



Dominic "Bee" Menard

December 27, 1938 - November 7, 2020

Duson, LA - Dominic "Bee" Menard is at peace and with our Heavenly Father. Bee passed away quietly surrounded by family at The Carpenter House of St. Joseph's Hospice on Saturday, November 7, 2020. He was born in Rayne, Louisiana and lived in Lafayette, Louisiana his entire adult life.

Bee is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Doris Mae Matte Menard. They shared everything that life can offer together. They were a great team supporting each other in every way.

Also survived by his son, Damien Menard. His daughters, Darlene Leleaux and her husband Roger; Deanna Harb and her husband Bassam. His grandchildren; Emily Harb, Katie Roddie and husband Erik, Ryan Harb, and Paige Rose and fiancé Austin Trahan. His brother Wilbur Menard. His Sister-in-law Mary Young (Austin), and brother-in-law Felix Matte (Kayla). Godchildren Janice Choplin, Dustin Matte and Amy Menard. Many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Bee is preceded in death by his parents Elias and Laura (Boudreaux) Menard. His Father/mother-in-law Leo and Bernice (Miller) Matte Sr. Sisters-in-law; Linda Faye Menard, Dorothy Matte Lopez Hebert (Alan), and Betty Ann Keller (Donald Sr.) Brothers-in-law: Leo Matte Jr (Cecelia), Clarence Matte (Geraldine), and Jester Matte (Kathy).

Memorial Visitation/Mass will be held at St. Basil Catholic Church, 1803 Duhon Rd. Duson, LA 70529 on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. until time of memorial mass at 3:30 p.m. Burial will follow immediately after in the church cemetery.

Bee worked for Gerald's Amusement Machine's for 18 years before becoming co-owner of Century Amusement Machines. He was co-owner of B & W Tree Service and owned Bee's Tree Service until his retirement in 2014.

Bee worked hard and loved fiercely. He was determined. He gave without hesitation. Bee

loved his family with all of his heart. No gift was as precious to him as the gift of time with his family. He loved sitting and listening to old songs on the patio and visiting with family/friends. He was always ready to help. He loved collecting things – anything. He loved being outside, gardening, and looking at old pictures and home videos. He was the King of Crawfish Boils. He loved. He and Doris loved cooking together and always had enough to send home with you. It was a precious gift to get canned figs, smothered okra, pickled mirliton or date loaf to name a few.

Bee made many friends over the years. His businesses gave him the opportunity to meet people of all walks of life. He loved talking to them and finding out the little details. He loved telling stories about the people he met and the places he went. He always knew someone who knew someone! He told his stories until his last days. His friends were special to him.

Bee's favorite thing was saying, "I TELL YOU WHAT!" But that didn't mean he was going to tell you something just then – it was just a break!

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Lafayette General Hospital and Louisiana Extended Care who cared for Bee after his stroke.

We'd also like to thank the staff and nurses at The Carpenter House of St. Joseph's Hospice. The compassion, love, and care you gave to Bee and our family was a blessing to him and us.

Our family extends a very special Thank You to Dr. Gary Guidry. There are no words to express our gratitude. Bee loved and respected you always.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA,
(337)334-3141

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

St. Basil Catholic Church
1803 Duhon Road
Judice, LA

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 3:30 PM (CT)

St. Basil Catholic Church
1803 Duhon Road
Judice, LA

Cemetery

NOV 9.

St. Basil Catholic Church Cemetery
1803 Duhon Road
Judice, LA

Tribute Wall

FJ

“ I TELL YOU WHAT -- He looks just like Naunc Dad.. His Dad and my Mom were brother and sister. Bee always had the crowd of kin folk laughing. I have so many kin folk over there that I cannot say which one is ahead of the other. I know this much, Bee is in the top five. I always loved you, thus, rest in peace Bee, and may God bless your family. Love --- Frank Pellissier Jr., Morgan City, La.

Frank Pellissier, Jr. - November 10, 2020 at 12:42 PM

ML

“ Mr. Bee was without a doubt one of the nicest men I have ever met. I used his tree service many times at my home in Lafayette over the last 30 years until his retirement. He was honest, thorough and a pleasure to deal with. My sympathy and condolences to his family. Michele LeBlanc, Lafayette, LA

Michele LeBlanc - November 08, 2020 at 08:27 AM

RV

“ As I sit here I cry.... I haven't seen Mr. Bee I would say 4 years or so, but I can say without a doubt and I can speak for my sister I'm sure that as children my time, our time that was spent with Mr Bee, this family as whole was some of the very best times in my childhood.....next to my own dad and husband he was one of the best men I knew and respected.. he will be missed without a doubt. I'm not sad for him because I know he is free and oh so happy to be in the arms of the Lord but I'm sad for the ones he leaves behind because it's so painful. Hold on guys just hold on to each other. You will all see him again that is for sureI love y'all. Ohhhhh and "I tell you what" will always be him

Robin Venable - November 07, 2020 at 07:54 PM

KA

“ To Ms.Doris snd the. Menard family i send my sympathy. He was a nice person to know. I will miss him coming to office each year . Rest In Peace my friend

Katherine Arceneaux

Katherine - November 07, 2020 at 06:57 PM

NS

To MS. Doris and Minard family ,
Our soul are hardened of pain on hearing of Mr. Dominic loss he will be always in our prayers .
Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our warm love.

Nahed Saade - November 10, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SC

“ It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to a cherished friend. You gave so much to everyone who were lucky enough to have known you. You will be sorely missed but, never forgotten. RIP dear friend.....”I tell you what....” tell KURT and UnaMae hi.....

sable cheramie - November 07, 2020 at 04:49 PM

PB

“ I don't think I knew Bee as I have lived away many years but I am sure my family did. He sounded like a pure Cajun who never met a stranger and had a "joie de vie". His obituary is beautiful! Sympathy for your loss. Prayers and thoughts for all.

Patsy Lantier Bienvenu - November 07, 2020 at 03:38 PM

LM

Our prayers go out to y'all.
It's been a long time since we've seen each other sorry for your lost.
Sincerely ,
Larry (Tlakes) and Ashley

Larry (Tlakes) Miller - November 07, 2020 at 06:28 PM

PS

I know you are in a much better place than we are and know you are at peace. You will be missed dearly. Love you Uncle Bee.

Peggy Sensat - November 07, 2020 at 09:35 PM

BC

may he rest in peace with god speed

baverly/sybil comeaux - November 08, 2020 at 02:33 PM