



## Edward Morris Moody, Sr.

January 11, 1928 - April 29, 2021

“A father’s legacy is measured not in riches, possessions or worldly goods of any kind; it is in the way he lived, the lives he touched, the value of his word. It is the kind of man he was.”

### EDWARD MORRIS MOODY SR.

The family and friends of Edward M. Moody Sr. affectionately known as Eddie or Papa, are mourning his loss. He passed away on April 29, 2021 at the age of 93. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00 PM on Monday May 3, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne.

Rev. Benjamin Pitre, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church will be the celebrant.

Readers and gift bearers will be Papa’s great grandchildren.

Visitation will be observed at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne from 11:00 AM until the time of services. A eulogy will be offered by family at 1:15.

Interment will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in Rayne, LA.

Pallbearers will be Neil E. Savoy, Dr. Ed Moody III, Bryan J. Moody, Dr. Wayne

“Boo” Cestia, Jacob Wesley Pitts and Neil S. Moody.

Honorary pallbearers will be his hunting and fishing buddies.

He was born in Kinder, LA to Lon Jacob Moody Jr. and Cecile Badeaux Moody on January 11, 1928, the third of their four children. He grew up in sawmill camps until the family settled near Eunice, LA. In his teens he moved to Rayne where his father established Moody Truck Line.

As a young man he attended Louisiana Tech in Ruston before enlisting in the U S Navy, serving as an aviation specialist. After being honorably discharged he returned to Rayne to marry his sweetheart Johanne Mauboules on June 5, 1948. They made their home in Rayne and spent their lives together working, traveling and raising their family.

His interests included traveling in their motor homes, hunting, fishing, flying and following his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in their scholastic and sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his beloved grandson Scott Savoy, his parents, his sister Margaret M. Pellegrin (Terry Sr.) of Houma, LA, and one brother Patrick Moody of Rayne.

Survivors include his daughter Cynthia M. Savoy (Rodney) of Lafayette, his son Dr. Edward M. Moody II (Marita Stelly) of Rayne, his brother L. J. Moody III and wife Louetta Hains Moody of Rayne, grandchildren Neil Savoy, Dr. Ed Moody III (Crystal Lyons) of Rayne, Shelley Savoy Cestia (Dr. Wayne ‘Boo’ Cestia) of Lafayette, Bryan J. Moody (Jennifer Toups) of Cypress, TX, Jacklyn M. Pitts (Jacob Wesley) of Rayne and ten great grandchildren, Blair, Zach, Mia and Clay Cestia, Jillian and Collin Moody, Annabelle and Sebastian Pitts and Ella and Madelyn Moody.

Thanks to everyone who spent time with Papa, shared a photo with him and otherwise enriched his life and their own in doing so. He appreciated and loved every one of you.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the following schools: St. Thomas More, Notre Dame, St. Michael, Our Lady of Fatima or ESA or to the charity of your choice.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at [www.gossenfuneralhome.net](http://www.gossenfuneralhome.net)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.  
504 N. Polk Street  
Rayne, LA 70578  
(337) 334-3141  
info@gossenfuneralhome.net  
<http://gossenfh.funeralplan2.com/>

## Mass

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
401 S. Adams Ave.  
Rayne, LA 70578

## Cemetery

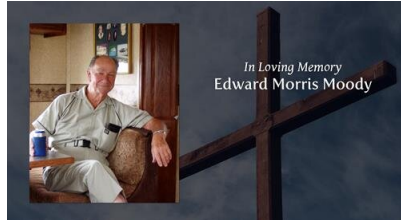
MAY 3 (CT)

St. Joseph Cemetery #2  
400 East Betty Street  
Rayne, LA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gossen Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Morris Moody, Sr.*



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**Gossen Funeral Home Inc.** - May 01, 2021 at 04:50 PM

RF

“ *Remembering my dearest cousin Eddie today on hearing the news of his passing. Even though I never forgave him for scaring me with firecrackers when we were little in Franklin, he will always be in my heart and prayers.*

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**Ruddie Feske** - May 02, 2021 at 11:39 PM

CS

*Thanks Cousin Ruddie. Dad lived a long, full, happy life. His garden is producing beautiful cucumbers, the picture on the video of him holding up a just caught sacalait was taken on April 8th ❤️*

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**Cindi Savoy** - May 04, 2021 at 09:52 PM

PB

“ *Ed and Marita, my sincerest sympathy for your loss. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Patsy Lantier Bienvenu** - May 02, 2021 at 08:13 PM

PS

“ I worked for him at Moody Truck lines! Taught me many things about! He was not only one of my best bosses, but also one of my best Amigos! Love you Mr. Eddie !May you Rest in Peace!

