



## John Martin Fontenot

August 21, 1943 - January 7, 2023

Jennings: Funeral services for Mr. John M. Fontenot, 79, will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 in the chapel of Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA. Visitation will be held prior to the services beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a rosary being recited at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow in St. Ann Cemetery.

John M. Fontenot passed away peacefully at the age of 79, on Saturday, January 7, 2023; in the compassionate care of the SWLA War Veterans Home in Jennings, Louisiana. He was born in Welsh, La to Kenneth and Gladys Leleaux Fontenot. He attended school in Welsh, and following high school he joined the US Army and served eight years traveling the world, including a tour in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He was a heavy equipment operator in the Army.

John's passion was truck driving. He also welded for several years and taught welding to many people through local trade schools. He loved to read Louis Lamour, and enjoyed watching wrestling and western movies.

John is survived by his sons, Johnny Wayne Reichard (Cheryl) of Lake Charles, LA; Marcus J. Fontenot (Rebecca) of Jennings, LA and Christopher Bertrand (Nicole) of Lake Charles, LA; one daughter Melissa Reichard Gonzalez (Rogelio "Julio") of Lake Charles, LA; his grandchildren Alex,

Brandon, Mallory, Gavyn, Bryce, Mya, Logan, and Avery; and great grandchildren Ava, Myah, Mataya, Wayne, Hope, and Jasper; as well as by his late wife's children, his stepchildren Mary Epperly Savoy of Welsh, LA, Frank Epperly (Eve) of Welsh, LA, and David Epperly of Welsh, LA; two brothers and one sister, Charles Fontenot of Gatesville, TX, Curtis Fontenot of Welsh, LA, and Katherine Fontenot Newman of Roanoke, LA.

John is preceded in death by his beloved wife of seventeen happy years Lena Mae Guidry Fontenot; his parents Kenneth and Gladys Fontenot; sister-in-law "Honey" Fontenot; two sisters, Geraldine F. Burton & Emma Jean Fontenot; and one grandson Steven Reichard.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2022 in the chapel of Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA. Interment will follow at St. Ann's Cemetery where he will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife, Lena.

The Fontenot family wishes to express their special thanks to Dr. Charles and Kimberly Ray and the entire staff of the SWLA War Veterans Home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Ann Cemetery

Elton, LA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS  
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## Rosary

JAN 10. 12:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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JAN 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

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