



John William Fetzer

February 7, 1926 - July 7, 2020

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 25, 2020, in the Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers for John William Fetzer, 94, who passed away at 10:30 PM on July 2, 2020.

Reverend Luther Burney of First Baptist Church in Lafayette, will conduct the funeral services.

John will be laid to rest at Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery, 2110 West Pinhook Road, in Lafayette, LA. Military honors will be conducted at the gravesite by US Army personnel and the Acadiana Honor Guard.

John's parents, John Henry Fetzer, Sr. and Marguerete Boucher Fetzer, brought John into the world on February 7, 1926.

John graduated from Byrd High School in Shreveport in 1943. In August of 1943, he enrolled at LSU with a baseball/football scholarship. In 1944, he enlisted into the US Army, where he attained the rank of Sergeant. In 1946, after receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, he signed a professional baseball contract with the 1946 Boston Braves. He was one of the original "Bonus Babies". After an injury cut short his baseball career, he went on to work for a cotton buyer in Texas. It was there that he made the best decision of his life, marrying Pauline "Bea" Davis in 1953.

John and Bea were the proud parents of three children. He went to work for the Ohio Oil Company, now Marathon Oil, and retired from there in 1991. For a period of twenty years, John also scouted for the Los Angeles Dodgers, primarily in the State of Louisiana. John was also a founder of The Baton Rouge Kid's Baseball Clinic, which taught baseball to the youth of Baton Rouge and surrounding areas for 63 years.

John is survived by his sons John Milton Fetzer of Texas and James Edwin Fetzer of Texas and his daughter Jeri Reneé Morgan of Lafayette, LA; and his brothers, Robert M. Fetzer of Georgia, and Donald E. Fetzer of Texas. John was the proud grandfather of nine

grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline B. "Bea" Fetzer; his parents; and his brothers, Edward V. Fetzer of Baton Rouge and John H. Fetzer, Jr. of Shreveport.

The family requests that visiting hours be observed at Delhomme Funeral Home – Bertrand, on Saturday, July 25, 2020, from 8:00 AM until the time of service.

Pallbearers will be John's grandsons, Andrew Brewer of Texas, John Fetzer, Jr. of Texas, Jeffrey Fetzer of Texas, James Fetzer of Texas, Cody Fetzer of Texas, Steve Jones of Florida, Henry Broussard of Lafayette, LA and Bill Parrott of Lafayette, LA.

Honorary pallbearers are former LSU Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach, Skip Bertman; current LSU Head Baseball Coach, Paul Mainieri; Charlie Dugas, The Baton Rouge Breakfast Bunch, including V.J. Bella, Bob Bowman, William Daniels, George Guidry, Chris Guillot, Mike Lyons, Bill Parrott, Sam Poole, Jim Porter, Randy Roach and John Siracusa; Eric Fontenot, M.D., Patrick Welch, M.D. and Joseph Kowalski, M.D.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks to Grace Home Health and nurses, Mary, Gabby, Kelly, Allison and Whitney. A kind expression of sincere gratitude is also extended to Ms. Judy Credeur, a dear friend and honorary family member to John and the entire Fetzer Family for over forty-five years.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Fetzer family at www.delhommefuneralhome.com.

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

Cemetery

Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery

2111 West Pinhook Road
Lafayette, LA, 70508

Events

JUL **Visitation** 08:00AM - 10:00AM

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Delhomme Funeral Home

1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

JUL **Service** 10:00AM

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Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers

1011 Bertrand Drive, Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

Comments



“ John made everyone around him happy, with a wink and joke and a constant stream of cheerful banter. A real gem of a man.

Buzz Durio - July 25 at 10:10 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of John William Fetzer.



July 21 at 02:44 PM



“ John was an institution at Marathon Oil. He seemed to always have a contact with the Conservation Department or another company to fix a problem that Marathon had gotten itself into. I absolutely loved John's stories as he walked along with groups at Les Vieux Chenes in Lafayette during tournaments or regular rounds. He rarely played, but he was undoubtedly better than anyone else on the course. Never a dull moment with John and always a smile and a twinkle in his eyes!! A great southern gentleman!!

Pat Sincox.....The Woodlands, Texas

WILLIAM P SINCOX - July 16 at 05:24 PM



“ John was one of my very good friends. He was a player for my father at LSU, and then he instructed me at the Baton Rouge Baseball Clinic. I also was a bonus baby for the Pirates signing in 1955, and playing till 1963. John was always a friend to all , and he made many friends throughout baseball. No one could wear the clothes that John wore and get away with it, but he did so with class. I instructed with he and Tony and Walker for years. They were my first coaches, and John's brother, Donnie was my catcher when we played for Mr Moran in legion ball. i had many a great round of golf with John, and later with he and Gene Freese. He and Bea were wonderful people, and his mother was known as The Queen. Beautiful memories are what I have about John and I wish my very deepest moments of his memory. Thank you for sharing him with me.

Art "Swanny" Swanson

Art Swanson - July 12 at 01:45 PM



“ I did not know Mr. Fetzer well, though we shook hands several times. We first met years ago when I was still umpiring and he, I believe, still scouting. We shook hands thereafter A few times at UL. Until I read his obituary, I did not know of his role in the Baton Rouge Kids Clinic. I attended those clinics as a kid, and still have the certificates, these 60 years later. My dad, Walter Hill, Was also involved in the clinic. I wish that I had known of John's involvement. We could have talked about the parties with the Big Leaguers at the old Bellemont in Baton Rouge. You have my sincere condolences on Mr. Fetzer's passing, but we can all celebrate his life as as life well lived.

Mike Hill

Mike Hill - July 12 at 11:44 AM



“ Thanks Mike. Yes Dad, Tony John, and Walker Cress founded the Clinic on a duck hunt in 1946. Dad said, "We should do something for the kids in Baton Rouge, in baseball". Yes lots of stories! Lots, and lots of Pro Ball Players. Yes he lived a full life. Thank You!

Jim Fetzer - July 12 at 01:12 PM



“ Dear Johnny, Jimmy and Jeri -

I can't even begin to express my sadness. All I can remember as an elementary child was always going over to Aunt Bea and Uncle John's house to just visit, eat something or just sit on the couch. They were like another set of parents to me. I will cherish the memories that I have in my heart forever. I always remember a smile on both of their faces. I also remember the alligator they had in their back yard in Louisiana.

God has just received another angel !!!

I love you all,
Lisa Bell

Lisa Bell - July 11 at 02:20 PM



“ Dear Johnny, Jimmy and Jeri,

I can't believe your mom and dad are both gone. You know how much I loved them and all 3 of you. We had so many happy and fun times together that I will forever cherish. All of you will forever be in my prayers. May all of you find peace and continue to hold those memories close to your heart forever.

I love you all,
Aunt Barbara

Barbara Bell - July 11 at 02:11 PM



“ Barbara, Garriann, Cindy, and Lisa Bell purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of John William Fetzer.



Barbara, Garriann, Cindy, and Lisa Bell - July 10 at 12:09 PM



“ My Uncle John. He was so very special to me during my childhood. After my parents divorced, Uncle John became my 2nd dad. He was there for me when I had any special father/daughter events. I especially remember him going with me to a father/daughter dance when I was a Camp Fire Girl. He and Aunt Bea meant the world to me and I will cherish my memories forever. May he rest in peace. Sending you all my thoughts, prayers, and love.

Cindy "Bell" Cook

Cindy Cook - July 10 at 12:01 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John William Fetzer.



July 08 at 11:44 PM