



Howard Ricks Fussell

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Howard Ricks Fussell passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2015 in Covington, LA. A native of North Tangipahoa Parish, LA, he was born on Tuesday, July 13, 1937, to Edna Ricks and Freler Fussell.

The beloved husband of Laura Varnado Fussell, he is survived by three sons - Jeffrey F. Fussell (Kelly), Howard Michael Fussell (Shannon) and Stephen L. Fussell (Jill); two brothers - Harold L. Fussell (Bettye) and Paul F. Fussell (Delphine); and nine grandchildren - Mikki and Dalton, Amanda, Megan, Bryce, Jacob and Madison, Lanie and Kate; and one great grandchild – Marla. His parents precede him in death.

Growing up in North Tangipahoa, Howard graduated from Spring Creek High School in 1955. In 1959 he graduated from LSU with a degree in Journalism and worked for Gulf States Utilities as a copywriter and photographer. Earning his M.A. in History from Lamar University, Howard's Master's thesis was published by the Texas Historical Society. He went on to earn his J.D. from LSU, joining the law firm of Barranger, Barranger and Jones in 1968. Howard took great pride in his professional career and along with its partners; the firm grew to become what it is today... Jones Fussell, LLP. Although retiring in 2009, Howard remained close to his Jones Fussell family. The American flag that flies over the offices of Jones Fussell will be flown at half-staff Friday through Sunday.

Howard loved football and watching their three sons play at Covington High School, where he was active in the athletic association. LSU football was also a big part of his social life, usually enjoyed with the 10th Street Rowdies and neighborhood friends. He enjoyed officiating games for many years and was a member of the Louisiana High School Officiating Association.

An avid reader, Howard enjoyed music, history and to travel. He sang with the First Baptist Church Celebration Singers, Christwood Singers and the First Methodist Church choir, where he was a member.



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Most of all, Howard loved his family, his wife of 57 years, three sons and their exceptional wives, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend memorial services at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave. Covington, LA 70433.

Visiting hours are scheduled to take place Friday, February 27, 2015 from 5-8:00 PM and also on Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM.

Immediately following Saturday's service, the Fussell family would like to invite everyone to join them at the Covington Lion's Club to raise a glass in celebration of Howard and a life well lived.

Interment will take place privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Covington Food Bank, 840 N. Columbia St. Covington, LA 70433 or to Heifer International, www.heifer.org or by calling (855) 948-6437. Sign the family guest book or offer condolences to our tribute wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Events

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Visitation

Friday, February 27, 2015

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

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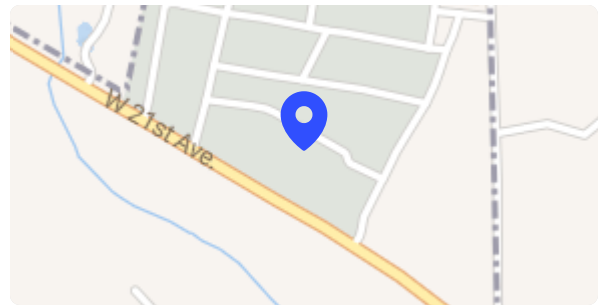


Visitation

Saturday, February 28, 2015

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

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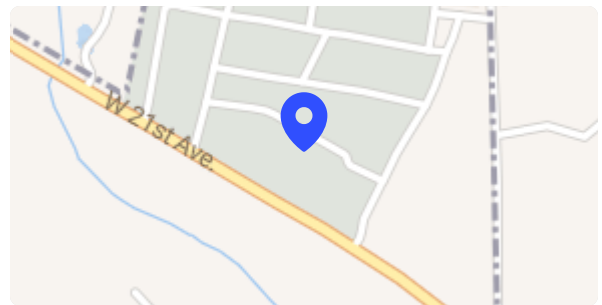


Memorial Services

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11:00 AM CT

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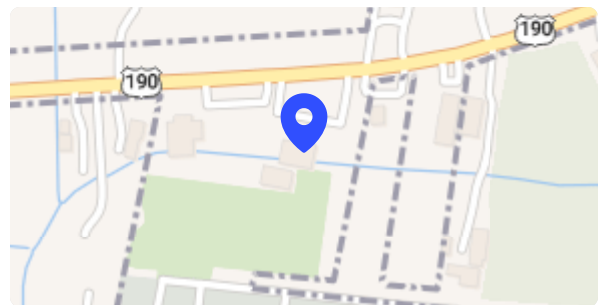


Reception

Saturday, February 28, 2015

12:00 PM CT

Covington Lions Club
2027 Ronald Reagan Highway, Covington LA





Tribute Wall

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Judy And Gary Mitchell posted:

To the Fussell fly,so sorry to hear about our good friend Howard. Nicest man we ever knew. our thoughts are with you and your family.With deepest sympathy,GARY AND JUDY MITCHELL

March 11 at 6:00 AM



Martha And Don Marcus posted:

Dearest Laura, sons and family members,Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Howard was a dear friend, so vibrant and full of life! We loved the New Year's Eve tradition of enjoying family, friends, and the Rowdies! Covington will never be the same! We loved his stories, his singing, and the quiet times we just visited. I hope you will understand that only our circumstances could keep us from standing with you. Our lives have been enriched with your company! Don will drink a toast with a very good port to Howard and we will wish you all the comfort knowing his pain has past.With our love,Martha and Don Marcus

February 28 at 1:45 PM



Stephen posted:

Sorry for y'all's loss! Mr. Howard was full of life, fun to be around, and will be missed. Mardi Gras and New Years will not be the same.The Mendow Boys

February 28 at 11:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fussell family.



