

John Sylvester Russell, Sr.



December 15, 1941 ~ February 12, 2022

John Sylvester Russell, Sr. passed away on February 12, 2022, at the age of 80. He was survived by his daughter, Lynda Gail Austin, husband Mantle and his son, John S. Russell, Jr. wife Robyn. He was also survived by his six grandchildren, Rudy Austin, wife Lacey, Jesy "Bull" Austin, wife Lucy, Chelsea Sands (Russell), Ava Russell, John S. Russell, III and Ruby Russell and five great-grandchildren, Chloe Austin, Callie Austin and Tessa Austin, Nicholas Sands and Jackson Sands. John was survived by two sisters, Syble Holder and Carroll Ann Price, four brothers, James Russell, Dale Hawkins, Neal Hawkins, Dean Hawkins and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Russell and Christine Harmon Hawkins, a sister, Annette Hawkins and a grandson, Gabriel Russell. John was also survived by his special friend and caretaker Bobbye Ballard.

There will be a graveside memorial at Milldale Baptist Church Cemetery on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in John's name to Baton Rouge Hospice.