



Roy Gene Bassett, Sr.

October 11, 1932 - October 2, 2019

Roy Gene Bassett, Sr, died peacefully and surrounded by family on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at the age of 86.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Martha Bush Bassett. His sons, Roy Jr (Lynora), Edwin "Rusty" (Rose), and Ellen (Heath) Broussard. Grandchildren: Jennifer (Bryan) Fippinger, Stephen Bassett, James Bassett, Heath (Alexis) Broussard II, Gabriella Broussard, Andrew Bassett, and Leann Bassett, David (Elizabeth) James. Great-grandchildren: Heath "Trey" Broussard, and Brenna Fippinger. A sister, Faye Bassett McCormick. And many nieces and nephews.

Gene was born on October 11, 1932, in Louin, MS, to J.B. and Thelma (Burnett) Bassett. In addition to his parents, siblings who predeceased him are James (Mable) Bassett, Lucile (Boots) Rives, Bobbie (Butch) Burt, George (Inez) Bassett, his twin Mary Jo (Sam) King, and brother-in-law Cleo McCormick.

He was an outstanding athlete and leader at Louin High School, worked pipelines from Texas to Alabama and was drafted into the Army and served as a diesel engineer in the 101st Airborne in Europe. While there, he was recruited to play football for the Air Force and was an all-star in the European Military Conference setting football records for longest touchdown return and another for speed.

He was a proud alumnus of Mississippi State University (B.S.) and University of Southern Mississippi (M.Ed.) He followed His call to educate and coach in both Jones County, MS, and St. Bernard Parish, LA. for nearly 40 years.

He taught others about loving people unconditionally, acting with priorities and purpose, and most of all, living life for Christ.

Roy Gene Bassett, Sr, was the epitome of a gentleman who showed everyone love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, mercy, wisdom, acceptance, gentleness, and self-control. He was witty, intelligent, and happy.

Visitation will take place Friday, October 11, 2019 from 5-8 pm. Funeral will be on Saturday, October 11, 2019 at 2 pm. Both will take place at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS. Burial will follow in Hickory Grove Cemetery.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ I had Coach at Chalmette Middle School and Mrs King at AJ and went to school with Tanya. I would have came to his visitation and brought my daughter, we all Loved Coach. Praying for you all.

Ginny finnegan - October 13, 2019 at 08:27 PM



Thanks Ginny!

Ellen Broussard - October 15, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..



October 12, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..



October 11, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



October 11, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ *Tommy Abadie and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



Tommy Abadie and Family - October 10, 2019 at 11:41 AM

TA

“ Mrs. Bassett, Rusty and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Coach Bassett.

I had the privilege and honor to have played on Coach Bassett's JV basketball team at Chalmette Middle School where he directed a scoundrel of young ball players that were inspired to perform there very best at every practice and game. He instilled his tenacity and toughness in each of us on that team, so much so that we won all but one of our games that year. His class and character made each of us on that team better people, and I thank him for that.

I can't count how many rides home he gave me after practices in that classic black truck, and who can forget the yodeling. That's how I learned to yodel.

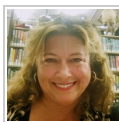
The memories of those years will never subside.

I will always appreciate what you did for us at CMS, it was the foundation of our future whether in sports or academics.

God Bless You Coach Bassett, and Thank You for being such a great person.

Tommy Abadie

TOMMY ABADIE - October 10, 2019 at 11:29 AM



Thank you for your kind words, Tommy! Ellen

Ellen Broussard - October 13, 2019 at 01:38 AM

DS

“ *Deann Thelen and Administrative Staff purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



Deann Thelen and Administrative Staff - October 10, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



October 10, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



October 09, 2019 at 09:05 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



October 09, 2019 at 04:10 PM

RS

“ I have very fond memories of coach Bassett from Chalmette middle school and s.c.u.p (school clean up program) during the summers.I remember in the summers going to his house with other kids and ride in the back of his truck to start work on varies school projects.Coach Bassett taught me how to use a lawnmower, how to paint and how to respect one another along with so many other things.He was great to be around with because of his humor and the fact he really cared about the kids and was a good man.I will always remember him with great respect.My thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family.please know that heaven just got a little better because he is there.

Rodney sabathe - October 09, 2019 at 02:49 PM



Rodney, thank you so much for sharing your memories of my dad. He truly loved and respected every person he met.

Ellen Broussard - October 15, 2019 at 02:04 PM

BA

“ Coach Bassett was my first football coach. He not only was a good coach but he was also like a father when I was at Chalmette Middle. He was well loved by everyone of us that were lucky to play for him. I'll never forget you Coach!

Brett Armstrong - October 09, 2019 at 12:27 PM



Thanks Brett! We were all blessed by his love!

Ellen Broussard - October 15, 2019 at 02:07 PM

ML

“ A memory of what a great coach Gene Bassett was. All the boys loved and admired him, including my three sons, Chris, David and Paul Weiser. He was a fellow Christian who attended First Baptist of Chalmette with me and my family. A good husband, father, Christian and educator. Love and condolences to the family. Mercedes Weiser Latapie

mercedes weiser latapie - October 08, 2019 at 11:48 PM



He thought the world of your family Mrs. Mercedes! And we know how he loved good trumpet players ;-)

Ellen Broussard - October 15, 2019 at 02:06 PM

CP

“ I had the honor of teaching at Chalmette Middle School with Coach Basset for many years. He was a dedicated educator to the students of St. Bernard Pariah. My condolences and prayers go to his dear wife and family. Carol Perkins

Carol Perkins - October 08, 2019 at 11:11 PM



Thank you! He loved CMS! He was certainly in his element!

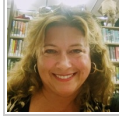
Ellen Broussard - October 15, 2019 at 02:10 PM

CE

“ Charlotte Ellzey sent a virtual gift in memory of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr.



Charlotte Ellzey - October 08, 2019 at 11:08 PM



So sweet! Thank you so much! He was an angel on Earth!

Ellen Broussard - October 15, 2019 at 02:08 PM

AF

“ *Adrian & Arlene Aragon and Matthew & Gloria Fisher purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



Adrian & Arlene Aragon and Matthew & Gloria Fisher -
October 08, 2019 at 02:40 PM

YF

“ *Your Jackson Clinic Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Roy Gene Bassett, Sr..*



Your Jackson Clinic Family - October 08, 2019 at 10:28 AM