



## Rex Van Wascom, Sr.

April 12, 1942 - May 16, 2026

Rex Van Wascom, Sr., 84, of Mt. Hermon, passed from his earthly home on TH Cutrer Road on May 16, 2026 to his heavenly home. He was born on April 12, 1942 at home in Mt. Hermon, La. to Alton “Shorty” Wascom and Easter Mae Wascom of Mt. Hermon.

Rex was a man who believed in hard work and never minded getting his hands dirty. Through the years, he wore many hats and mastered many trades. He graduated from Mt. Hermon High in 1960. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy on the USS Manatee from June 1961 to June 1965. After his service, he spent years dairy farming, driving 18-wheelers across the highways, operating heavy equipment in gravel pits both in the past and present, driving school buses and even owning and operating a café or two where friends and neighbors gathered.

Known for his strong work ethic, independent spirit, and willingness to help others, Rex touched many lives throughout his years. He enjoyed feeding his ducks and koi fish, being with his family during the holidays, visiting with friends at Brooks’s General Store while drinking coffee, and living life on his own terms.

Though his earthly address has changed, the love and memories he leaves behind will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Leontine "Tootie" Wascom; one son, Rex Van Wascom, Jr. and spouse Twila Wascom; one daughter, Tabitha Wascom Schenk and spouse James Schenk; his cherished grandchildren, Amanda Wascom, Rex Van Wascom, III (Madison), Colton Wascom (Courtney), Coy Reeves (Kelsey), Lainey Streets, Monica Schenk Morris (Chris), Cody Schenk, Abby Schenk, 14 great-grandchildren that loved to entertain him, and a special nephew Jason Cooper (Yvonne). He is also survived by his only sister Geraldine Wascom Bankston; Sister-in-Law Janice Cooper; Brother-in-Laws Michael Ducoing (Susie) and Leslie Ducoing, Jr., along with a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends who will forever treasure his memory.

Rex is preceded in death by his parents, Alton "Shorty" Wascom and Easter Mae Wascom, Brother-in-Law Troy Bankston, Mother-in-Law Rita Ducoing, and Father-in-Law Leslie Ducoing, Sr.

We would like to thank the Nurses and staff at St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Fair City Rehab, Riverside Medical Center, and Lakeview Hospital for being patient in taking care of our dear Husband, Daddy, and Pappy.

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Friday May 22nd from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm Friday with Bro. Ray Schenk and Bro. Corey Morris officiating. Burial will follow in the Wascom Hill Cemetery on the family property.

Pallbearers: Colton Wascom, Cody Schenk, Buddy Wascom, Chris Morris, Hank "Shoeshine" Tate, Jason Cooper

Honorary Pallbearers are Tommy Quinn, David Brooks, Paul Givens, Greg Ard, Keith Schilling and his friends in the Brooks Coffee Club.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Tootsie so very sorry to hear about my old shipmate and life long friend Rex passing away you are in our thoughts and prayers! He and I shared many laughs over the last 50 years or so talking about all the crazy things that we did as young wild crazy sailors while station on the USS Manatee AO-58,little did we know that while serving on that ship in Vietnam that we were being exposed to Agent Orange and all the diseases that is associated with Agent Orange while we didn't die while in Vietnam we brought death home with us. I'll miss you my friend and shipmate,may you have smooth seas and following following winds. I'm thinking of you Tootsie and I love you! Ray

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**Ray Hooper** - May 29 at 08:53 PM

SH

“ Sorry for your loss 🙏 prayers for family.  
Shorty will missed our coffee break chats.

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**Shorty** - May 22 at 01:20 PM

FO

“ From, The Passman's,Kieffer's & Ortiz's  
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for  
the family of Rex Van Wascom, Sr..



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**From, The Passman's,Kieffer's & Ortiz's** - May 21 at 10:48 PM

TT

“ *The Walker's & The Tarver's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rex Van Wascom, Sr..*



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**The Walker's & The Tarver's** - May 19 at 01:19 PM

BL

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to Tabitha, Family and Friends in their loss. Barbara M. Lewis, Austin, TX* ❤️🙏

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**Barbara M. Lewis** - May 18 at 01:16 PM

PL

“ *So saddened to hear of Rex's passing . We all shared lots of good times when I lived in Mt.Hermon. All my prayers to the family.*

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**Pam Holley Ledet** - May 18 at 12:57 PM

CS

“ *The one memory that sticks in my mind about Rex is when I went to their cafe the get a shake back in the 60s, I must have been seven or eight years old. Good man! Thoughts and prayers for the family during your time of loss.*

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**Calvin Simmons** - May 18 at 10:56 AM

ST

“ *Praying for Tex's family.*

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**Sandy Toney** - May 18 at 10:45 AM

LP

“ *Love Amanda and Pam purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rex Van Wascom, Sr..*



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**Love Amanda and Pam** - May 18 at 10:30 AM