



## Mr. Edward Roy Beard

August 25, 1945 - August 11, 2021

Edward was born on August 25, 1945, the son of Johnnie Beard and Dora Eva Freeman Beard. He attended school in Catahoula Parish and graduated from Jonesville Consolidated High School in Jonesville, Louisiana in 1964. Roy attended Grambling State University. In 1969, he was drafted into the United States Armed Forces where he proud served his country in Germany. Roy resided in Bolingbrook, Illinois and retired from the United Parcel Service (UPS) with 30+ years of service. In 2010, he and his family relocated to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He enjoyed hosting gatherings with family and friends, grilling and football games. He was a caring husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend to many who will forever cherish his witty spirit and pleasant demeanor. His greatest joy was spending time with family and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Venita M. Guidry, Velma Meredith, and brother Louis Arrington.

Edward leaves to cherish his memories: wife of 48 years, Alfreda Donnan Beard; his children: Vita Blake, Courtney Beard (Kalvin) and Jonathan Beard (Nicole); grandchildren: Nailah, Jada, Mason Edward, Mya, and Mileena; sister Myrtle Bossier (Hillary); brothers Clyde Beard and Fritz Beard (Dietrich) and a host of loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.westgatefh.com](http://www.westgatefh.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Natchez National Cemetery

41 Cemetery Rd  
Natchez, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)  
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street  
Natchez, MS 39120  
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james@westgatefh.com  
<https://westgatefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 20.** 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Edward Roy Beard*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *I was drafted along with Ed and others 1969 and we were best buddies at Bravo 2-1 at Tigerland, Fort Polk, Louisiana. after basic he got his MOS which was Military Police and I got sent to Fort Eustis, VA to learn to operate Mike boats and U-boats. Best recognized in WW2 for bringing troops to shore in Germany.I was sent to Vietnam and to a Post Office at USARV HQs/ because of my clerical background at Fort Eustis.I live in Orlando Fl;orida for 33 years now and retired from Florida Division of Forestry. Ph: 407/408/1615.*

**Billy Joe Adams** - November 18, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ *My name is Billy Adams, I believe Edward Roy Beard and I were drafted at the same time -and he went to Military Police in Germany and I Vietnam from the same basic training /class January 1969. If anyone wants to contact me I live in Orlando, Florida Phone:407-408-1615*

**Billy Adams** - November 17, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *LIL OWENS/CALVIN MY GOD BE WITH UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN THE OWENS FAMILY*

**Calvin Owens** - August 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM

DP

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. Praying that God will comfort you. He understands your pain and sees your tears. He promises to give you strength to weather any storm. One fun memory is from many, many years ago. About 4 or 5 of us piled into the Corvette Roy was driving. Don't remember where we were coming from, but we were going to Tee Eva and Uncle Johnny's house. Don't know how we made it, but we did. There are many other fun memories.

*Doristine (Dot) Patrick*

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**Doristine (Dot) Patrick** - August 19, 2021 at 10:11 PM

DL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Donna Lacey** - August 19, 2021 at 08:03 PM

PB

“ *PATRICE WASHINGTON BATES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard*



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**PATRICE WASHINGTON BATES** - August 19, 2021 at 03:15 PM

MM

“ *The memories through the years and summers spent in Chicago will stay with me for the rest of my life. The barbecues, card parties, Johnny Taylor blasting on the stereo while my Uncle Roy and Aunt Freda entertained friends and family, are what I will choose to remember. So during this time, though I am far away physically, my heart is there with you all. May his memory be a blessing to us all.*

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**Marian Casey Morris** - August 19, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.*



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August 19, 2021 at 03:03 PM

LV

“ *Love, Aunt Evelyn, Vicky & Valerie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.*



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**Love, Aunt Evelyn, Vicky & Valerie** - August 19, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ One of my best memories. I meant to Roy, the next time I come home, I wanted to take Daddy out of the nursing home, take him to see his brother and just ride him around. Roy suggested we have a barbecue in Uncle Johnnie’s backyard. A Great day, of all my many many wonderful memories, this is my most favorite. Roy you are truly missed, No Forgotten!!



**Bobby Beard** - August 19, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ The Holmes Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.



