

Obituaries



Hubert Stacy Sharp



Services for Hubert Stacy Sharp were held at 10AM, Sunday, November 21, 2021 at Meyers Bend Pentecostal Church, Harrisonburg, LA with Bro. Terry Glaspell and Bro. Joey Paul officiating. Interment followed at Pine Grove Cemetery, Rhinehart, LA under the direction of Magnolia Funeral Home, Alexandria.

Stacy, 53, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 at his home. His life was full of joy and laughter and he lived life to the fullest. He was a hard worker, loved to cook, BBQ and enjoyed his swimming pool. But most of all, he loved his Mama.

He was preceded in death by father, Hubert Sharp; brothers, Danny Sharp and Louie

Sharp; and sister, Paulette Hamilton.

Those left to cherish his memory include his mother, Ethel Thomas; sisters, Kathy Rutledge (David) and Patricia Duckett-Pierce; lifelong friends, Will Wilks and Devra Stockman; son, Joshua Temple (Dianna); 2 grandchildren, Joshua Caine Temple and Anna Marie Temple; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers were Kirt Rutledge, Shadrack Thacker, Tim Gordon, Tony Walton, Jimmy Walton, Donnie Sharp, Wilbur Sharp and Harvey Boyette.

To extend online condolences, please visit www.magnoliafuneralhome.com

A.J. Vangilder

Funeral services for A.J. Vangilder, 78, of West Monroe, LA were held at Young's Funeral Home in Ferriday on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10AM with Bro. Jerry Sharp officiating. Interment followed at Highland Park Cemetery, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

A.J. was born on Sunday, April 4, 1943 in Maraduke, AR and passed away Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at his home in West Monroe, LA. He was a lifelong farmer and loved going to his grandkids sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlie B. Vangilder and Lillie Mae Campbell Vangilder.

A.J. leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Patricia

Vangilder of West Monroe, LA; three daughters, Tresea Vangilder of West Monroe, LA, Robin Vangilder Booth and her husband Troy of West Monroe, LA, and Jana Ingram and her husband Dr. Kevin Ingram of Vidalia, LA; son, Jason Vangilder and his wife Isabel of Little Rock, AR; sister, Rhonda Linam and her husband Mike of Wynne, AR; four brothers, Wayne Vangilder and his wife Beverly of St. Louis, MO, Bill Vangilder and his wife Sandra of Paragould, AR, Tommy Vangilder and his wife Judy of Jonesboro, AR, and Max Vangilder and his wife Diane of Swartz, LA; two grandsons, Austin Booth and Josh Ingram; two granddaughters, Heather Wallace

and her husband Chad and Alexis Booth; and two great-grandchildren, Cade Wallace and Caroline Wallace.

Those honoring A.J. as pallbearers were Austin Booth, Josh Ingram, Dr. Kevin Ingram, Troy Booth, Chad Wallace, and Cecil Parker.

Honorary pallbearers were Willard Kasell, Bert Taunton, Joe King, Terry Guillory, Martin Nelson, Richard Crews, Kenny Brown, Jim Braucht, and Roger Carter.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the alzheimersassociation.org.

To leave an online condolence for the family please visit www.youngsfh.com.

Be a blessing to others

by: Jennifer Latzeke

This week we will gather our friends and family around tables full of food to celebrate Thanksgiving.

You might even participate in that hallowed tradition of going around the table and, one by one, reciting your own blessings. (Pro tip: Be the first to volunteer to share, or your cousin will share your idea first.)

But if you struggle to think of a blessing you've received, I challenge you instead to share a pledge to be a blessing to someone else in the coming year.

What specific way will you help others?

Tough times

It's been a rough 24 months, hasn't it? Some of you may be mourning the loss of friends and family, and this is the first holiday without them at the table. Some of you may be struggling with poor health, or business troubles, or any number of personal

and professional challenges.

It may seem very difficult to find one blessing among all the struggles you're facing, I know. I've been there myself. We all have at some point in our lives. But in those tough times I remember what a pastor taught me when I was younger and seeking answers: You can't always expect blessings if you don't try to bless others. Or, in his plainer speak, "When you help others, you help yourself."

"Giving" is in the name of the holiday, after all.

Close to home

There are needs in our rural communities that we can fill, if we just volunteer our time and our skills. You only have to look around and open your heart to see them.

Volunteer to fill boxes at a food pantry once a month in the coming year — and

make a point of putting it on the calendar now.

Be a driver for Meals on Wheels, and bring a smile and friendship to seniors in your community once a week. Volunteer with the blood drive that serves your hospital, and help save a neighbor's life after a farm accident. Step up to serve on the local volunteer fire department, or take a turn watching the church nursery, or just make it a point to take your elderly neighbor out regularly to run errands.

Healthy communities need volunteers to fill the needs that government programs can't fill. And the need is there beyond the holidays.

Better to give

When you volunteer your time and skills, no matter how grand or how small the actual activity, you're choosing to invest in your community. You're making a statement that your neighbors are more important to you than the many other things that you could spend

that attention on.

Volunteering our time in service to others is the price we pay for this ride we call life.

Is it easy? No. Will there be people who take advantage of your giving? Probably.

Is it still worth it?

You bet.

Because at some point while you're in the midst of that act of service, you'll forget the immediate troubles you have in your own life. Or, you'll see them in a new light. You may even come to

realize that they aren't really that insurmountable after all.

Funny how that works out, isn't it?

Happy Thanksgiving, friends, and may you find ways to be a blessing to others in the coming year.

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