



Emile "BIG" Jack Bellavia

April 22, 1938 - November 6, 2023

Emile ("Big") Jack Bellavia

A life-long resident of Amite, Louisiana, "Big" was born on April 22nd, 1938, to Jack and Mary Misita-Bellavia. Big went on to meet his Maker on the evening of Monday, November 6th in the loving arms of his eternal sweetheart of 55 years, Lucile N. Bellavia.

In addition to close friends, numerous nieces and nephews, Big is survived by his wife, three sisters, Virginia Cason, Pauline Stevens, and Loretta Fayette; all residents of Amite. He has two sisters who preceded him in death; Angelina "Sister" Johnson of Cold Springs, Texas, and Anie "Tootsie" Jordan of Amite.

He graduated Amite High School in 1955, attended Southeastern Louisiana University for a semester, then served in the United States Air Force. Big enjoyed serving and had a desire to build a career in the Air force. Having to make a choice between his career or helping his family, Big returned home to help his father run a produce company where they purchased and shipped produce to the northern states.

From 1965 to 1979, Big ran a country store on Highway 16 west of Amite. After closing the store, he joined his wife and her brother-in-law Joseph Noto as a managing member of Tangi Construction.

Big enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening. He especially enjoyed sharing the rewards of his effort with others.

Visitation is being held on Friday November 10th, from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at

Cross Memorial located at West Way drive in Amite

Services are being held at St. Helena Catholic Church beginning at 1:00p.m. with internment services immediately afterward at Colonial Cemetary in Independence.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in the name of Emile Bellavia to: The Veteran's Administration http://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online

Or

St Jude Children's Research Hospital <http://stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

Cemetery Details

Colonial Cemetery

13139- 13167 Vitrano Lane
Independence , LA 70443

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **10.** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cross Memorial Funeral Home - Amite
60100 W Way Drive
Amite, LA 70422
(985) 748-7199
<https://www.crossmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV **10.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Saint Helena Catholic Church
122 S 1st Street
Amite , LA 70422

Cemetery

NOV **10.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Colonial Cemetery
13139-13167
Vitrano Lane

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lucy, so sorry to hear about Big. Our prayers are with you at this time of loss.* ”

Alfred and Rhonda Hayden - November 09, 2023 at 01:50 AM