



## Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.

September 2, 1983 - August 22, 2023

Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr., 39, of Kenner, passed away on August 22, 2023, after a five-year battle against cancer.

TJ was born on September 2, 1983, to Thomas Julius Maury, Sr. and Betty Jean (Dufren) Maury in Houma. In 1999, while attending L.W. Higgins High School, TJ met his wife, Betty Ann (Gainey) Maury, when she volunteered to marry him at a Sadie Hawkins's dance. TJ and Betty Ann have two sons, Thomas Julius Maury, III and Lucas Joseph Maury, and a recently welcomed daughter-in-law, Tuong Vi Thi Huynh.

After TJ graduated from high school in 2002, he went on to become a firefighter and paramedic. TJ began his career at Bridge City Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, kickstarting a lifetime career in fire and emergency service. TJ worked for various fire companies within Jefferson Parish, including Live Oak, Nine Mile Point, and Herbert Wallace Fire Departments. In 2007, TJ entered federal civil fire service with the United States Navy. He rose through the ranks to serve as Fire Chief at Naval Construction Battalion Center Fire and Emergency Services in Gulfport, Mississippi, and then at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans Fire and Emergency Services where his watch ended. TJ received numerous accolades throughout his career, including Navy Civilian Fire Officer of the year.

TJ was most known for his contagious smile, his fortitude, and his love of family, friends, and Batman. He inherited his father's strong work ethic and his mother's kind nature. He was spoiled by his sisters with food and truck parts. When TJ was not saving lives, he ran marathons, enjoyed football games, and attended concerts with his friends.

TJ was welcomed into Heaven by his grandparents, Mary Jane St. Pierre Maury, Merlyn Joseph Maury, Sr., and Sergent "Roscoe" Paul Dufren, Sr.; his aunts, "Nanny" Tammy Lynn Maury Mitchell and Esther Billiot Maury; and his cousin, Justin James Scott.

He is survived by his beautiful wife, Betty, and amazing sons, Tommy (Vi) and Lucas; loving grandmother, Mary Jean Billiot Dufren; proud parents, Thomas Julius Maury, Sr. and Betty Jean Maury; his adoring sisters, Chasadie Mary Maury Flanagan (William) and Gidget Mary Maury Leblanc (Tory); his nieces and nephews, Trent, Isaiah, Haylee, Seth, Aaliyah, Bridget, Victoria, Trevor, Alayna, Levi, and Owen; and numerous loud and fun aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family gives its most sincere gratitude to an unyielding support network, especially TJ's brothers and sisters within the fire department, his many chemo buddies, Dr. Suma Satti, Dr. William Forrest Johnston, and his medical team and staff at Ochsner Cancer Centers.

Services will be held at Our Lady of Divine Providence in Metairie on Monday, August 28, 2023. Visitation at 11:00 a.m., Mass at 1:00 p.m., and a celebration of life to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to "Camp Kesem" or "Louisiana Firefighter Cancer Support Network" to support other families in their battles against cancer.

To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church  
8617 West Metairie Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70003

## Funeral Mass

AUG **28**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Divine Providence Catholic Church  
8617 W. Metairie Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70003

# Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - August 25, 2023 at 12:57 PM

MB

*Praying for the family as you go through this terrible time. TJ was a great guy and we hope you can find some comfort with faith that he is no longer suffering and is at peace.*

Michael D Beyerstedt - August 25, 2023 at 10:48 PM

MM

*Sending my condolences to TJ's family and friends. I worked it's him when he was at the Seabee Base in Gulfport, MS. I remember him always smiling and his kind and friendly demeanor. 🙏🙏*

Maria Meyers - August 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM

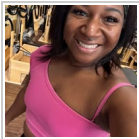
RP

“ My sincere condolences for the family. TJ was a fantastic team member in NCBC Gulfport. I enjoyed his friendship and dedication to the fire team there and to the base as a whole. He owned his program and took care of everyone. We were sad when he requested to return to NAS JRB, but understood it was for his best interest. He was truly a great person to know and be around. I thank his family for supporting him with his work while he was battling cancer.

*Ross Pitcairn, prior XO of NCBC Gulfport*

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**Ross Pitcairn** - September 07, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ I worked with TJ at the Region. He was always kind and easy going. Rest in peace TJ!

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**Ariel Britt** - September 05, 2023 at 05:31 PM

BL

“ On behalf of the men and women of the 926th Fighter Wing Alumni Association, we offer our condolences. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We wish for rich memories in the days ahead. “Cajuns Always, Better Than The Best”.  
*Chiefs BC & Judy Lawson*

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**BC Lawson** - September 05, 2023 at 02:33 PM

MN

“ Melissa Nauss lit a candle in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.



