



William Joseph "Bill" Gearheard Sr.

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William J. Gearheard, Sr. passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at his home in Mandeville, LA. He was born on February 17, 1936 in New Orleans, LA to the late Arthur Grant Gearheard, Jr. and Marguerite Faucheaux Gearheard

Bill was married to his beloved wife, Connie Shaheen Gearheard, for 57 years and together they had four children, Fr. William Joseph Gearheard, Jr., Nall Edward Gearheard (Beth Mayfield), Cynthia G. Stevens (Brett), and Eugenie G. Helmka (Trey). He was the loving grandfather of Eli, Walker, and Ella Grace Gearheard, Kevin Blackwell, Jillian and Madeleine Bailey, McKay and Molly Stevens, and Millicent Helmka. Bill was the brother of the late Arthur G. Gearheard, III and Margot G. Jacobs.

Bill graduated from St. Stanislaus High School, Bay St. Louis, MS. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Louisiana Lafayette and earned his JD from Loyola Law School, New Orleans, LA. Bill was an avid LSU football fan.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Mass at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 W Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471, LA 70433 on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 11:00 AM with visitation from 10:00 AM until service time. The Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow the service at St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, St. Benedict, LA. Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.




Events


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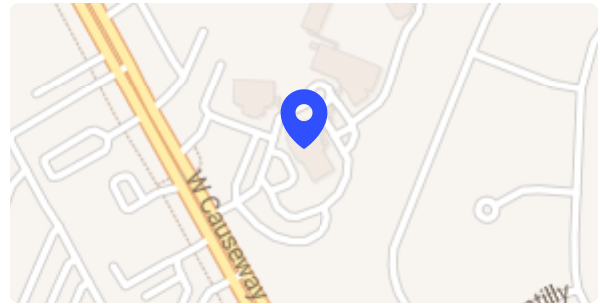
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Visitation


 **Saturday**, February 20, 2016


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **Mary, Queen of Peace Church**
1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA
70471

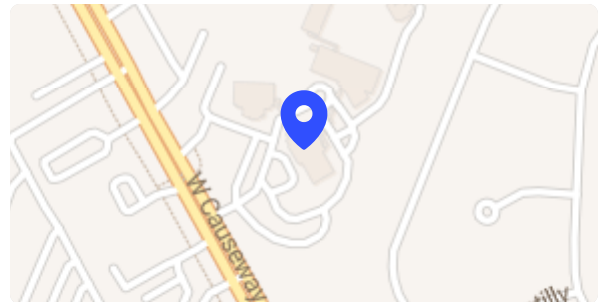


Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, February 20, 2016

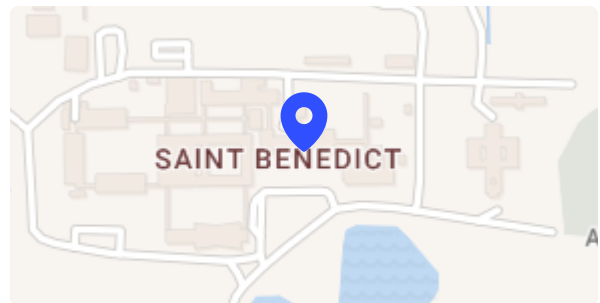
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Cemetery Details

 **St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery**
75376 River Rd., Saint Benedict LA





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RP

Rachael Polite posted:

so sorry to hear about Mr. Bill. you have my deepest sympathy. I can still see him with his afternoon toddy and laughing at my bad sometimes good jokes. miss all of ya'll. love you Ms. connie.

February 20 at 8:55 AM

VB

Vivian Begnaud posted:

Please accept our sympathy for the passing of Bill. I guess I had seen Connie and Bill at St Thomas More last year and he was in a wheel chair then. When I drive on Lippi in front of your old house, I do remember you. It will always be the Gearheard house tome. May God comfort you and may His love fill the void in your lives. May he rest in peace. Vivian and Wes Begnaud

February 19 at 6:24 PM

TG

Tommy Guilbeau sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gearheard family.



February 19 at 4:41 PM

TG

Thomas E. Guilbeau posted:

Dear Connie, I am so saddened to read today of Bill's passing. He was a good friend and ally back in the 70's and 80's in Lafayette. I always admired his passion in representing clients and loved his wry sense of humor. He was the epitome to me of the old school southern lawyer in the best tradition. I can see him now holding court in the hallway of court room 4B dressed in his great white linen suit making a funny remark. He was one of a kind and I will miss him. I still live on Acacia Drive and I think of you and Bill just about every time I drive in front of your old house by the lake on Lippi. I am still practicing law here in Lafayette and if there is ever anything at all I can do for you please call me, as I am at your disposal. You and your family are in my prayers. Sincerely, Tommy Guilbeau

February 19 at 3:34 PM

LM

L.D. Melancon posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Gearheard Family. Connie, Fr. Bill, Nall, Cynthia, and Eugenie, I will have Bill placed on my list of deceased and he will be in my prayers every Friday. Nall, I can still remember coaching you baseball at St. Pius. God Bless to all the Gearheard Family. L.D. "Poss" Melancon

February 19 at 2:17 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gearheard family.

February 19 at 4:13 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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