



John H. Bailey Jr.

April 19, 1940 - January 6, 2021

John H. Bailey Jr., age 80, passed away on January 6, 2021 at his home in River Ridge, Louisiana. He was born in Union, Ms on April 19, 1940 to the late Herschel and Irene Bailey.

On January 12, 1962, John married the love of his life, Betty Jean Boswell and moved to Kenner, La where he was employed with Delta Airlines. He worked for 31 years, held many positions and retired at the age of 55 as supervisor.

John was a veteran of the United States Army and was a 32nd Degree Mason since 1970.

John had many accomplishments in his life. He was the star quarterback for the Union High School Yellow Jackets from 1954-1958 and graduated in 1958. He attended college at East Central Community College, Ole Miss and Mississippi College from 1958-1961. He later attended Lasalle University from 1965-1968.

John loved going home to Union, Ms. to visit friends, attend class reunions and relive old times. He was the proud owner of a houseboat on the Blind River and Alligator Bayou for 49 years, where he shared many wonderful memories with family and friends. John loved hosting seafood boils and frying fish for friends and out of towners. His hobbies were spending time with family, sharing memories of days gone by, hunting, fishing, and reading. John and Betty's home was always full of love and laughter. Their doors were always open to all neighboring children.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty Bailey, their 3 sons, Johnny Bailey of Metairie, La., Terry Bailey of Ponchatoula, La. and Coyt Bailey of Independence, La., 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, sister Rita (Bill) McMahan of Jackson, Ms., sister in laws, Eva Grace Sciple of DeKalb, Ms., Judy Hollingsworth of Madison, Ms., Susan Dow of Union, Ms. and a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herschel and Irene Bailey, Brother Coyt Bailey, Granddaughter Braelyn Bailey and Great Granddaughter Briella Monteleone.

John will be greatly missed by family and friends.

God saw the road was getting rough, the hill was hard to climb; He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered "Peace Be Thine."

Memorial Services will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *John H. Bailey Jr.*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Rita McMahan lit a candle in memory of John H. Bailey Jr.*



Rita McMahan - March 07, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *My brother John was loved very much and is missed even more. I cherish Betty, Johnny, Terry and Coyt and am so thankful to God for each one of you.*
Rita

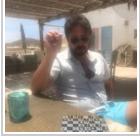
Rita McMahan - March 07, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *John was my first Spvr when I got to 139/MSY. He was just a good ole country boy and he was a great boss..*
RIP, John



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“ I will never forget the memories of going out on Uncle John’s houseboat with me and my Dad. We had some great nights out there eating crawfish and catching catfish at all hours day and night. Those were some of my best memories growing up. Love ya Uncle John!

Drew McMahan - January 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ John was a good friend, brother in law and a great quarterback. John made all conference was the leading scorer with 138 points and a top scorer in the state. The local papers stated that "as Bailey goes so go the Union yellowjackets". God Bless You, Bill

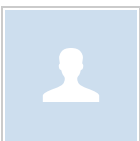
Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. Micah 7:18

Bill McMahan - January 15, 2021 at 09:11 PM



I echo what Bill said. He never said quit. He performed above his natural ability. As a 12-year old, he assisted in helping my brother pull me, as a new swimmer from the lake. He gave 150 percent to his team and we all looked up to him. He was also a great family man.
Joe Ezelle

Joe Ezelle - January 15, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John H. Bailey Jr..



January 13, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *I love you, pawpaw! You were my biggest inspiration and a hero to so many. I will never forget the memories and stories you shared. God now has you in his arms but I will forever have you in my heart.*
- Britt Britt



Brittany Bailey Culotta - January 13, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John H. Bailey Jr..*



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