

# Obituaries



## James Edward Hutchins

Funeral services for James Edward Hutchins, 84, of Jonesville were held at Jonesville First Baptist Church on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2PM with Brother Todd Whittington officiating and grandson, Jamie Girod provided the eulogy. Interment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Jena, LA, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

He was born on June 30, 1936 to the union of Maude and Ivy Hutchins of Harrisonburg and passed from this life on Thursday, May 13, 2021. He spent his childhood years growing up on the Ouachita River. He was a 1954 graduate of Harrisonburg High School and attended Louisiana State University for two years with an interest in agriculture. Upon his return to Catahoula Parish, he married Levy "Prue" Davis Hutchins of Jonesville. They began their life together in Monroe, Louisiana where he retired with A & M Railroad followed by a career with Metropolitan Life Insurance. In 1974, he moved his family back to Enterprise and began to fulfill his desire to farm with his brother.

As a child he loved music and purchased his first guitar from Sears Roebuck at the age of 12. This would be the beginning of a lifelong

passion which transferred to his children and grandchildren. He began a tradition of taking all four grandchildren to Branson or Nashville every year and to them he was an unforgettable character by the way he showered them with laughter, especially during their time of heartache and tragedy.

In his younger days, he was a member of several bands having been most successful with recording artist Gene Stewart and the Country Rebels. He eventually began performing in gospel groups such as Glory Bound and additional church venues. He was a proud member of New Ouachita Baptist church and served as a deacon and song director for nine years. Later during his life, he joined the First Baptist Church of Jonesville where he also provided music on occasion. Before his last breath was taken, he was still singing and now he has joined the heavenly choir with his mother and grandson who also loved music. Even the horrible disease of dementia could not steal his voice and he proudly sang songs of old country classics and gospel standards such as "Sweet By and By" and "Victory in Jesus".

He was preceded in death by his parents, his

grandson, Drew Rodney Hutchins and his daughter-in-law, Dania Lewis Hutchins.

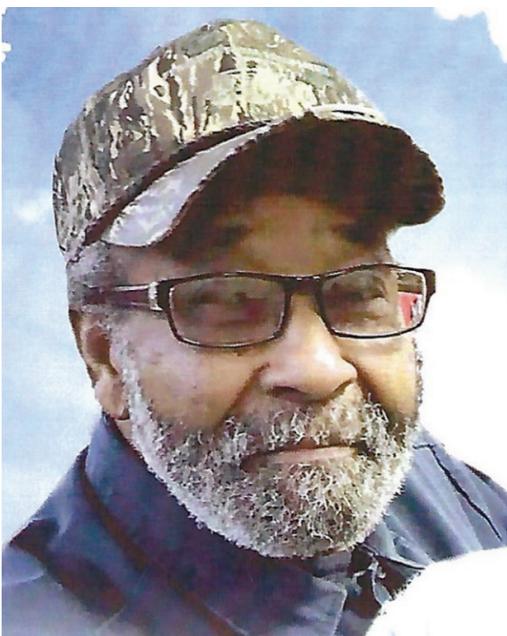
Those left to cherish his memories are his wife, Prue Hutchins; his son, James Rodney Hutchins and wife Susan of Harrisonburg; his daughter, Ronda Hutchins (Richardson) of Monroe; grandchildren, James (Jamie) Carl Girod and wife Heather of Slidell, Charly Girod Darmstaedter and husband John of Sterlington, Lacy Hutchins Evans and husband Matt of Jena; brother, Glendon Hutchins and wife Penny formerly of Harrisonburg but now reside in Hawaii; great-grandchildren; Adalida Joy Darmstaedter, Alexandra James Darmstaedter, Colt Jeffery Girod, and Jasper Drew Evans. He is also survived by a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Jamie Girod, John Darmstaedter, Matt Evans, Layne McGuffee, Chris Freeman, and James Glen Kelly. Honorary pallbearers were Kirby McGuffee, LaDell Sandifer, Jerry Eubanks, Justin Eubanks, and Ben King.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation or St. Jude's Cancer Research.

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## Milton Savage



Milton Savage, affectionately known as "Humbug" and "Milk Man", was born March 19, 1941 to the late Willie and May Ann Savage in Jonesville, LA.

Milton attended school at Jonesville Consolidated High School. He started working at an early age to help support his family. Some of his memorable early employment include: field hand (farming) Catahoula Parish, Texaco Tire

Service (Mr. Acie White, owner), Freeman's Dairy Farm and Borden Milk Service (Cecil Cox, Lessee) where he was employed for twelve and half years. He also worked for the Town of Jonesville as a police officer for 30 years.