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**Melissa Nauss** - September 05, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ TJ, You were such an inspiration to so many of us and you will me dearly missed. I am so happy that my son got to spend time with you at his first birthday party. This is a memory that he and I will cherish. Rest in peace, Batman!



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**Sowmya Mandava** - August 28, 2023 at 12:28 PM

JW

“ My condolences sent to the family and friends of my brother Chief TJ Maury. I truly will miss his insight and unmistakable laugh throughout the fire station while we worked together. Rest in Peace My brother.

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**Jason Walker** - August 25, 2023 at 12:01 PM

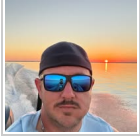
SM

“ SARAH MEDLOCK lit a candle in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.



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**SARAH MEDLOCK** - August 25, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *Man o man. This one of tuff to wrap my head around. Tj was one of the greatest men that I ever had the pleasure of working with and knowing. He always had a smile on his face and a laugh that was so contagious. Tj was a man’s man and was always so genuine in every aspect. We have lost a true hero, a warrior, a true firefighter, paramedic, an amazing father, and a true friend that would lend a hand to anyone that he met. We’ve got it from here my brother, until Valhalla, Chief!*

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**Huey Marcel** - August 24, 2023 at 11:16 PM



“ *Aye, Aye, Aye, TJ.... A beautiful, beautiful soul. You always made me smile everytime you laughed your boisterous loud laugh... I loved it everytime I heard it. I am glad that I can watch the reruns with Mike Rowe anytime I need to feel that happiness. To his family, May you be amazed at just how much more special he was than you ever imagined.*

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**Patricia** - August 24, 2023 at 10:20 PM



*Betty: May all of your memories of TJ bring you and your sons joy and peace. With love, Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Buchert** - September 02, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Maury family. May God be with you all through this time of grief.*

*Connie Kent*



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**Connie Kent** - August 24, 2023 at 11:43 AM

GJ

“ They are so many times this guy made me laugh. I remember the backyard wrestling videos. How none of them were injured is a mystery. TJ was just TJ no one was like him. I just don't have the words ❤️🙏



gene jones - August 24, 2023 at 10:18 AM

CG

“ Tj was a person with the biggest heart and love for anyone he ever met. He was the brightest light in the room and always the biggest smile. Love how he would randomly pop up at the house to cook breakfast or just to say hi. He let you know he loved you, and you could feel it. He will definitely be missed. Love you forever.



Caitlin M. Gallet - August 24, 2023 at 09:57 AM

WB

“ William Buckelew lit a candle in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.



William Buckelew - August 24, 2023 at 09:56 AM

GE

“ *GINA ETIENNE lit a candle in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.*



GINA ETIENNE - August 24, 2023 at 09:39 AM

CB

“ *C. Burnett lit a candle in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.*



C. Burnett - August 24, 2023 at 09:33 AM

CB

*You will be greatly missed. Your smile always lights the room. I am blessed to have met you and had the honor to work with you.*

C. Burnett - August 24, 2023 at 09:35 AM

JL

“ *A great man, husband, father, firefighter, leader, and an inspiration to those of us who were fortunate enough to know him. Gone way too soon but his bravery, smile and laugh will stay with me forever.*

Jim LaConte - August 24, 2023 at 08:25 AM

EE

“ *God Bless Brother! My condolences to the Family and the Fire Department.*

Eric Encallado - August 24, 2023 at 01:04 AM

NS

“ I don't know where to start I have 39 years of memories of you,P-Nut& Travis at our house for summer breaks and Florida vacations. We shared so many laughs and jokes laughed until we cried and our faces hurt. You my love will truly be missed. Your contagious laugh will forever be etched in my heart , your smile that lit up the night sky will forever make my heart smile when I think of you. I love you to infinity and beyond my baby. Love,Nanny Chris & Uncle Sergent

Nanny Chris & Uncle Sergent - August 23, 2023 at 11:43 PM

NS

“ Nanny Chris & Uncle Sergent lit a candle in memory of Chief Thomas "TJ" Julius Maury, Jr.



Nanny Chris & Uncle Sergent - August 23, 2023 at 11:36 PM

PD

“ I don't know where to start, I can't really think of a time in our childhood we weren't together at Maw maw and Paw Paw's house. We worked at the store with them together, we practiced driving the El Camino in the back yard and when we got good enough Paw would let us make deliveries up and down the bayou by ourselves. That's definitely my favorite memory of you dude. I'm going to miss you so much, especially that laugh and smile that could light the night. I love you dude. P-nut Dufren

P-nut Dufren - August 23, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ *My sincere condolences from Rachel Dufrene Bay St Louis, MS  
May you find love and comfort from all who love you and prayers*

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**Rachel Dufrene** - August 23, 2023 at 10:12 PM