



Howard J. Melancon

August 11, 1937 - October 26, 2020

A Graveside Service will be held at Calvary Cemetery on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 10:00 AM for Howard J. Melancon, age 83, who died on October 26, 2020 at Lafayette General Medical Center.

Reverend Joseph Campion, Pastor of St. Edmond Catholic Church, will conduct the service.

A native of Breaux Bridge and a longtime resident of Lafayette, Howard was an educator. He taught for 38 years in Louisiana public schools. He was a graduate of St. Bernard High School in Breaux Bridge and of USL (now ULL), with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, a Master's degree in Education and a Specialist of Education degree.

Howard is survived by his wife, Joyce Z. Melancon and his son, Benjamin Melancon, both of Lafayette; his sister, Elaine Melancon; his brother and sister-in-law, Lester and Priscilla Melancon; and his sister-in-law, Bea Melancon, all of Breaux Bridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry, Sr. and Elion Melancon; two sisters, Susan Melancon and Verna LeBlanc, and three brothers, Simon, Henry, Jr., and Antoine Melancon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in Howard's name, to the Discalced Carmelite Monastery, 1250 Carmel Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70501.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Melancon Family at www.delhommefuneralhome.com.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA, is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery
355 Teurlings Drive
Lafayette, LA, 70501

Events

OCT 29 **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

Calvary Mausoleum
355 Teurlings Dr., Lafayette, LA, US, 70501

Comments



“ Saddened to hear of Howard's passing, but know he is joining our Saviour. I recall Howard's professionalism, devout Catholicism and limitless Boudreaux and Thibodeaux jokes while working with him for Acadia Parish Schools. His genuineness and kindness revisited me years after we parted ways when he learned of the tragic loss of our son, Luc. Howard arranged a beautiful memorial mass at the Carmelite chapel. The service was a most profound experience for me and my family. Heartfelt condolences to Joyce, Benjamin and family. Godspeed brother.

Bart and Wendy Thibodeaux - November 02, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ Howard loved to make people laugh and would always have a new joke to tell me every time I'd see him! He was a man of God and loved his family. I have cherished thoughts of our times together with he and the family. My prayers are now for the loved ones he left behind... How wonderful it will be when we are all together again... with love and prayers for the family he left behind... Sincerely and with much love, Emma Fontenot

Emma - October 28, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Our condolences to Joyce and Ben and the family. We remember Uncle Howard as a sweet kind man, who always took time to have a little fun with all the kids. He will remain in our heart. Mae and David Zaunbrecher.

mae zaunbrecher - October 28, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I know he will be sorely missed. He was always such a kind person. Our prayers are with Joyce and Ben and the entire family.

Louise Logan - October 27, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ You will be sadly missed uncle Howard I will sure keep all the fun memories of u with me forever!!!RIP SWEET ANGEL

sandra Melancon Castille - October 27, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Our condolences to the family...Elaine, Lester and the entire family...RIP Howard

Dannie & Janis Brown - October 28, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Comfort of those who Mourn –

The great and sad mistake of many people, among them even pious persons, is to imagine that those whom death has taken leave us.

They do not leave us. They remain! –

Where are they? In darkness?

Oh, no! It is we who are in darkness.

We do not see them, but they see us.

Their eyes, radiant with glory,

are fixed upon our eyes full of tears.

Oh, infinite consolation!

Though invisible to us, our dear dead are not absent.

I have often reflected upon the surest comfort for those who mourn.

It is this: a firm faith in the real and continual presence of our loved ones;

it is the clear and penetrating conviction

that death has not destroyed them,

nor carried them away.

They are not even absent, but living near to us,

transfigured: having lost in their glorious change no delicacy of their souls,

no tenderness of their hearts, nor especial preference in their affection;

on the contrary, having in depth and fervor of devotion,

grown larger a hundredfold.

Death is for the good, a translation into light, into power, into love.

Those who on earth were only ordinary Christians, become perfect;

those who were beautiful become good;

those who were good become sublime.

- Karl Rahner, sj:

a renowned German theologian

who served as one of the theological experts

at the Second Vatican Council. He died in the 1990's

Gerald Alford, ocds - October 30, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ I taught my first year of teaching across the patio from Howard. He always liked to tease about my bulletin boards. He made it fun to teach. He was a great friend. May he rest in peace. My condolences to the family.

Anita Goulas - October 30, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Howard's passing, Elaine and your family. Know he's with the Lord in peace.

Judy Broussard Schrick - January 15, 2021 at 09:38 PM