February 27 at 10:14 AM



Charlene Vickers lit a candle in honor of Howard.

Deepest sympathies to you all!!!! I am so sorry. I adored Mr. Howard. I never got to keep my promise to him, to do the Tour de` Force with him, from the closet selection. :(~Charlene Blaw-Vickers



February 26 at 6:59 AM



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February 26 at 4:25 AM



Karen Leblanc posted:

I'll always remember Howard as my favorite dancing partner at the Mothe's X-mas galas. Laura would just sit there and let Howard and I trip the light fantastic on the dance floor. Then one Christmas party I asked him if he knew the young man who asked my daughter to marry him and a whole new relationship involved. I learned more about what wonderful parents he and Laura were and what a wonderful part they played in their children's lives. He will be sadly and greatly missed by all who ever had the opportunity to meet the fabulous Mr. Howard Fussell. To his family I express my sincere condolences. You all were truly blessed and he will always live in admiration in our hearts.
Karen LeBlanc (Trey Babin's Mother-in-law)

February 25 at 1:15 PM



Wayne Wandler posted:

Laura: Howard was one of a kind. You and your family are in our prayers. Wayne & Patricia Wandler

February 25 at 7:38 AM



Ann Taylor posted:

Howard had one of the most beautiful voices I have ever heard. He was always very meticulous at making sure he was perfectly on pitch. He added so much to our choir and we will miss him dearly. He was also a genuinely funny man who was very proud of his grandchildren. Laura, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ann Taylor, Covington, LA

February 25 at 5:09 AM



Pat Bartholomew posted:

Sending my Love and Prayers to all...Not sure if I'll be able to make any of the services, but please know that you are in my prayers. I know Howard will be greatly missed by all who knew him. With Loving Thoughts, Pat Bartholomew

February 25 at 3:53 AM



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MN

Madelon Nohra posted:

We are so saddened by your loss. Although we had only known Howard for a few years, we always enjoyed the times we spent together. Howard and Laura invited us, along with our son, Evan, into their home and lives and made us immediately feel welcome. Howard had an outstanding professional and personal reputation with our Brier Lake Home Owner's Association for many years. He has left remarkable and wonderful accomplishments and memories to be treasured by his family and friends. With our deepest sympathies, Madelon and Emile Nohra.

February 25 at 1:55 AM

SW

Sandra Williams posted:

To: Mrs. Fussell and Family, Mr. Fussell was one of our attorneys at St. Tammany Parish Sherriff's Office for many years. He helped us with many decisions regarding civil matters on foreclosures, etc. He was a mentor to us and he shared his knowledge and expertise. May God love comfort you in this difficult time. Sandra Williams (Retired Deputy)

February 24 at 11:47 AM

JM

Johnny Mendow posted:

Laura and boys, There are so many memories we have had with Howard and you. We are truly sad as we think about our friend and neighbor. The New Years Eve hind quarter roast and all the BS that was all about us is one treasured memory. The consumption of the "thimbleful" of liquors is another. Debbie and I are just heartbroken. May God bring you comfort in your time of sadness. May the Lord be with you. Johnny Mendow

February 23 at 12:05 PM

MA

Mary Jo Campbell Arnold February 24 at 8:35 AM

Dear Laura, Les and I send our deepest condolences to you and all the family. Even though I cannot be with you for the services, do know you are in our thoughts and prayers. When I return to Baton Rouge I will call you to arrange a time to visit. With our long term friendship from first grade on, there are so many memories to share. In Christ Love, Mary Jo and Lester Arnold



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KC

Kathy Lemane Core posted:

Mrs. Laura, we are so sorry to hear of Mr. Howard's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I called my Dad (Art Lemane) in Gonzales to let him know and he said to tell you how sorry he was to hear the news. He and Mom (Gail) loved you both dearly and cherished your friendship through the years. Again, our sincerest sympathy to you, Mike and the rest of the family. Patrick and Kathy (Lemane) Core Trenton, GA

February 23 at 5:00 AM

KS

Kathy Retif-Sarver posted:

Laura sorry for your loss. I always loved Howard's laugh.

February 23 at 2:33 AM

LK

Laura Kliebert posted:

Mrs. Fussell, Jeff, Mike and Steven, there are not any words I could say or write that can convey my feelings on the passing of Mr. Fussell, except that I loved him so and miss him with my whole heart."The Other Laura" Laura Kliebert

February 22 at 7:15 PM

MH

Marie Humphries posted:

Laura, I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked for the firm for 16 years and knew him many years before that. He always told everyone that the first thing he did every morning was check the obituaries to make sure he wasn't in them. He sure was a character...we will all miss him. My prayers are with you and Mike, Jeff, Stephen and their families.

February 22 at 5:18 PM

AJ

Aloel Jacobs posted:

Laura and family, please know that prayers are coming your way. So sorry to hear of the sad news of Howard.

February 22 at 5:17 PM



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Aloel Jacobs lit a candle in honor of Howard.



February 22 at 5:13 PM



Kim R. Jenkins posted:

Mr. Fussell was one of the sweetest, kindest men I have been acquainted with. I worked for him a long time, started 2 wks before I graduated from CHS and remained there for 16 years. He will be sadly missed. My thoughts go out to Laura, Jeff, Mike and Stephen and their families.

February 22 at 4:44 PM



Ruth Mckee Sticker February 27 at 12:39 AM

Laura - Howard was such a comfort to me when my mother, Cora McKee passed. I will always remember the organized way he handled her estate and the few "jokes" he shared along the way to lighten the load. I feel privileged to know the both of you! Thank you for all your help through the years. My deepest sympathy to you and yours.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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