 03:31 PM



Lit a candle in memory of Luke Austin Branch

Lora Stogner - May 12, 2017 at 10:13 PM

DF

“ *Dean of Students and Student Affairs family. purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Luke Austin Branch.*



Dean of Students and Student Affairs family. - May 12, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Luke Austin Branch.*



May 12, 2017 at 12:14 PM

SS

“ You will be missed here on earth but we know we will see you again one day! Fly high Luke! We love you....Susan, Rob, Kayla, Matthew, Maddie & Gracie❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️”



Susan Strahan - May 12, 2017 at 02:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luke Austin Branch.



May 11, 2017 at 11:41 PM

PK

“ Prayers sent to Luke's family.



Phillip & Peggy Kemp - May 11, 2017 at 09:33 PM

MD

“ Mr. & Mrs. Reggie D.Stewart lit a candle in memory of Luke Austin Branch



Mr. & Mrs. Reggie D.Stewart - May 11, 2017 at 08:27 PM

CM

“ *Cindy Mcbeth lit a candle in memory of Luke Austin Branch*



cindy mcbeth - May 11, 2017 at 07:40 PM

LD

“ *Luke you were such a wonderful child....you lit up the room with smiles and happiness.....I love you and your family unconditionally.....you were so funny and u always treated izaiah like he was your brother you are in a better place but we wish you were still here with us.....Brianna caves loved you so much and you were such an awesome child.....the branch family and friends are in our prayers fly high baby boy.....🥹*

Lindsey daigle - May 11, 2017 at 05:53 PM

KH

“ *You was my best friend you was their for me I have so many memories of you I will always miss you*

kaitlyn hughes - May 11, 2017 at 03:19 PM