



## Joseph Larry Childress

October 14, 1948 - February 18, 2021

Joseph "Larry" Childress was born to Milton Jackson and Idell Margarite Bosarge Childress in Bayou La Batre, AL on October 14, 1948 and entered the gates of Heaven at 72 years old on February 18, 2021.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Milton Jackson and Idell Margarite Bosarge Childress; his brother, Charles Jackson "Jackie" Childress; his paternal grandparents, Caroline Elizabeth Steiner and John Howard Childress; and his maternal grandparents, Charlie Bosarge and Ida Melinda Seaman.

He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Julie Margaret Miller Childress; children, Jennifer Elizabeth Childress Jones (Mitchell), Johnathan Larry Childress (Savana), and Jackson McKinley Childress (Zondralynne); grandsons, Daniel Murphy Jones and Lucas Alexander Jones, whom he loved so much; his niece, Wendy Paige Childress Benefield (Kelly) and their daughter Gracie; and many other family members and friends.

Those who knew Larry, loved him. He is life-long resident of Bayou La Batre, AL and loved hot tea and cheese with crackers while watching the sunset on Coden Beach. He was a loyal servant of the Lord and spent his life honoring Him. Larry's Sundays often consisted of playing the piano at one the many churches at which he served.

Larry spent his years as a Marine Electronics Technician. He owned and operated J.L.C. Electronics and Radio Shack in Bayou La Batre. Although he loved his work, he loved his wife, children, and grandchildren more. He spent every opportunity he could with them and loved vacations at either Disney World or the mountains in North Carolina with his family.

Jennifer, Johnathan, and Jackson all look up to the example that their Daddy set before them. He taught them to love the Lord with all of their hearts, to serve their community and love those around them. They all loved coffee like their Daddy and would always have a cup when they visited. He has impacted the lives of those around him in the best possible

way.

Besides the title of Dad, his next favorite title was “PoPo” and his grandchildren loved him entirely. Daniel and Lucas loved their ice cream dates with their PoPo and always looked forward to their time with him. Popo was looking forward to meeting his newest grandson due to arrive this summer. He loved his grandchildren and we trust that he will continue to watch over all of us.

Larry’s laugh is one that is contagious and would make you smile just from hearing it. He was one of a kind and will never be able to be replaced. He was and will continue to be a light in his community. It is without a doubt that he heard, “WELL DONE! My good and faithful servant.”

Come celebrate Larry’s life with the family on Saturday, February 27, 2021 with visitation from 10-12 and the service starting at 12. Services will take place at First Evangelical Methodist Church located at 11329 Padgett Switch Road in Irvington, AL.

The family respectfully asks that you wear a mask and socially distance where possible.

In lieu of flowers, please address donations to Julie Childress at PO Box 1442, Irvington, AL 36544. The family plans to start a scholarship in Larry’s name.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**                      10:00AM - 12:00PM

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First Evangelical Methodist Church

11329 Padgett Switch Rd., Irvington, AL, US, 36544

**FEB**   **Funeral Service**    12:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Bill and Glenda Meredith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Larry Childress.



**Bill and Glenda Meredith** - February 22 at 06:10 AM