



James Bruce Baine Sr.

November 22, 1925 - June 6, 2020

James “Bruce” Baine, Sr. of Covington, LA passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2020. He was born on November 22, 1925 in Durant, MS to Matthew and Willie “Zelma” (Mayo) Baine.

Bruce is survived by his beloved wife, Freda Fay (Manuel) Baine; his children James “Bruce” Baine, Jr., Belinda Baine Breaux (Rodney), Karen Baine Lodato (Darryl); his grandchildren Baine Bernard Breaux (Amanda), Brunet Benjamin Breaux, Brennan Bruce Breaux, Brierre Bailey Breaux, Noelle Lodato Thompson (Nick), and Matthew Baine Lodato; and his four great-grandchildren Adelaide Breaux, Olivia Breaux, Grace Breaux, and Harlow Rainwater.

Bruce is preceded in death by his daughter Rebecca Lyn Baine, his brother Matthew D. Baine, Jr. and his parents.

Bruce was born in Durant, MS and graduated from Durant High School. After graduating from high school, Bruce joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, and proudly served as a Tail Gunner on a B-24 Liberator, also known as the “flying coffin”. After being honorably discharged from the service, he attended and graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Aviation and Management on the G.I. Bill. His career in insurance claims began when he went to work for Royal Globe Insurance Company, where he eventually became the claims manager for the New Orleans office. He also served as Chairman of the New Orleans Claims Management Council.

Bruce was very active in the community, serving as President of the Jefferson Parish Community Clubs Association (JPCCA), Chairman of the Board for the Metairie YMCA, a 32nd Degree Mason at Louisiana Lodge 102, and Shriner and Jester at the Jerusalem Temple. Bruce loved to sing and was a choir member at First Baptist Church in Covington. He was an avid outdoorsman who belonged to Campers on Mission and Cruisin’ Cajuns RV Club.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Ave, Covington, LA 70433 on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM with visitation on Thursday beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow the services in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, Covington, LA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Baine may be made to Camp Living Waters in Loranger, LA or Shiner's Hospital for Children. Donations may be either mailed to Camp Living Waters, 21230 Livingwater Road, Loranger, LA, 70446 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, Processing Center, PO Box 863765, Orlando, FL 32886 or can be made at <https://www.camplivingwaters.net/support-clw> or <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shreveport>.

Cemetery

Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory

2280 W 21st Ave
Covington, LA, 70433

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 11 at 11:45 AM



“ My name is Diane Matthews and I'm a life long friend of Mr. Baine's daughter Belinda. I had the privilege of spending time at their home and watching them interact as a family. They embraced me with open arms and brought me to church with them. They not only spoke the Gospel to me but lived it also. Mr. Baine had such a joyful loving heart and made me feel like a part of the family. Truthfully, the whole family did! He was a great man and has left a great legacy! I thank God I knew him and that I'm Belinda's friend! I know he will be missed greatly!

Diane Matthews - June 10 at 11:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Bruce Baine Sr..



June 10 at 10:14 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of James Bruce Baine Sr..



June 10 at 08:33 PM



“ As a Mississippian, Bruce shared a heritage with my late husband, Don, and me - we were born only 50 miles apart. I remember Bruce with a grin on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. He was a friend to all who knew him, and will be greatly missed.

Freda, my prayer for you and your family is that God will comfort you in your sorrow, remove your pain and anguish and leave the precious memories.

Much love, Anne Branch

Anne A. Branch - June 10 at 02:34 PM



“ Oh Anne. What fun we all had. Miss you so much. Bruce and Don are probably trying to decide which Louis L'Amour book to read again for the 2nd or 3rd time

Freda Baine - June 10 at 07:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Bruce Baine Sr..



June 09 at 08:02 PM



“ I extend my sincere condolences and prayers to Freda and the family of a man I was privileged to know. Bruce was a humble, kind, upstanding man of principle, good sense and good humor; most deserving of the Heavenly reward he now enjoys. Rest in peace, my friend.

Tom Young - June 09 at 12:18 PM



“ I just heard about Cousin Bruce's passing.....I am Esther Tomlinson's daughter, Linda Tomlinson Berry, and my brother Brian Berry of Centreville, MS informed us. I regret deeply that I did not meet this very fine man, who I believe is my 3rd cousin. We have some of the same interests, and I would have loved to share information on the Baine ancestry with him.....Scottish chieftains, etc. Now, he has met them all! Rest in peace, dear Bruce. We shall see you, later on!

