

# Obituaries



## John Wesley "J.W." Barron, Jr.



Celebration of life services for John Wesley "J. W. "Barron, Jr. 92, of Foules, LA will be held at a later date. J. W. was born February 8, 1929, in Harrisonburg, LA and passed away December 20, 2021 in Foules, LA at his farm.

J.W. a member of Sicily Island Methodist Church was a long-time oilfield worker with Pennzoil Oil Company, working in the Gulf of Mexico, North Sea, South China Sea, and Venezuela where the family lived for 7 years. He also achieved his Business Degree and was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and York Rite Mason and recent-

ly received recognition as a 70 year Master Mason. He was Past Potentate at Barak Shrine Temple Monroe, and was a proud member of the Board of Governors for Shriners Burn Hospital for Children, serving 9 years traveling back and forth to Galveston, TX.

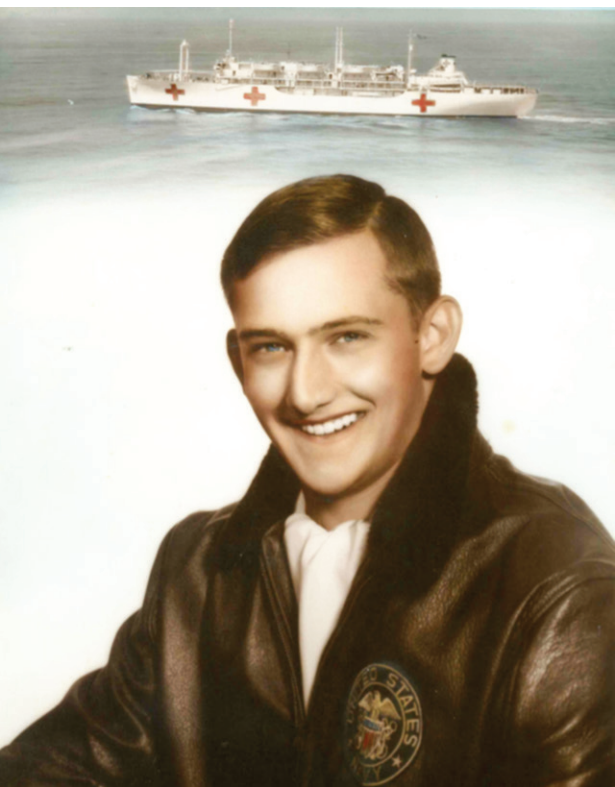
He was preceded in death by his grandson Lucas Goodwin, his parents, John Wesley Barron, Sr. and Birdie Lee Barron Thompson, Stepfather, Carlos Thompson, brother, Larry Barron, and a sister-in-law, Virginia Barron.

J. W. is survived by his wife Jimmie Barron of Foules, LA:

daughters, Connie Barron of Vidalia, Donna Morales and her husband Jerome "Noonie" of Port Allen, LA: son, Terry Barron and his wife Valerie of Meridian, MS: sister-in-law Janice Gautreau of St. Rose, LA: nieces, Amy Gautreau of St. Rose, LA, Karen Egloff of Arkansas, Kay Lurry of Fort Necessity, LA: nephew, Kenny Barron of Texas: step-grandsons Pete Morales, and Chad Morales, and numerous great nieces, great nephews, cousins and step-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at [www.dennard-firstnational.com](http://www.dennard-firstnational.com).

## Carroll "Tex" Alan Martin



Memorial services for Carroll "Tex" Alan Martin, 75 of Harrisonburg, LA will be held at a later date. "Tex" was born on Sunday, October 06, 1946 in Jena, LA. and passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at St Francis Medical Center in Alexandria, LA.

