



# Kay Basil Aswad

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**K**ay B. Aswad passed away on August 11, 2017 in Covington LA. He was the son of Kalil Charles Aswad and the former Pepilia “Peps” Schexnaydre and brother of Jean Aswad Hare, Alan and Roland Aswad. He was 88.

A 1947 graduate of St. Aloysius High School (now Brother Martin); Kay enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and was called to service in the Korean War. In Nov-Dec of 1950, as an anti-tank gunner in the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marines he fought in the campaign at the Chosin Reservoir. After returning home to New Orleans, he joined the Merchant Marines and spent the next few years “seeing the world”. In 1956, he married the former Carol Aline Falcon, with whom he spent the rest of his life. He graduated from SLI (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1960 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and went on to complete several advanced courses in Power Systems engineering and management. He was employed by CLECO, and spent the entirety of his professional career with that company. Many of the sub-stations he designed are still in use around the state.

For the last 25 years, Kay lived in Covington. He devoted much of his time to the Knights of Columbus Council 12072 at Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Mandeville. He was a fixture at their “Friday Fish Fry’s” and Gumbo cook-offs - and was willing to do pretty much anything that was ever asked of him. He was also active in the CLECO Retirees Association, and a member of The Chosin Few veteran’s organization.

He is profoundly missed by his wife of 61 years, Carol; sister - Jean and sisters-in-law - Doris A. Aswad, L. Fran Falcon and Grace M. Post; his 4 children - Karen Aswad Schneider (Norrie), Kathleen “Kaki” Aswad Wells, Kenneth C. “Kenny” Aswad and Karl J. Aswad (Birona); his 5 grandchildren - Whitley L. Aswad, Brittany Aswad Williamson (Jacob), 2nd Lt. Liam S. Wells (USMC), Scout K. Aswad and Elia A. Aswad; and one great-grandson - Tanner Reid Williamson. He is mourned as well by his many nieces, nephews and cousins as well as his many dear friends.



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Relatives and friends are invited to a celebration of Kay's life at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave. Covington, LA 70433 on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 5 to 8 PM.

The funeral mass will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mandeville, LA.

Visitation on Saturday will begin at 10:00 AM.

Interment at Garden of Memories Cemetery in Metairie will immediately follow mass.

E. J. Fielding Funeral Home of Covington has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.



# Events

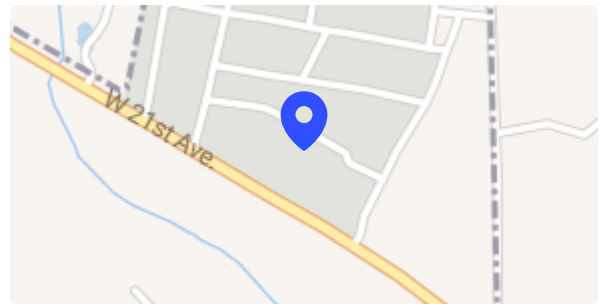
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## Wake

 **Friday**, August 18, 2017


 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT


 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433

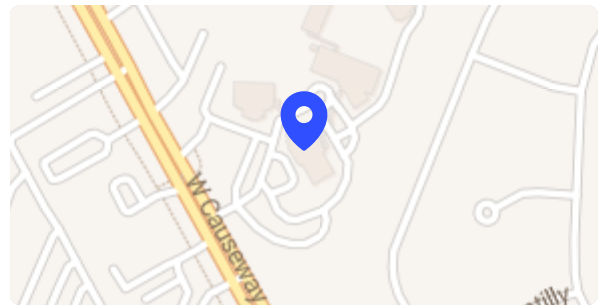


## Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, August 19, 2017

 11:00 AM CT


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

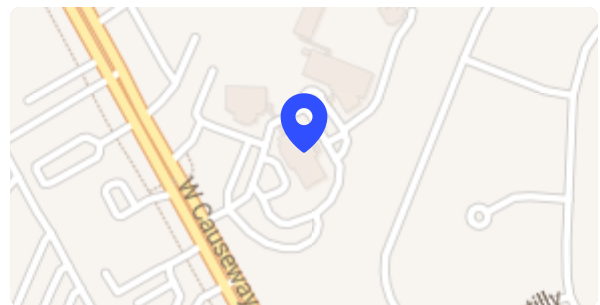


## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

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



August 17 at 9:50 AM



**Yvonne Bourgeois** posted:

Always such the perfect gentleman. He and Pat were so helpful to me after I lost my husband, Dennis shortly after Katrina. I had just downsized to a smaller home which turned out to be a total disaster and they helped sort out some of the electrical problems. They were absolutely wonderful and always so pleasant to be with. I also remember what a snappy dresser Kay was. He always was dressed to the nines as Mass on Sundays. I know you all will miss him. He was a wonderful Dad and a devoted and loving husband. I will keep Kay and you all in my prayers. This is a great loss and prepare yourselves as you will never stop missing him. I know he is in heaven with all his brother knights!!!With love, Yvonne Bourgeois

August 19 at 12:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Aswad family.



August 18 at 11:41 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Aswad family.



August 18 at 4:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Aswad family.



August 17 at 3:23 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Aswad family.

August 17 at 11:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Aswad family.

August 17 at 9:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Aswad family.

August 17 at 8:24 AM



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**Terry Arceneaux** posted:

I was sorry to hear about Kay better know as the Camel Jockey because he got Cleco's first big truck to haul things all over the state, so the was named after him. He is as well liked by everyone. R.I.P. Kay

August 17 at 4:43 AM



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**Christy Frederic** posted:

I worked with Kay for half my career at Cleco and he was a great engineer and a great human being. It was so great seeing him last year at the Retiree Association fish fry out at Rodemacher. I remember he looked as good as ever! I was honored to learn of his service as a US Marine and to know that included Chosin was all news to me. Kay never bragged about anything (except maybe a word or two about how proud he was of his family) but I know a lot about the work he did to help build the Cleco system over his excellent career. It was all Gold Star quality! He was truly a Great American in so many more ways than I knew before. I am grateful for his life and sincerely grieved at the tremendous loss you are all experiencing. My deepest sympathy, Christy Frederic

August 17 at 3:25 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Aswad family.



August 16 at 11:51 AM



**Mike Mire** posted:

Kay was always one of the good guys. Always had a positive attitude. He always went above and beyond the call of duty. He was the go to guy when something needed to get done. We know Pat will be waiting for him in heaven. Kay is a true Knight. May God welcome you and give peace to your family. God's Blessings, Mike & Maria Mire

August 16 at 6:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Aswad family.



August 16 at 3:30 AM



**Love, Ramsey Schmitz And Family** sent a Sapphire Skies Bouquet to the Aswad family.



August 15 at 8:48 AM



**Mary And Nelson** posted:

He will be misses by all. So sorry.

August 15 at 5:21 AM



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**Debbie Schmitz** posted:

The Schmitz Family extends heartfelt sympathy to all of the family. May the comfort of family and friends bring you some peace during this difficult time.

August 15 at 2:29 AM



**Donna McClure** August 15 at 4:41 PM

Worked for him Cleco. Wonderful person. So sorry for your loss.



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Aswad family.

August 14 at 5:13 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Aswad family.

August 14 at 4:27 PM





## Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The title 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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