**The Holmes Family** - August 19, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ Shirley Mazique lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard



**Shirley Mazique** - August 19, 2021 at 12:04 PM

MB

“ *Angels are always near to those who are grieving. To whisper to them that their loved one are safe in the hands of God.  
My Condolences and Prayers are with your family.  
Classmate of 1964 Mary J. Brackins, Brim*



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**Mary J. Brackins, Brim** - August 19, 2021 at 04:44 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.*



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August 18, 2021 at 10:57 PM

VA

“ *Velma Freeman Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard*



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**Velma Freeman Anderson** - August 18, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DL

“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Donna Lacey - August 18, 2021 at 07:19 PM

JL

“ Juan & Donna Lacey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.



Juan & Donna Lacey - August 18, 2021 at 07:03 PM

Brenda Christman

“ Prayers and love to the family. Jim and I will never forget the times we spent together in Bolingbrook. RIP Roy.



Brenda Christman - August 18, 2021 at 05:08 PM



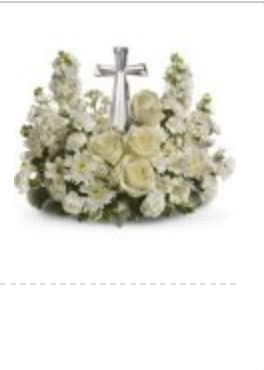
“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.*



August 18, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.*



August 18, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *The greatest comfort we have in the time of loss of a loved one is in knowing that death does not have the last word-Jesus does. My condolences and prayers are with your family. Classmate Linda Whitley Bowman*



**Linda Whitley-Bowman** - August 18, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Rosie Woods Varnado lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard*



**Rosie Woods Varnado** - August 18, 2021 at 12:38 AM

RV

*Alfreda I know how you feeling. We both lost the love of our lives in the same year. Rynold February 12, 2021.  
God will give you strength to get through this.*

**Rosie Woods Varnado** - August 18, 2021 at 12:43 AM

BW

“ *My condolences and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of your love one. Treasure your memories and rejoice that he is with our Lord and savior. We'll miss him for a while. We'll see him again at the Great Reunion when we all get together. Celebrate his Life. Rejoice !!!  
Cousin, Ben Wilkerson and classmate.*



**Ben Wilkerson** - August 18, 2021 at 12:20 AM

MB

*Angels are always near to the Beards Family and friends, who are grieving. To Whisper to them, that loved one are safe in the hands of God.  
My Condolences and Prayers are with your Family.  
Classmate of 1964 Mary J.Brackins,Brim*

**Mary J. Brackins, Brim** - August 19, 2021 at 01:04 AM

RF

“ *Robbie Gaylor Fulton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard*



**Robbie Gaylor Fulton** - August 17, 2021 at 09:47 PM

RF

“ *Robbie Gaylor Fulton*

Robbie Gaylor Fulton - August 17, 2021 at 09:33 PM

RF

*Thoughts and Prayers are with Mr. Fritz and Deirdre Beard.*

Robbie Gaylor Fulton - August 18, 2021 at 01:16 PM

RF

“ *Robbie Gaylor Fulton*

Robbie Gaylor Fulton - August 17, 2021 at 09:29 PM

RF

*Thoughts and prayers to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz and Deirdre Beard*

Robbie Gaylor Fulton - August 17, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Roy Beard.*



August 17, 2021 at 11:50 AM

VP

“ *Sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time. We love you. Aunt Evelyn, Vicky, Valerie, & the West Family*



Victoria Pearson - August 16, 2021 at 10:25 AM

ED

“ Elizabeth Dunham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard



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**Elizabeth Dunham** - August 15, 2021 at 06:19 PM

RV

“ Rosie Woods Varnado lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard



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**Rosie Woods Varnado** - August 14, 2021 at 11:48 PM

WH

“ West Gate Funeral Home and staff extends our deepest sympathy to the Beard family. We are wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories of Mr. Edward to forever hold in your hearts. We will continue to keep the family in our prayers.

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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - August 12, 2021 at 04:41 PM

WH

“ WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Roy Beard



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**WEST GATE FUNERAL HOME** - August 12, 2021 at 04:39 PM