Donald Joseph Plaisance



March 1, 1946 ~ August 6, 2023

In Loving Memory of Donald Joseph Plaisance, Jr.

Donald Joseph Plaisance, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on August 6, 2023, at 77, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease. Don was the son of the late Donald Joseph Plaisance, Sr., and Ella Kempton Plaisance. He is preceded in death by his sister Deborah Plaisance Gwin. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Deborah Hays Plaisance, and four daughters, Michelle Leach (William), Monique Carmouche (Kyle), Mignon Schexnayder (John), and Minette Tash (Matt). Sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive him: Caroline Leach, Olivia Leach, Benjamin Leach, Evelyn Leach, Joshua Leach, Christopher Carmouche, Addie Carmouche, Dylan Tate (Regan), Dawson Tate (Alex), Caleb Tate, Kason Schexnayder, Gabe Schexnayder, Clayte Blanchard, Collin Blanchard, Vincent Tash, Jordan Tash, Beckham Tate, Brookland Tate, Bensyn Tate.

Don is also survived by his siblings: Lloyd Plaisance, Sr. (Sherry), Kathleen Balhoff (Thomas), Randall Plaisance (Alcia), Daniel Plaisance, Sr. (Nancy), Valerie Honeycutt (Blayne), Fred Gwin (spouse of predeceased sister Deborah)

Don graduated from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School, Catholic High School (1964), and received his degree from LSU. He then began his 50-year career in the insurance business, providing his clients with financial security. Don was recognized throughout his career as a top producer in the industry.

Don served as the Athletic Director for Saint Thomas More School in the early 1970s. Although Don had been a gifted athlete himself, his love of sports continued through coaching for many years. His enthusiasm was infectious as he

inspired everyone, especially his players.

Don was passionate about his family, faith, and community as a husband, father, brother, friend, businessman, and coach. He shared his talents with others as he motivated and inspired everyone to give 100% effort in all they did. He found great pride in witnessing the success of others.

A memorial visitation will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, 445 Marquette Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70806 on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00am. Father Eddie Martin will celebrate a mass of Christian burial at 10:30am with inurnment in the Garden of Peace to follow. Let us remember the countless ways he touched our lives, leaving us with memories that will be cherished forever.

The Mass of Resurrection will be live-streamed from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the American Parkinson's Disease Association in Don's memory.

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