Perry Sanchez, Sr. - May 01, 2021 at 11:54 AM

CS

Thank you!

Cindi Savoy - May 04, 2021 at 09:53 PM

DB

“ Cindy and family,  
A couple of years ago I took Mama to visit Lou and LJ and just thrilled when your dad came to visit too! He and I talked about the old days when we were children and he was so touched by our reminiscing that he got "teary" eyes! I always thought the world of your dad and I was so touched to be able to see him again! My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Donna Blank - May 01, 2021 at 11:42 AM

CS

Thanks, Donna — he enjoyed seeing you that day at Uncle J and Aunt Lou's. You were always one of his and Mama's favorites of my friends. They loved your Mom, too. I have good memories of many sleepovers at your house. Cindi

Cindi Savoy - May 04, 2021 at 09:59 PM

SB

“ We met him a short time ago in Shuck's and he was still driving. Such a nice man. Always smiling when we saw him!!! My condolences to Cindy and all the family 🙏

Simonne B - May 01, 2021 at 10:48 AM

CS

*Thank you, Simone — he was living an amazingly full life right to the end. The photo in the video of Dad holding up a sacalait and laughing was taken on April 8th, three weeks before his passing. Cindi*

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**Cindi Savoy** - May 05, 2021 at 07:00 AM

CB

“ *Cindy and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved father. Prayers  
for your family.  
Carolyn Bordelon*

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**carolyn bordelon** - May 01, 2021 at 09:15 AM

BC

*MAY HE REST IN PEACE WITH GOD SPEED*

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**Bav/Sybil comeaux** - May 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM

DI

*Dear Cousins Edward and Cindy,*

*It is with sadness that I learned of your Dad's passing yesterday evening when checking-in with my Mom and Dad. My Dad is beyond sad as your Dad was like a brother to him, which is why we always knew him as "Uncle Eddie." It is also with great joy that I watched the wonderful video and photos of the very rich, full, and long life your Dad enjoyed and cherished with his family. If we all can only be so lucky! Seems three things were constants in your Dad's life: 1) He was almost always smiling (which is how I will always remember him) and found joy in every interaction with his family members and friends; 2) Uncle Eddie was a mechanical genius who could make or fix ANYTHING (just one small example being "Moody's Mudder" - the most powerful mud boat for duck hunting that southwestern Louisiana ever knew (and long before "Duck Dynasty")); and 3) Family and faith were always top priority (along with a healthy sense of adventure). So today the world just seems to be a little less bright and magical in the wake of his passing. I am so grateful for many wonderful memories of great times shared with your Dad (and my Dad). They are typically duck hunts, deer hunts, opening day of dove season hunts, "la-getting" on a country road bridge at sunset in September for woodcock, and many family weddings and reunions through the years. They are all deeply treasured and your Dad's brilliant spirit lives on in and inspires all of us. My deepest sympathy for this great loss you now are experiencing. I KNOW that your Dad's mighty spirit is soaring again in the great hereafter (he always loved flying!) and is reunited with your beautiful and loving Mom again in God's kingdom. I also know he is beaming with so much love and pride in YOU and your beautiful family. May God bless and keep you and your families always. Godspeed Uncle Eddie!!*

*Much Love and Big Hugs - Doug Moody in Atlanta, GA*

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**Douglas Moody II** - May 02, 2021 at 10:48 PM

CS

*Thank you, Doug! Your tribute to our Dad is so beautifully written and so loving. He loved your Dad, our Uncle Buddy, like a brother, as well. I was with Dad one of the last times he saw Uncle Buddy and they both cried the "Moody" tears. We all enjoyed visiting with Phillip and Mary at Dad's house after his funeral.*

*Love, Cindi*

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**Cindi Savoy** - May 04, 2021 at 10:24 PM