

Kenneth Melvin Varnado



September 2, 1952 ~ September 2, 2022

Kenneth Melvin Varnado, age 71, received the ultimate birthday gift of new life in heaven with his Lord and Savior on September 2, 2023. He was born on September 2, 1952 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He moved on to his new heavenly home peacefully surrounded by family and special friends after bravely fighting a long illness.

He was a native of Denham Springs, Louisiana and resident of Baton Rouge. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 50 years Janet (Watts) Varnado. He is also survived by his two sons, Scott Varnado and Kyle Varnado; brother, Richard Varnado (Jean); sister Susan Scardina (Bryan) all of Denham Springs; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin Leonard and Gloria "Jackie" Varnado; and sister, Rhonda (Varnado) Stratton.

He graduated from Denham Springs High School in 1970, attended LSU and Northeast Louisiana University; served in the US Air Force from 1972-1976 at Patrick AFB in Cocoa Beach, Florida; grew up attending First Baptist Church Denham Springs; was a member of First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, Florida during his military service; and a long time member of Amite Baptist Church, Denham Springs. He was a plumbing contractor and ran his own business for 35 years. He cherished time spent with family and friends fishing, trail hiking, kayaking, and watching LSU sports. One of his greatest joys was singing and ministering with his gospel trio group Mercy's Bridge. He will always be remembered for his quick wit sense of humor and friendly spirit by those who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Seale Funeral Home in Denham Springs from 9 AM until 11:00 AM with memorial service at 11:00 AM in

the chapel conducted by Rev. Gerald Martin.

Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park in Denham Springs, LA

Pall bearers will be: Bryan Scardina, Matthew Varnado, Joshua Varnado, Riley Varnado, Donald Spring, Steve Jackson, Tyler Scardina, and honorary pallbearer Larry Kelly. Please sign the online guestbook at