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Frank Allen Birdsong, Sr., died peacefully on Sunday morning, September 14th at home in Covington, Louisiana, surrounded by family. Born June 12, 1919, in Mayersville, Issaquena County, Mississippi, he died shortly after his 95th birthday. Frank's parents were the late William Herbert Birdsong and the late Julia Pearl Birdsong. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Julia Pearl Alvarez, and by his brother, Brigadier General William Herbert Birdsong, Jr. US Army Ret. After graduating from Rolling Fork High School Frank majored in mechanical engineering at then Mississippi State College (now University), was tapped into Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, graduating in 1940 with a BSME as World War II emerged. While at university he was prominent in the George Rifles and was a founding member of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity there.

On June 7th , 1942 he married Sara (Sally) Aimée Jané, his sweetheart of Sigma Chi of Pascagoula, Mississippi. They were happily married more than 69 years.

They moved back to Connecticut where he had been testing prototype radial aircraft engines at Pratt & Whitney before entering the US Army for the war years.

Frank became a Major in the US Army Coast Artillery Corps, serving with the Barrage Balloon headquarters. Following the war and another stint with Pratt & Whitney he returned to the South to settle in New Orleans to rear his family with Sally, his loving wife.

Frank was self-employed as a manufacturers' representative in New Orleans, LA since 1954 ably assisted for 30 years by Sally. He was actively involved as a Professional Engineer with the Louisiana Engineering Society, American Society of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers and the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. Frank and his son Edmond co-founded Birdsong Associates, Inc., in 1985, where he worked until full retirement 25 years later, having moved to Covington, LA, in 2000.



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Frank A. Birdsong, Sr., is survived by his three children and their spouses: Frank A., Jr. (Virginia), Sally Jané Woods (John), Edmond K. (Robin) and 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend services at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, September 20, 2014. Vigil will be at noon followed by a funeral Mass at 2pm in the funeral home chapel.



Events

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Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, September 20, 2014

 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**
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Tribute Wall

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



September 19 at 10:25 AM



Manuel Vega posted:

Mrs. Sally Birdsong, Frank Jr., Sally Jane, Edmond, You wonderful people have all my sympathy for your loss. Frank was a wonderful man. He and my dad had a great neighborly friendship. Good friends who would help one another when needed. I have the best childhood memories of all ya'll. I remember the time when Frank wanted all the junk removed from under the house. So who better to fulfill this task, but a few of us kids from the block to crawl around under the house and drag all the stuff out to the curb for trash day. We were all rewarded with cash & ice cream. And I remember the real log cabin! I have recently moved back to Rocheblave St.. My wife and I have mostly restored the Vega home of 3 generations. Bob Martini still lives across the street. My sincerest condolences, Manny Vega (504) 881-0672

September 20 at 8:01 AM



Walter A. "Spike" Herzog posted:

I was sorry to read about the passing of Mr. Birdsong today; my understanding is that our families go back to Mayersville, MS, and before that to Europe. My great grandfather was Simon Herzog who settled in Mayersville in the mid-1800's and my grandfather, Will Herzog was born there in the 1880's. My father, Alex Herzog, grew up in Lake Providence, LA, across the Mississippi River from Mayersville. In our hearts the Herzog family celebrate the beautiful life of Mr. Birdsong.

September 19 at 4:35 PM



Fontana posted:

We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Lenny, A.J., Toni Fontana and Delmayne Mollere.

September 19 at 1:18 PM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Cross Bouquet to the Birdsong family.



September 19 at 8:18 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Birdsong family.



September 19 at 6:04 AM



Melanie Band posted:

We would like to send your deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Frank. We only knew him from First Community Bank, but he always made our day when he came to visit our office. He was always a sweet, pleasant man and proud to have us meet several of his family members. God Bless, Melanie & Troy

September 19 at 3:04 AM



Japhy, Marilyn Mathews, Jim Mathews, Dawn & Keather Weideman sent an A Full Life to the Birdsong family.



September 19 at 12:29 AM



Joel Hulseley posted:

I am so sorry. It was my great honor to know Mr. Birdsong the last several years of his life. Rarely has there been such a model of integrity and honor. He is already missed and I will remember him most fondly. He is finally reunited with his beautiful bride and once again enjoying the sweetest smile I have ever seen.