Mr. Martin proudly served his Country in the United State Marine Corp as a Field Medic during the Vietnam War where he was a two-time recipient of the Purple Heart. After serving in the Marines, Mr. Martin worked for the U. S Department of State as an Embassy Procurement Officer. He was an avid hunter, loved gardening, crossword puzzles, nature, and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert Sidney Martin and Lois Elaine Creel Martin Merten; brother, Rocky Hardy Martin; and sister, Lucy Marie Merten Lindsay

Mr. Martin leaves behind his wife, Sandra Dupre' Martin of Harrisonburg, LA; 4 sons, Bry-

an Martin, Brad Martin, Jeb Bellard and Jarrod Bellard; 4 brothers, Sidney Creel, Troy Sidney Martin, Elvis Martin and Terry John Martin; sister, Helen Merten Barlow; and 2 grandsons- David Alan Martin and Jayden P. Bellard. He is also survived by 3 Special Cousins who he considered as siblings, Amy Huffman Barron, Beth Ann Huffman Willis and Benji Huffman.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to Vietnam Disabled Veterans of America.

To leave an online condolence for the family please visit [www.youngsfh.com](http://www.youngsfh.com).



## Max Berlin Wiley



Funeral services for Mr. Max Berlin Wiley were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at First Pentecostal Church in Jonesville, Louisiana, with Rev. Bruce Lofton officiating. Burial followed in Pinegrove Cemetery in Jena, Louisiana, under the direction of Gallagher Funeral Home in Ball.

Mr. Max Wiley, age 85, of Pollock, Louisiana entered eternal rest on Friday, December 24, 2021 at Woods Haven Senior Citizens Home in Pollock, Louisiana. Mr. Wiley was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Clarence and Lula Wiley; two daughters, Tracy Burcham and Tina Yancey; two brothers, David and Thomas Wiley; and four sisters, Bernice Sanders, Clarice Tarpley, Alice Smith and Ester Finsher.

Mr. Wiley was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He worked for the

Pineville Kraft papermill and retired after 30+ years of service. Mr. Wiley served his country in the US Navy, and was a member of the First Pentecostal Church in Jonesville and loved fishing and hunting. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Mr. Wiley is survived by two daughter, Michelle Wiley and Mary Malone; two sons, John Wiley and wife Cindy, and Michael Wiley; two sisters, Audrey Sanders and Norma Wiley; three brothers, Rev. C.B Wiley, James Wiley, and Paul Wiley; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

To extend online condolences for the Wiley family, please visit [www.Gallagherfh.com](http://www.Gallagherfh.com)



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## The top five ranking crops for the Midsouth

Ginger Rowsey, Delta Farm Press

How did the 2021 crop mix shake out across the Midsouth? A drive through the Delta this past summer probably told you corn acres were up or rice acres were down, but what about other commodities? Here is the ranking of the top Midsouth crops by acreage in 2021, according to USDA statistics. States included are Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

**#1 Soybeans:** No surprise soybeans were the top crop by acreage ... and by a long shot. Midsouth farmers planted almost 8 million acres of soybeans in 2021. In our region, they topped each state's list for total acreage. Despite strong prices and demand throughout

the year, soybean acres were relatively flat for 2021, with Midsouth states reporting a modest 3% increase in acres of soybeans planted compared to 2020.

**#2 Corn:** Corn acres jumped by more than 20% across the Midsouth in 2021, but it wasn't enough to overtake soybeans. Midsouth growers planted almost 3 million acres of corn. With high fertilizer prices and uncertainty in the U.S. corn export market, those acres may come down in 2022.

**#3 Rice:** Rice ranked third for Midsouth crop acres. Farmers grew more than 1.8 million acres of rice in 2021. Rice acres were down 21% across Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, with the Magnolia State reporting a 44%

drop in rice acres planted.

**#4 Cotton:** Midsouth cotton acres fell 15% in 2021, with growers planting just shy of 1.3 million acres. While cotton acreage was down for all states, Louisiana saw the largest decrease — 29%. Decreases are likely due to spring weather that prevented timely cotton planting, as well as high prices and demand for grain. Despite a tough start for many cotton fields, yields are expected to be on par with 2020.

**#5 Wheat:** Winter wheat acres jumped dramatically in 2021 — up 73% on average across the four states. In Mississippi, winter wheat acres more than doubled. Good prices drove increased acres. Wheat comes in at 5th place with 640,000 total acres planted.