



Elven R. Dykes Jr.

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Elven R. Dykes, Jr., age 75, of Mandeville, LA, passed from this earthly life to his heavenly home on September 19, 2018, following a battle with MSA (Multiple System Atrophy). A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington, LA. Visitation will be at the church from 9:00 a.m. until service time. Graveside services will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park Pavilion, 106 Morgantown Road, Natchez, MS, at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Dykes was born in Smithdale, MS, on December 3, 1942, the son of the late Raiford and Ann R. Dykes. He was a resident of Natchez, MS, until 1989 and was a former member of First Baptist Church, Natchez, where he served as a Deacon and taught Sunday School. In Natchez, Elven was also a former member of Belwood Country Club. In 1993, he made his home in Mandeville, LA. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Covington, LA, where he served as a Deacon, Chairman of Deacons, and taught Sunday School. Elven's strong faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was unwavering to the end.

Elven was a graduate of Natchez High School and attended Copiah Lincoln Jr. College in Wesson, MS. He was a loyal employee of Canal Barge Company of New Orleans for 41 years. His interests included being an avid outdoorsman, golfer, and Ole Miss football fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and daughter, Tracy Dykes Volante.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 26 years, Lucy Redd Dykes; children: Kevin Dykes of Madison, MS; Melanie White (Shelby) of Nashville, TN; George Forbes (Stephanie) of Gretna, LA; son-in-law: Kenny Volante of Mandeville, LA; grandchildren: Christopher Dykes, Britton Dykes, Lacy Roberts, Corey Roberts, Kenny Volante, Jr., Vaiden White, Cassidy White, Tyler Forbes, Allison Forbes; and great grandson: Ford Dykes.

He was loved and respected by his family, his wife's family, and his many friends. Elven's gentle and kind spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



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A special thanks to St. Tammany Parish Hospital Hospice, Hospice House-Hospice Foundation of the South, and Home Instead caregivers for their loving, compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of First Baptist Church, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington, LA 70433 or to Hospice Foundation of the South, PO Box 5806, Slidell, LA 70469.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at First Baptist Church of Covington, 16333 Highway 1085, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 11:00 AM with visitation at the church on Saturday beginning at 9:00 AM.

Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Natchez, MS.



Events

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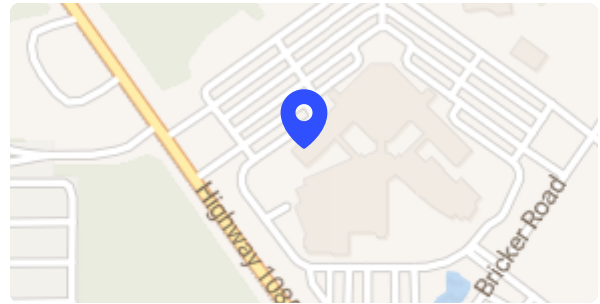
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 22, 2018

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **First Baptist Church Covington**
16333 Louisiana Hwy 1085, Covington LA 70433

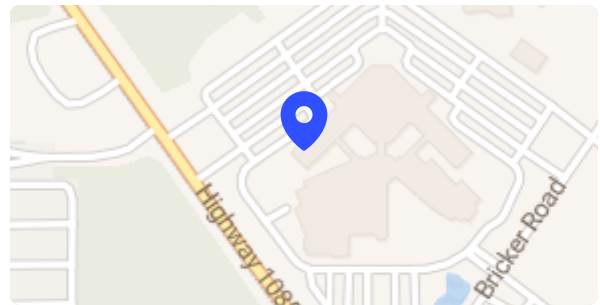


Funeral Services


 **Saturday**, September 22, 2018

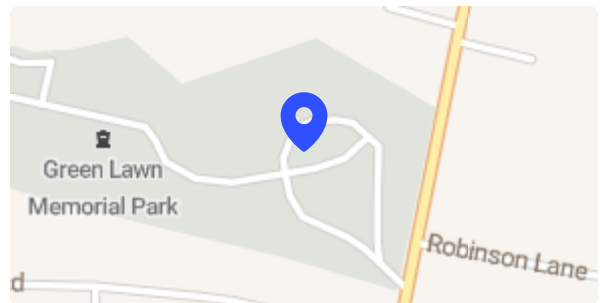
 11:00 AM CT

 **First Baptist Church Covington**
16333 Louisiana Hwy 1085, Covington LA 70433



Cemetery Details

 **Greenlawn Memorial Park**
106 Morgantown Rd., Natchez MS 39120





Tribute Wall

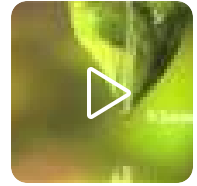
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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.

September 21 at 8:08 AM



Drew Kisner lit a candle in honor of Elven.

September 22 at 11:22 AM



Patty Parsons lit a candle in honor of Elven.

September 21 at 5:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Pretty Please to the Dykes family.

September 21 at 9:45 AM



Tommy Lind posted:

Having had the pleasure of working for many years with Elven at Canal Barge, I can honestly say that I've never met a nicer, more inspirational human being than him. It was always a pleasure to be in his company. May God bless Elven and his family. Tommy Lind

September 21 at 6:38 AM



Annie Caesar posted:

Lucy, Wishing you and your family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. It was a blessing beyond measure for me to have worked with Elven at Canal Barge Company, Inc.--a man of great faith and integrity. ~~Annie M. Caesar~~ - Slidell, LA

September 21 at 6:33 AM



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Anonymous sent a Pretty Please to the Dykes family.

September 21 at 5:21 AM



Bob Luttrell And Family sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Dykes family.

September 21 at 4:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Dykes family.

September 20 at 4:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Dykes family.

September 20 at 1:38 PM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Dykes family.

September 20 at 11:37 AM



R. Tim Meadows, Ph.D. posted:

Elven Dykes is among the best people we have ever known. Kind, considerate, caring, and wise. Prayers for Lucy and the Dykes family as they mourn his loss and celebrate his beautiful life and legacy. Blessings, R. Tim & Shannon Meadows Medford Lakes, NJ.

September 19 at 12:02 PM



Media

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A Journey of Life

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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