September 18 at 7:03 AM



Marcia Ryniker Baird And Bruce Baird posted:

Sally Jane' and family, I would have sent a card but didn't know how to contact you. It has been a long time but Bruce and I extent our deepest condolences to you and your family on the death of your father. Please, contact me when you get a chance. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Marcia Ryniker Baird and Bruce Baird

September 17 at 5:51 PM



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KF

Ken Foret posted:

Frank, Sally Jane and Edmond, Lolli and I wanted to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Frank and Sally were among the most sincere and truly wonderful people that you meet during your all too brief lifetime. I think of them most when remembering the neighborhood get togethers at the Owens house. Your parents were wonderful folks to spend time with and I particularly enjoyed sharing a fishing story with Frank. May God bless Frank and you all during this sad time.

September 17 at 8:09 AM

BM

Bob McGraw posted:

I remember meeting and working with Frank while I was with Gulf Engineering Company. (GESSCO). He was a true gentleman. Ed, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Frank's family at this time of his passing. Bob McGraw

September 17 at 6:51 AM



Media

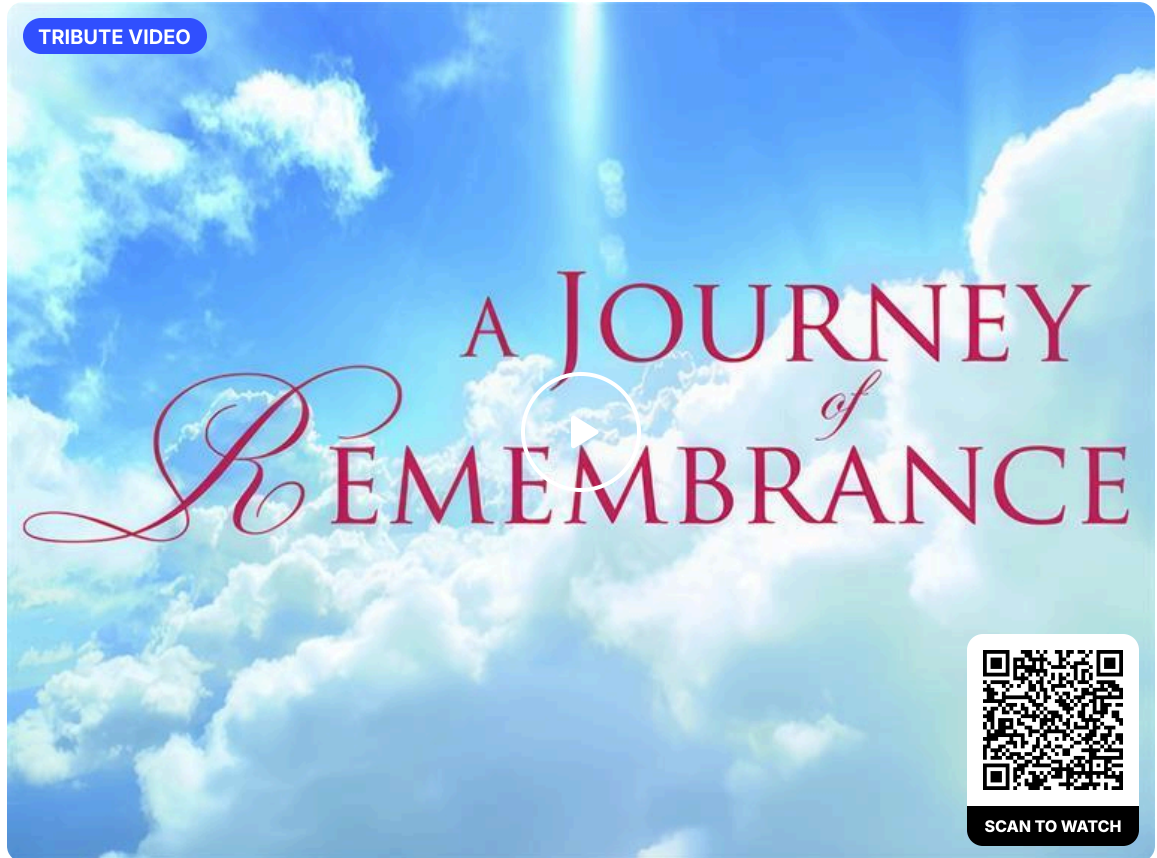
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