

God saw that you were getting tired
And the cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Busy hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same
Since you went away.

When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday."

—Rhonda Braswell



Milton "Curtis" Batten Jr.
April 24, 1949—April 28, 2010





Milton "Curtis" Batten Jr. Age 61, passed away on April 28, 2010 at Cornerstone Hospital, West Monroe after a short battle with pulmonary fibrosis.

Funeral services for Curtis Batten will be held at 2:00 pm Monday, May 3, 2010 at Pisgah Baptist Church in Bernice, LA with Bro. M.F. Copeland and Bro. Jerry Dark officiating. Interment will follow in Pisgah Baptist Church cemetery under the direction of Kilpatrick Funeral Home of West Monroe. The family will receive friends at 5:00 pm Sunday at Pisgah Baptist Church.

Curtis was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War when he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and several other medals of honor. He worked several years in the Oil and Gas industry and as a deputy for the Union Parish Sheriff's Office. He was a life member of the VFW Post 5442, Farmerville, LA; American Legion Post 149, and the order of the Purple Heart.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Sharon Nolan Batten of West Monroe, LA; son Danny Batten and wife Kristy of Downsville, LA ; son Jason Batten of Homer, LA; step-son Bobby Wheat and wife Charlotte of McKinney, TX; step-son Shaun Primeaux and wife Kelly of Hammond, LA; step-son Maurice Primeaux and wife Lynn of Bernice, LA; step-daughter Lesleigh Hopkins of Eustis, FL; step-daughter Shari Gremillion Milne and husband John of Lafayette, LA; grandchildren Chance Batten, Anna Batten, Kristen Batten, Deane Batten, Wesley Wheat, Grayson Wheat, Stafford Primeaux, Tristan Vizina , Nikki Primeaux, Zachary Smith, Kyla Milne, Andrew Milne and Sara Milne.

Curtis is preceded in death by his daughter DeNelda Batten, grandson Shadow Batten, late wife Ella Batten, mother Nelda Tillman, father Milton Batten Sr., and step-father Dan Tillman.

Curtis's pallbearers: Chris Adkins, Steve Allen, Kent Boyette, Charles Collier, Bruce Dendy, and Billy McIntosh.

Honorary pallbearers: Larry Pixley, Jerry Lomax, Doc Everett Woods, Capt. Frank Pacello, Jim Blankenheim, Kenneth McKinney, Art Diabo, Dan Hignight, Joe Smith, Terry Otell, Joe Walters, Brad Reynolds, Willie Rivera, Ronnie Williams, Jerry Bain, (KIA) Forrest Bartam, (KIA) Doc Harry Bowman, (KIA) Sam Cole Jr., and (KIA) Gunny Harville.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com

Donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or VFW Post 5442 Farmerville, LA.

Order of Celebration

FAMILY SEATING

Music by Allison Wilson

WELCOME & PRAYER

Bro. Jerry Dark

SONG

In the Garden—by Allison Wilson

READING OF OBITUARY

Bro. M.F. Copeland

SONG

Amazing Grace My Chains are Broken—by Chris Tomlin

MESSAGE & POEM

Bro. M.F. Copeland

SONG

Lead Me Home—by Jamey Johnson

PAYING OF LAST RESPECTS

SENDING TEARS TO HEAVEN

I'm sending with you a bottle, that's filled with tears of love. To take with you to heaven, to that wonderful place above. Please take it to the angels, that are in the room of tears, they'll pour them in my bottle, where there these words appear. "Oh how I Love You, and I will miss you very much. I asked the Lord for you a Kiss, gentle to the touch. His arms wide open, for a Hug to embrace. You'll hear Him say I Love You, even see His Face. All these things I too will miss and you will never really know. This Bottle filled with tears of love, not wanting to let you go."

—Leisa Spann