

## Wayne Early Ledbetter

February 26, 1936 - February 18, 2020

Wayne Early Ledbetter, Sr.

Jennings: Wayne was born in Tulsa, OK on February 26, 1936 to Orchard Early Ledbetter and Mayme Self Ledbetter. He was called from this earthly life by his Heavenly Father on February 18, 2020. After serving our country honorably in the Army 101 Airborne Division, Wayne went on to work and retired from Shell Oil Company after working for 32 years. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, repairing things, and going to Indian Pow Wows. He was a member of the American Legion, Woodman of the World, Lake Arthur Boat Club and one of the original members of the Honor Guard for the American Legion. Most of all Wayne loved spending time with all his family, especially his grandchildren. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Wayne is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Badon Ledbetter of Jennings, LA; his son, Wayne Ledbetter, Jr. (Duana) of Jennings, LA; his two daughters, Denise Reneé Ledbetter Willis (Charles) of Cobb, Georgia, Melanie Ann Ledbetter Lowry (Dean) of Ardmore, OK; his brother, Vance Beaver of DeRidder, LA; his two sisters, Barbara Bertrand of Madia, Egypt, Beverly Hawkins of Broken Arrow, OK; his eight grandchildren, Ryan Levy, Kelly Ross, Elise Testerman, Alec Testerman, Carter Ledbetter, Baylor Ledbetter, Sutter Ledbetter, Wayne Ledbetter, III; his nine great grandchildren.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Orchard and Mayme Ledbetter; his brother, Frankie Eugene Ledbetter.

Funeral Services for Wayne Early Ledbetter, Sr., 83 of Jennings, LA will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:00 AM with Father Susil Fernando officiating. Burial will follow Gueydan Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends will be held Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings, LA beginning on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 8:30 AM with a Rosary recited at 10:00 AM and continuing until the time of his Service at 11:00 AM. Those chosen to honor Wayne as his pallbearers are Wayne Ledbetter, III, Ryan Levy, Cullen Prejean, Sutter Ledbetter, Alec Testerman, Charles Willis, and Baylor Ledbetter. Honorary pallbearer will be Vance Beaver.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Gueydan Cemetery

Hwy 91  
Gueydan, LA 70542

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends and Family

FEB 21. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wayne Early Ledbetter*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *May God bring you and your family through these difficult times while he gives you strength, courage and peace. Mr. Wayne was a very nice person and I always looked forward to saying the Rosary and praying with him when I go visit at the Southwest War Veterans Home. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he Rest in Peace!*



**Ella Dartez-Williams** - April 25, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ *God bless Mr. Wayne and the Ledbetter family. I know that God will bring you through these difficult days and weeks ahead as you rely on Him to give you strength, courage, and grace. Love as He has loved you!*

**Richard & Suzanne Doucet** - February 22, 2020 at 06:10 AM



“ *Rest In Peace old friend. Great memories of us working together offshore for many years. Mary, our good thoughts are with you and the kids, and Cynthia and I will always remember the good times and laughter in our early years. I know he has found the perfect fishing spot and will forever look down and watch over you and the family. He will have his black 56 Chevy with him. We will miss you old friend..  
J. C. And Cynthia Suire.*

**J. c. Suire** - February 21, 2020 at 05:10 PM

RB

“ Denise:

*Im so sorry about your dad's passing. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Bobby Brantley*

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**Robert Brantley** - February 21, 2020 at 10:59 AM

LA

“ *Linda Alford, Greenville, AL purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Wayne Early Ledbetter.*



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**Linda Alford, Greenville, AL** - February 20, 2020 at 06:01 PM

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“ *Oh how I loved Uncle Wayne! What a wonderful & kind soul. Every visit with him & Aunt Mary left you feeling like a better person than when you 1st got there. Uncle Wayne never passed up the chance to show us a 'project' that he was working on. Those blue eyes, that sincere smile & kind soul will ALWAYS be things that I'll never forget. RIP Uncle Wayne & May you always watch over your loved ones! Love always, Donna*

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**Donna Pierce Bertrand** - February 20, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wayne Early Ledbetter.*



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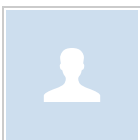
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“ *My heart is so heavy with sorrow at the loss of Mr Wayne. He is a special man , always ready to lend a hand and always had a smile to share. I was treated with such loving care by both Mr Wayne and Mrs Mary when I had the benefit of living next door to them. I spent many happy evenings visiting and always think back on those times with a happy heart. I know he was escorted to heaven by a host of angels and will watch over those he loves. May God give you all strength and grace as you grieve. Rest In Peace Mr Wayne and eternal rest be granted unto you.*

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**Molly Roe** - February 19, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Wayne Early Ledbetter.*



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February 19, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *A wonderful life long friend of Vance & Barbara Beaver and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Spring** - February 18, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Early Ledbetter.*



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February 18, 2020 at 06:20 PM