



## Joseph Wayne Cothorn

December 14, 1945 - January 27, 2022

Joseph Wayne Cothorn, 76, passed away on January 27, 2022 in Sarasota, FL. He was born on December 14, 1945 in Baton Rouge, LA. He is the oldest son of Joseph Odell Cothorn and Tressie Elizabeth Cothorn, both deceased. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy, his three daughters, Debbie, Melissa, and Melinda, two son-in-laws, Kirk Cameron and Adam Leko, eight grandchildren, Joey, Julie, Jon, Amelia, Abby, Evie, MaryAnne, Ella, and his brother Edwin Cothorn.

# Tribute Wall

TL

“ *The Lekos purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joseph Wayne Cothorn.*



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**The Lekos** - February 12, 2022 at 04:57 PM

TF

“ *The McDaniel Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph Wayne Cothorn.*



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**The McDaniel Family** - February 09, 2022 at 12:03 PM

DA

“ *Wayne Cothorn The Man The Myth The Legend. LSU Assembly Center as it was known back then Wayne was the Chief of a bunch of college kids who were invincible and some of us intolerable. Yet he managed to push us in the right direction to get the job done. What I remember most is him saving some of us from the dreaded Fontenot “tighten up” and if it ever happened you know what I’m talking about. To a great man and leader of young men who he taught hard work will not kill you I salute you!!!*

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**Dewey Albritton** - February 09, 2022 at 11:24 AM

GF

“ I first met Wayne when he and his family were moving to Florida. He had just finished his employment at the LSU PMAC and opened his own business in Florida. It was several years later when my husband, Cary G. Fontenot, made a surprise visit to the family and that began a 30 plus year friendship (The Brother-In-Law Club) where we would visit on a yearly basis, they here in Baton Rouge and we in Florida. It was a pure joy to have them in our home and theirs where their stories always had the same by-line but became embellished through the years. I am sure that all of the Grunts who worked with and for them at the PMAC can relate. Wayne was always a family man first. I am so happy that he and Judy welcomed me with open arms. They were with us when Cary's son David died and were with me when Cary died. These are memories that do not fade. I will be forever grateful to those young men who had the opportunity to work with Wayne and Cary. Wayne will be sorely missed by his family and me, who he affectionately called me, Sis. Fly high my friend and know how much you were loved. God bless.

Gwen (Sis) Fontenot

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**Gwendolyn A. Fontenot** - February 05, 2022 at 05:37 PM

WW

“ Hi Judy, so sorry to learn of Wayne's passing and my prayers are with you and the family. Wayne's guys were his boys - through his leadership and mentorship they became men, earning skills and knowledge to advance in life. The respect that all hold many year's later is the testament of his influence. Great memories, special man.

Peace.

Will Wilton

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**Will Wilton** - February 04, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ So many memories of Wayne, all of them wonderful. From my first day at LSU when I met him and became a part of his wonderful world. The reunion at the L-Club when he hugged me with tears in his eyes. Never got mad at his boys. Almost once, when Doodie and I were late for a show. Someone we'll never forget.

Orca

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**Mike Camus** - February 03, 2022 at 01:54 PM

LM

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**Louis Marionneaux** - February 03, 2022 at 01:30 PM

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*Wayne, Louis Marionneaux, Brett Chabert, Mike Drew & Eric Edwards*

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**Louis Marionneaux** - February 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM

LM

*Wayne was a special person. I worked for him in the late 70's as a stage hand at the assembly center. Him and Judy treated us great. She made the best Chili dinner for us one night. His Dad would also hire us at the theater sometimes. Many of us went on to make this business a career. He always had a way to make you laugh and treated everyone with respect. I am so sorry for the huge loss to his family, due to his passing. We will never forget you Wayne! Lou " Vinnie Barbarino" Martello*

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**Lou Martello** - February 03, 2022 at 02:25 PM

FM

*How do you say goodbye to a friend of 60+ years? We grew up together, went to school together, fished and hunted together, double dated together, raised our families together, camped together, vacationed together, cooked together, cried together, and laughed together.*

*Although time and distance had separated us, it can't erase the fond memories that we shared. Some of those memories got a little fuzzy with age, and some were probably embellished a little, but it was always fun to recall the trials and tribulations, joys and celebrations that we shared. There was never a shortage of old adventures to share when we got together.*

*Our children always remembered "Uncle Wayne" for the funny stories, jokes, and joy that he brought into their lives. He was never at a loss for a "tall tale" to share. They were always ready to go visit "Uncle Wayne" and "Aunt Judy."*

*Our hearts are broken to lose our dear friend. We wish that we could have spent more time together in these last years.*

*We will all miss you Wayne. Farewell our dear friend, rest in peace.*

*We Love You !!!*

*Farrel and Lorraine McDaniel*

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**Farrel McDaniel** - February 09, 2022 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Louis & Stacy Marionneaux - PMAC 1980 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Wayne Cothorn.*



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**Louis & Stacy Marionneaux - PMAC 1980** - February 03, 2022 at 12:54 PM