



Mr John Francis Hesse

November 11, 1932 - January 7, 2021

John Francis Hesse, a lifelong resident of Foley, passed away peacefully at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola on Thursday, January 7th, 2021 at the age of 88. He was born at home in Foley on November 11th, 1932 to the late Frances Née Schulte and John Elbert Hesse. He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of sixty two years, Carolyn Crook Hesse, his son John Michael Hesse, his sister Bernice Harrison of Atmore, his brother Edward J. (Eddie) Hesse of Foley, and granddaughter Kristina Tamara Koehle. Survivors include daughter Lisa Hesse Woodson (Sam), sister Catherine Lehmann of Summerdale, sister Mary Ann Strain (Bill) of Richmond Virginia, daughter-in-law Kim Enfinger Hesse, grandchildren Heather Woodson Harden (RJ), Brandi Newman (Clint), Grant Hesse, Hannah Hesse, step-granddaughters Melissa Woodson Reynolds and Tiffany Enfinger Epperson (Jerry), great-grandchildren Karis Koehle Phillips, Henley Rose Harden, Reagan Elizabeth Harden, Madison Catherine Harden, Layla Newman, Railey Newman, Max Newman, and step-great-grandchildren Rex Samuel Reynolds and Lauren Morse.

John was a business owner which included his family's business, Foley Fish Company, where he started helping his daddy after school at the age of eight. He and Carolyn later owned and operated a souvenir shop in Gulf Shores named "The Balloonacy" where they were noted for their tie dye clothing and accessories.

John loved football. He was a huge Alabama fan, played football at Foley High School, and later officiated as a referee for high school games.

John attended Foley Elementary School, St. Benedict's School, and graduated from Foley High School. After graduation John served on the Navy ship LST 819 during the Korean War and later loved reminiscing about his time in the Navy.

John's hobbies included watching SEC football, especially The University of Alabama (Roll Tide!), spending time at the beach, drawing, enjoying his pets, reading, cooking, watching old movies, photography, listening to music, going out dancing with Carolyn, working crossword puzzles, reading the funny papers, exercising, and spending time with family.

John was a man of strong faith and a lifetime member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Foley. He was a gentle, patient, and humble man with a great sense of humor.

A graveside service will be held Friday, January 15th, 2021 at 11:30 AM at St. Margaret's of Scotland Catholic Church Cemetery located at 601 West Laurel Avenue in Foley, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to:

St. Margaret's of Scotland Catholic Church Building Fund

601 West Laurel Avenue Foley, Alabama 36535

or

Catholic Charities

P.O. Box 230 Mobile, Alabama 36601

Arrangements by Pine Rest Funeral Home 16541 U.S. 98 Foley, Alabama
36535

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret Catholic Cemetery

601 W Laurel Ave
Foley, AL 36535

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr John Francis Hesse*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mr John Francis Hesse*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Our condolences to the families. Lisa is has been a toil on your families these few years but you are a strong family. Your dad, your aunt, your mom, your brother and your daughter were all kind and caring individuals and will always be the families guardian angels. Our prayers are with you through this time.*

“There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.” – Mahatma Gandhi

“May you take comfort in knowing there is one more angel above us.” -Unknown

Jackie and Shelly Saranthus - January 15, 2021 at 12:34 PM

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“ John & his wife, Carolyn have been our friends since we went to Gulf Shores and walked into The Balloonacy in May of 1988. Until health issues kept us from traveling we tried to travel to Gulf Shores & Foley once or twice a year and always spent time with John and Carolyn. What time we couldn't visit in person Carolyn and I would have very long phone conversations and John was usually watching ballgames on television. Carolyn called me her 'ya ya' sister. We always had great fun together, whether we were at their house, our RV, The Balloonacy, several Shrimp Festivals, Mikee's, and many other local restaurants or shopping at Lowes for flowers. Their yard was so beautiful and they always sent me home with plants. They were so much fun to spend time with, we will always love them and miss them. It's hard to say goodbye to such dear friends from so far away, unfortunately, we had to do the same with Carolyn and now with John. I'm sure as they look down from heaven they'll know John and I are there in spirit. We love their family and have them in our thoughts and always keep them in our prayers.



Deborah & John Clifton - January 15, 2021 at 12:35 AM

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“ Faye Weeks lit a candle in memory of Mr John Francis Hesse



Faye Weeks - January 14, 2021 at 09:44 PM

KA

“ *Kathy Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr John Francis Hesse*



kathy Allen - January 14, 2021 at 07:43 AM

LH

“ *Lowell Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr John Francis Hesse*



Lowell Hicks - January 13, 2021 at 07:32 AM