



# Edwin J. Besson Jr.

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## **Edwin J. Besson Jr.**

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**E**dwin J. Besson, Jr., age 101, of Covington, Louisiana passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2024. He was born on September 3, 1922, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Besson Antoine and her husband Alan; grandchildren, David B. and Jared M. (Rachel) Antoine; great-grandchildren, Carson and Evelyn Antoine; Sisters, Marie Jacqueline B. Wilcox and Martha B. Carrier and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Beverly Thompson Besson; parents, Edwin J. Besson, Sr. and Claudia LeBlanc Besson; and siblings, Sr. Olga B. Rushing F.S.Sp.J., Marie B. Laurent, Francis R. Besson, and Claude J. Besson.

Only months after his wedding, Eddie answered the call of his country by serving honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Seabee in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. He later served in the Louisiana Army National Guard for twenty years and retired as Chief Warrant Officer. Eddie then became an owner of "Ed's Texaco" on Downman Road, New Orleans for 18 years. He was then called to serve under Rev. Emile Lafranz as Assistant Director and Pastoral Counselor at The Center of Jesus The Lord in New Orleans where he also led the choir in songs of praise and worship. He traveled to the Holy Land and many other countries during this time.

Eddie was an avid Saints fan and was an original ticket holder from when the Saints played in Tulane Stadium. He played golf for many years and enjoyed eating good food. Eddie was a man of deep faith who loved God, his family, his country and served all three. Eddie was a resident of Chalmette, LA for 49 years and relocated to Mandeville after Hurricane Katrina. He also lived at



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The Windsor Senior Living Community for seven years and The Trace Senior Living for the last two years.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at the Trace and Passages Hospice for their compassionate and professional care of “Mr. Ed”.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Besson may be made to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial mass on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 1501 West Causeway Approach, Mandeville, Louisiana, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, 34888 Grantham College Drive, Slidell, Louisiana.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, locally owned and operated, is honored to be entrusted with Mr. Besson’s funeral arrangements. His family invites you to share thoughts, memories, and condolences by signing an online guestbook at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



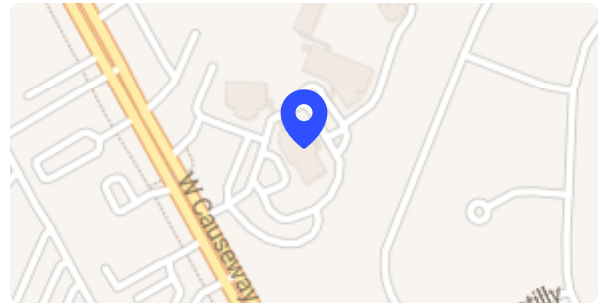
# Events

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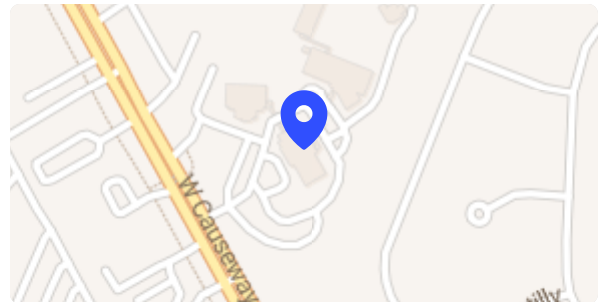
## Visitation

- Friday**, August 23, 2024
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church**  
1501 W Causeway Approach, Mandeville LA 70471



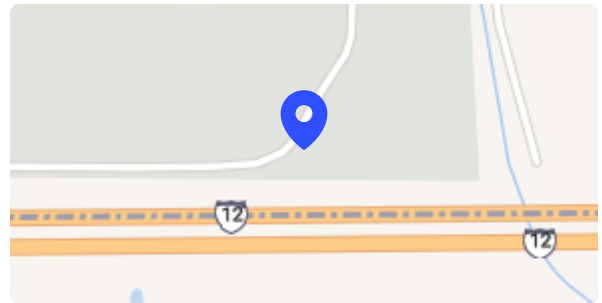
## Funeral Mass

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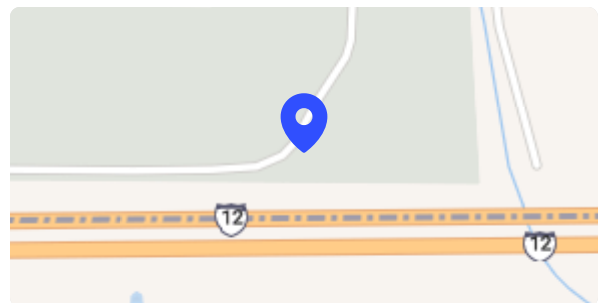
## Graveside Service

- Friday**, August 23, 2024
- 12:30 PM CT
- Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery**  
34888 Grantham College Dr., Slidell LA 70460



## Cemetery Details

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- (985) 646-6458**





## Tribute Wall

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LR

**Lenee Roussel** posted:

He was such a kind and sweet man whose smile could light up the room. He loved to read and sing at Mass. Barbara and Alan, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Grant him eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon him.

August 16 at 10:45 AM

LW

**Linda And Pat Williams** posted:

We shall surely miss Mr. Eddie. He was always so positive and upbeat. We will always remember his infectious smile and cheery songs such as "You Have a Friend in Jesus" and "You Are My Sunshine." His love of life and our Father was reflected in his always friendly demeanor. He was an inspiration and a true role model for all of us. Rest in peace, Mr. Eddie. May you go marching in with the real saints now!

August 15 at 6:53 AM

LP

**Lu-Ann Parks** posted:

Such a sweet and kind man with a great smile. Sending condolences to all of you.

August 14 at 9:15 AM

CS

**Claudia Besson Seale** posted:

My Beloved Uncle Eddie & family, I will always be grateful for all the love and sacrifices you gave freely to our country and behalf of all your family. I thank you for your deep faith in God that inspired my immediate family and led us to the deep faith in God that I carry in my heart and soul till this day. I thank God for allowing my sisters and I to see you before our Savior brought you to your heavenly home. There is no doubt at all that you are now resting in eternal peace. Please give my mother and father( your brother) a kiss for me. I will always love you for the rest of my life. Your niece, Claudia Besson Seale

August 13 at 11:43 AM

MP

**Marcelyn Puig** posted:

Barbara so so sorry for yourLoss . I know DadWas very special. Also he wasThe end of the "JONES BOYS ERA" He and your mom were always so special to my family. Prayers and condolences!!🙏🙏🙏❤️Love you much!!!Marcelyn

August 13 at 6:32 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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