Milton's most current employment was the Catahoula Parish School System as a custodian/bus driver for 33 years. He was also employed by the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Department where he worked for many years.

Milton was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. In his spare time, Milton enjoyed doing many things. In his early years, he coached a female softball team and traveled to surrounding areas playing ball. He attended church every Sunday; he enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids; and every morning he had breakfast with a couple of his buddies at "Why Not Stop".

On the morning of May 6, 2021 at the age of 80, Milton departed this earthly life into eternal rest. God called him home from his hard labor to his heavenly reward.

Those who remain to cherish his memories are: his devoted and loving wife, Rose Savage; three daughters: Ada Smith of Jena, LA; Kyra and Kigha Savage both of Jonesville, LA; one son: Milton Savage, Jr. of Jonesville, LA; a daughter and a son that he reared as his own: Corneeka Evans of Killeen, TX and Daniel Evans

of Fort Worth, TX; six grandchildren, five great grandchildren, five sisters: Annie Rose Savage, Debra Hawkins, Betty Gilmore, Shirley Savage and Darlene (Ray) Early all of Jonesville, LA; four brothers: Moses (Jo) Savage of Goodpine, LA, Harvey (Veronica) Savage, Roosevelt (Cora) Savage, and Henry Jones all of Jonesville, LA; two sisters-in-law: Merry (Roger) Jones and Mary Evans (Mike Brown) both of Jonesville; three brothers-in-law: John Mays, Jr. of Killeen, TX, Peter Mays of Jonesville, LA and James (Demetrice) Mays of Jackson, MS; one aunt: Ben Jones of Jonesville, LA; one uncle: Eddie Jr. (Lucille) Newton of Baton Rouge, LA; special friends: James Holmes and his Why Not Stop breakfast buddies; and a host of nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Special thanks to Pastor June Gayden, Gaydens's Funeral Home, Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Department, Northeast Ambulance Service, and Greater Saint Mary Baptist Church.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us today. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we "Thank You So Much", whatever the part.*

**The Family of Milton Savage**

## Joe Coughran



Funeral Services for Joe Coughran, 49, of Sicily Island, LA were held Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Pinehill Baptist Church at 10AM with Bro. Chris Hamilton officiating. Interment followed at South Central Baptist Church Cemetery, Wisner, LA un-

der the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

Joe was born on Wednesday, June 23, 1971 in Little Rock, AR and passed away Monday, May 17, 2021 in Ferriday, LA. He was currently working for Riverland/Trinity Medical Center and has been an employee for the past 33 years, as the Purchasing Director. Joe enjoyed spending time outdoors. His favorites were barbecuing and fishing with his family and friends, but more importantly with his grandsons. He loved all music, and loved playing the guitar and drums. Overall, Joe loved his family; he was a dad, husband, pawpaw, cousin, uncle, friend, and so much more. Joe always had a smile on his face, and will dearly be missed by everyone that had the opportunity of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Wayne Coughran.

Joe leaves behind his wife - Anna Walker Coughran; mother, Sue Kerstetter and her husband Rodger; son, David Coughran; daughter, Morgan Riley and her husband Michael; and son, Wesley Coughran all of Sicily Island, LA; two

daughters, Sandra Coleman and her husband Rick of Olla, LA and Erica Walker and Stacey of Sicily Island, LA; son, William Walker and his wife Brittney of Jena, LA; 12 grandchildren, Laylah Graham, Chelsie Breland, Landon Breland, Cutler Coleman, James Crooks, Zaylee Walker, Breanna Walker, Ava Walker, Tristen Coughran, Oliver Coughran, Michael Riley, and Weston Riley; sister, Angie Coughran of Harrisonburg, LA; niece, Victoria Curtis of Walker, LA; great-niece, Kayliana Curtis of Harrisonburg, LA; and great-nephew, Hayden Williamson of Walker, LA. He leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Those honoring Joe as pallbearers were Mark Brandenburg, Damion Anderson, Jeffrey Bryer, Kenneth Seratt, Johnny Zuccaro, and Stacey McCarty.

Honorary pallbearers were Cutler Coleman, Glenn Kenny, Keith Buxton, and the Staff of Riverland/Trinity Medical Center.

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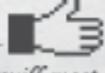
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