



## Vernon Branch

February 5, 1942 - October 23, 2024

VERNON OSCAR BRANCH, AGE 82

And a resident of Pine passed away early Wednesday morning October 23, 2024 at his home. He was retired after a long career as a brick layer and the owner of Vernon Branch Masonry. Vernon laid the brick and helped construct numerous projects, both large and small, across Washington Parish. He built the Washington Parish and Bogalusa jails, Rayburn Correctional Institute buildings, numerous churches and homes, and he was proud to have done the masonry for all the fireplaces in the historic cabins of Mile Branch Settlement. Vernon enjoyed gardening, especially strawberries, and he often sold large amounts of strawberry plants to others in the area. He liked to do tractor work around his property and woodworking projects. Vernon enjoyed reading western novels and watching old western TV shows and movies as well as watching different sports on TV. He was a longtime active member of Pine Missionary Baptist Church, who never met a stranger, often visiting with people he just met. Vernon was forever a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survived by:

Wife of 62 years: Sandra Lea Branch of Pine

2 Sons and a Daughter in law: Vernon Lane Branch of Pine,  
Deran Jay and Kim Branch of Colorado Springs, CO

Daughter and Son in law: Sheret and Kevin Luper of Pine

Grandchildren and Spouses: Logan and Brittany Seals,  
Raven and Aaron Moran,  
Casey Gerald,  
Laken Sheridan,  
Devan and Savannah Branch

Great-grandchildren: Jamison, Arrington, Ellisyne, Clarkson, Hunter, Caleb,  
Owen, Arrabella

Sisters in law and Brothers in law: Patricia Adams Branch,  
Nelson Lea,  
Chris and Sheila Lea,  
Kerman and Debbie Lea

Also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends

He was preceded in death by his parents Ottis Branch and Wilda Stogner Branch, brother Ovet Branch, father in law and mother in law Guy and Inez Lea.

Visitation will be at Pine Missionary Baptist Church Saturday October 26th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the church at 1:00 pm Saturday with Eld. Adam Luper officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Community Cemetery, next to the large brick sign that he built many years ago.

Pallbearers: Kevin Luper, Logan Seals, Devan Branch, Adam Branch, Lee Perry, Casey Gerald, Avery Beale

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ *Y'all are in our prayers. He wz a truly a character!!  
Bubba & Cindy Taylor*

**The Taylors** - October 30, 2024 at 12:23 PM

JA

“ *Sheret, So sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest sympathy to you  
and your family. Love, Janie Arguelles*

**Janie Arguelles** - October 28, 2024 at 11:51 AM

AM

“ *Anthony & Lana Martin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vernon Branch.*



**Anthony & Lana Martin** - October 26, 2024 at 09:36 AM

CF

“ *Deepest Sympathies for the loss of a great person! Such a joy to be  
around!  
Dr Christopher Foret*

**christopher foret** - October 26, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JS

*Please accept my condolences. I met Vernon and the other members of the Branch clan at the family reunion for the first time three years ago, in Bogalusa. He was especially personable and welcoming as we discussed our ancestry. His grandmother was my grandfather's sister, on the Grimsley side. We met again the next year for the same event. It was another sweet time to reconnect.  
I pray God's grace and peace for all the family.  
Janene Collum Sullivan*

Janene SULLIVAN - October 28, 2024 at 09:12 PM

TC

“ I'm so sorry for y'all's loss. I love yall and Praying 🙏 for family and friends 🙏

Tina Marie Corkern - October 25, 2024 at 07:32 PM

EM

“ I am sorry to read about Mr. Branch. May God bless the family during your time of remembrance and grief.

Elane Martin - October 25, 2024 at 02:28 PM

RG

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

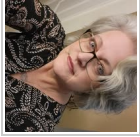
Ruby Graves - October 25, 2024 at 09:58 AM

LT

“ Love; The Ladies of Thyra purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Vernon Branch.



Love; The Ladies of Thyra - October 25, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *I know he used to love watching us play basketball. A true Raider fan. He will be missed.*

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**Harriet Cupp** - October 25, 2024 at 07:51 AM

DB

“ *Dennis Bates lit a candle in memory of Vernon Branch*



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**Dennis Bates** - October 24, 2024 at 11:14 PM

JM

“ *May he Rest in Peace, my father and his father worked together in the brick laying jobs. I met Vernon when he built the facility at Warren Smiths dairy. I was a dairy inspector and he did excellent work. Otto Mendow's son John.*

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**John K Mendow** - October 24, 2024 at 09:39 PM