Rev. Linda Tomlinson Berry
Reveillon Lodge Arabian Farm/ St. Michael and All Angels' Chapel
Raymond, MS



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Bruce Baine Sr..



June 08 at 01:07 PM



“ A poem about Bruce:

Bruce was a great man, a man that loved life
He loved his family and friends and his beautiful wife

I knew him from Francos, a place he would go
To exercise his body, but mostly his mouth as you know

He didn't know a stranger and big smile he wore
I'll miss my friend Bruce, a man I adored

He's been called stubborn and forgetting to grab his walker or cane
Before leaving his house, he admits he was a pain

We sat by the fire and chatted about life
About my kids and his kids and his "latest fall" strife

We talked about State, In Mississippi, his alma mater
We knew the same places and chatted about my daughter

I brought him back t-shirts and mugs from The campus he knew
So Ms Louis could fill them up with her hot Starbucks brew

At Francos he was family and we loved him so dearly
The friends from Fit Circuit so appreciated him so clearly

Celebrations and his birthday in November was fun
Bruce was a great man and my heart he had won

Heaven gained a great man and he will be dearly missed
Thoughts and prayers to his family, his memory forever will exist

-Julie Wells
6-6-2020



Julie Wells - June 08 at 12:10 PM



“ Bruce and Julie Wells (Franco's)

Julie - June 08 at 12:17 PM



“ Bruce and his beautiful wife Freda were in my class, I loved their “banter”- he made her laugh and she made him laugh, and kept him on his toes! He had the best booming voice, everyone listened when he spoke or sang- which was a lot! He was always smiling, we always knew when he was joking. I know you’ll be singing and dancing with all the other angels.

kelly golson - June 08 at 11:57 PM



“ Freda, so sorry to hear the passing of Bruce. I remember him as a cheerful person. Praying for you and your family as you mourn and celebrate his life. We enjoyed visiting with you and Bruce at our many Cruisin Cajuns rallies and seeing you two at church. Much love.

Alma Mims - June 08 at 11:06 AM



“ To all the Baine Family - I am so very sorry for your loss. Your husband, dad, grandfather was such a great guy. He will be missed by so many. Praying for each of you as you celebrate his life. Much love.

Jesse Hoyer - June 08 at 09:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Bruce Baine Sr..



June 08 at 12:42 AM



“ Bruce was one of the most passionate men I have ever met. He loved his family and Mississippi State and I was fortunate enough to have him in my connect group for many years. We loved him and he will be missed. Cathy and I are lifting the family up in prayer asking God to comfort the family in their loss.

Martin Sharpe - June 08 at 12:23 AM



“ Bruce was probably, the most charismatic, out spoken person, I've ever met. He was delightful to be around and will be deeply missed. Camp Living Waters will suffer a great loss, as Bruce did so much for them. Prayers of comfort for Freda and their family.

Cris Cruz - June 08 at 01:13 AM



“ We have many great memories of times with Bruce and Freda and the larger Baine family. Any person or thing Bruce believed in received his complete passion. Camp Living Waters may have lost its greatest supporter. Prayers for Freda and the family as they mourn his loss and celebrate his beautiful life.

Blessings,

R. Tim & Shannon Meadows

Medford Lakes, NJ.

R. Tim Meadows, Ph.D. - June 07 at 06:33 PM



“ Freda and Family. So sorry for your loss. I have been trying to reach u Freda. Genny in nursing home in Eunice. She is much improved

Gwen Rozas Fruge - June 08 at 08:26 AM



“ Cannot say enough about Bruce! He was certainly a special person. We have so many memories with Bruce and Freda. We are blessed to call them friends. We will never forget all the good times we had with them. We are heartbroken but know he will keep heaven laughing. We love you both!

Shorty and Pat Wright - June 07 at 05:20 PM



“ Though I was in the presence of Mr. Baine just a few times in my life, I will always remember his cheerful friendly personality. He was always willing to have a chat. I am sure he will be missed by many. May God comfort you all during this time of loss. I will say a rosary for Mr. Baine and your family. Beryl Breaux Thornton, Culpeper, Virginia



Beryl Thornton - June 07 at 03:59 PM



“ It was an honor to know Bruce, he was a fun loving and determined individual. Tough guy with a big heart. I'm sorry for the loss for the family, but glad God got him as heaven needs more souls like his.

Mike Stewart - June 07 at 11:29 AM