



Joseph R. Dartest

August 23, 1942 - January 25, 2013

Joseph "Tell" Dartest Jennings: Joseph "Tell" Dartest was born on August 23, 1942 in Lewisburg, Louisiana to the late Mary Essie Chavis-Dartest and the late Clarence Dartest, Sr. He departed this life on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Jennings American Legion Hospital. Joseph was drafted by the United States Army on November 4, 1964, where he served his country and was stationed in Kentucky, Washington, Missouri, and Korea. After his military service, he was employed as a certified welder by SBA and Lee Vac Shipyards, until he retired after more than 40 years of service. He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. He was a loving and dedicated brother and a very giving person. His love and compassion enriched the lives of those around him. Joe always had a deep love for softball. He was an exceptional and competitive ball player who loved the game. In the early 1980's, he started his own team called "The Mermentau Raiders". Oh how he loved his baseball family! They were unbeatable and traveled all over the southern parts of the United States with U.S. Triple Softball League. He was known by those who loved him as Tell, Joe, Hose, and Papa. He leaves to cherish his loving memories to his faithful companion: Mildred Randolph; eight sisters, Ella (Winston) Williams and Connie (Dorsey) Dartez both of Jennings, Lucretia (Calvin) Jenkins and Mary (William) Dartez both of Baton Rouge, Bettye (Ronald) Boutte', Vina (Foster) Charles, Earline (Kenneth) Marchand, and Esther (Ed) Dartez all of Lake Charles. Four brothers, Hallie (Demetrius) Dartez of Jennings, Howard Dartez of San Diego,

CA, Elridge Dartez of Lake Charles, and Clarence Dartez, Jr. of Baton Rouge; one aunt, Irene Dartez and one uncle, Robert Bayone; his beloved extended family, Betty (Wayne) Campbell, Dr. Antoinette (George) O'Neil, Dr. Wayne (Dayness) Campbell, Jr; Carrol (Lydia) Breaux and Paul Broussard, Barry (Shelby) Randolph, Cynthia (Rock) Woods and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Clarence Dartez, Sr., his mother Mary Essie Chavis-Dartez, his sister Maynell Dartez-Gilbeaux, his brother Ronald Lee Dartez, and three loving nieces Bridget Gilbeaux-Thibodeaux, Katherine Elizabeth Boutte', and Dawntisha Dartez. His funeral will be at 11 AM Friday, January 25, 2013 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Jennings, LA. Visitation will begin at 8 AM to 10:45 AM in the church. He will be honored with full military rites.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph R. Dartest*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Thinking of you with sympathy and friendship. May you find comfort in God's word and in His love. "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26*

Judt Barker Stevenson - January 29, 2013 at 11:50 AM



“ *I pray that God will restore joy and happiness to the Dartez family. We must remember that God allows happiness to some, and sorrow to others, but in due time we will all endure both of them. Therefore, God's judgement is just, and we must remember that to be absent in the flesh is only to be present with God! May God bless and forever keep you in His loving arms!*

Tanga Powell - January 28, 2013 at 10:22 AM



“ *My condolence to the family. May God bless and strengthen you at this time of grief. I will always remember no matter when you met him he had that big smile.*

Willard Gooden-Shaw - January 24, 2013 at 04:21 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss. May you find these scriptures helpful and comforting. Phillipians 4:13 and Revelation 21:1-4*

Peggy Tupper - January 22, 2013 at 08:58 PM