



"Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian

January 23, 1937 - October 18, 2020

Claude Maurice "Sammy" Duplechian was born on January 23, 1937, in Welsh, LA, to Morris and Azelina Duplechian. He died on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at age 83, with his loving wife and children at his side. After his family moved to Lake Charles, Sammy attended Marion High School, served in the U.S. Army, and graduated from SLI, where he met and married Marguerite Prejean Duplechian. After employment as a biology teacher at Lake Charles High School, a lab tech at Memorial Hospital, and a pharmaceutical rep for Pfizer and Geigy, Sammy went back to school and in 1974 graduated from Auburn University with his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. He and Marguerite established Duplechian Animal Hospital in Jennings, where he practiced until 1988. From that point forward he was known to many people simply as "Doc". After his retirement from private practice, he worked for several years as a Dietary Consultant for Hill's Science Diet Pet Food, and with Calcasieu Parish Animal Control. When not taking care of other people's animals he enjoyed caring for his own, both large and small, fishing, gardening, watching boxing, westerns, and LSU Football, and sharing time with his family. Sammy was predeceased by his parents and his two brothers, Eudice Duplechian and Russell Duplechian. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Marguerite Prejean Duplechian: his children David (Kim) Duplechian of Lake Charles, Wayne (Nancy) Duplechian of Bossier City, Pamela (Bill) Meariman of LaPlace, and Michael (Tammy Domingue) Duplechian of Jennings; 8 grandchildren; Trent (Brittany) Duplechian, Clarisse

(Kevin) Koch, Trevor Duplechian, Amber (Corey) Romero, Channen (William) Mays, Dylan (Ashley) Dunn, Mikey Duplechian, and Mariah (Jamie) Quebodeaux: 1 step grandson, Michael (Angela) Troglen; 8 great grandchildren and 4 step great grandchildren; and his 4 legged son, Bubba. A Mass of Christian Burial for Claude Maurice "Sammy" Duplechian will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Wednesday, October 21, at 2:00 pm, with Father Susil Fernando officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 9:00 until the time of his Mass, with a Rosary recited at 10:00. A private interment will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank all the many people involved in Sammy's care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings or the charity of your choice.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4420
jimmy@matthewsfh.com
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Rosary

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
515 Bryan St.
Jennings, LA 70546

Tribute Wall



“ *"Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to Sammy's family on your loss. May the hope from God's Word and your cherished memories comfort your hearts. Revelations 21:3,4.*

K. Hope - November 18, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ *Our most Sincere Condolences to the family for your loss. Sammy is a great man, great Vet...Keeping your family in prayers.*



Mary Lessigne - October 27, 2020 at 01:17 AM

MS

“ Marguerite and family, I was truly saddened to learn of Sam’s passing. Please know that I wanted to attend the visitation and mass but was unable to do so.

Looking back, I remember Sam as always smiling, never meeting a stranger and telling stories to anyone who would listen.

A very long time ago, in the early to mid 60’s I had the good fortune to go hunting with Sam. We were not good hunters nor could we be relied upon to put “game” on the table. We spent countless hours driving all over the countryside looking for places to hunt; usually without success. In particular, I recall it as though it were yesterday and after one of our usual hunts Sam drove up to a bar. We entered that fine establishment. Sam immediately started up a conversation with the bar’s proprietor as though he was a long, lost friend. After Sam’s story telling and much conversation he ordered a beer. As Sam was handed the beer, he kind of chuckled to himself, smiled and said “get one for him too”. Although not being of age, I quickly recognized an opportunity and had one too!

Sam lives on in the memory of many people lucky enough to have know Sam, especially me.

Mike Stemmans

Mike Stemmans - October 23, 2020 at 08:33 PM

AS

“ To the family of Dr. Duplechian,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I have so many good memories of working at the Jennings Animal clinic. Sammy was a devoted and talented veterinarian. He had an amazing career and served his community for many years with his dynamic and upbeat personality. A devoted family man and faithful Christian, he will be greatly missed. Thank you for posting the wonderful pictures of his life.

Angela Schoenfeld - October 22, 2020 at 09:49 PM

DR

“ We are sorry about your Dad's passing. Your family is in our prayers. Sincerely, Dionne Mallett Robicheaux & Family

Dionne Robicheaux - October 21, 2020 at 10:09 AM

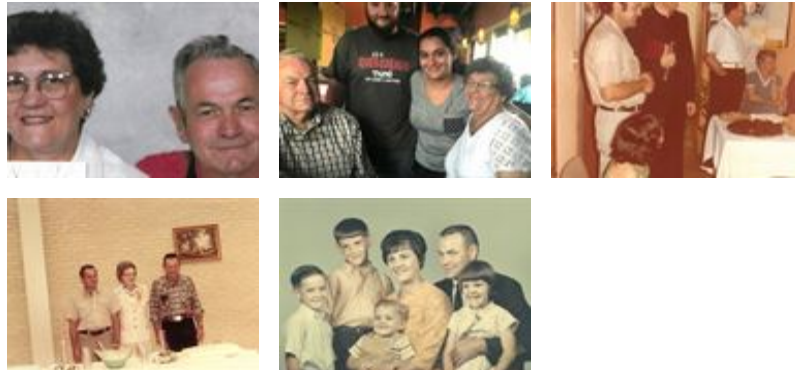
RM

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers for Doc Duplechian's family and friends. I am Blessed to have known Doc through his dedication to Scouting and Immaculate Conception Church activities. Doc and Marguerite's devotion to our church and community has touched many lives along the way. May God Bless their family.

Robert W Menard - October 20, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ 14 files added to the album Life Tributes



Matthews Funeral Home - October 20, 2020 at 05:49 PM

GC

“ Marguerite, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time
Melvin and Gussie Clause

Gussie Clause - October 20, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes

MATTHEWS & SON FUNERAL HOME



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Matthews Funeral Home - October 20, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of "Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian.



October 20, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ Sincerest condolences, Mike Stemmans & Jackie Z purchased the Wedding Ring Holder Necklace for the family of "Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian.



Sincerest condolences, Mike Stemmans & Jackie Z - October 20, 2020 at 02:03 PM

RD

“ Ronnie and Elise Dunn purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of "Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian.



Ronnie and Elise Dunn - October 19, 2020 at 09:20 PM

ML

“ Margaret Smith & Charles LaCroix purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of "Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian.



Margaret Smith & Charles LaCroix - October 19, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of "Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian.



October 19, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of "Sammy" Claude Maurice Duplechian.



October 19, 2020 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ *Ms. Margurite, Mike and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Sammy. I always enjoyed visiting with your family. My love and prayers are with all of you!!! God Bless Mr. Sammy and God Bless his family.*

Jodie Sonnier - October 19, 2020 at 03:34 PM