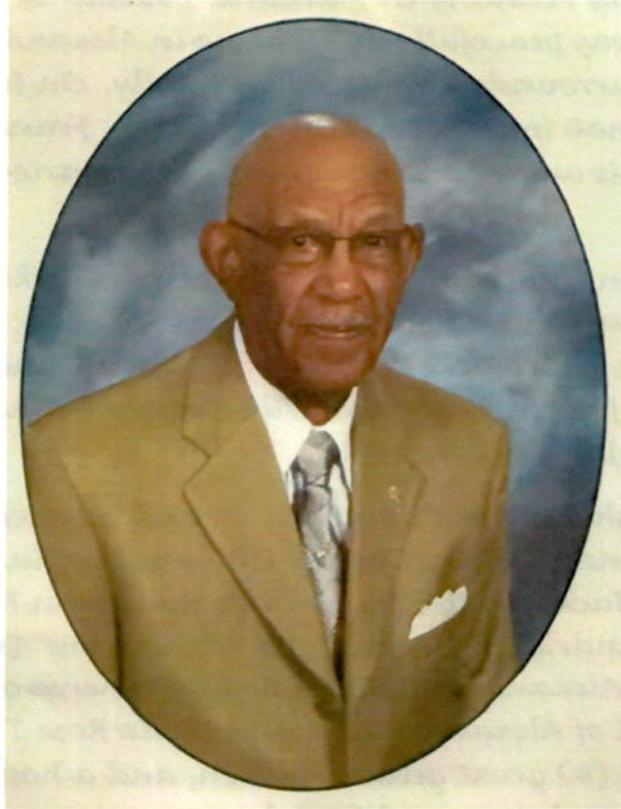


*In Loving Memory of our Centenarian
with TeCote Roots*

Mr. Spellman Joseph Francois



Friday, November 07, 2025

Rosary 9:15 AM - Mass 10:00 AM

St. James Catholic Church

714 Winn Street

Alexandria, LA 71301

Burial

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Cemetery

819 Cocoville Road

(Old River Rd.)

Mansura, LA 71350

Rev. M. Craig Scott, VG

Pastor

Obituary

Spellman "Poy" Joseph Francois was born on July 6, 1925, to Clarence Joseph and Loreana Brooks Francois in Mansura, Louisiana. At the age of 100, Spellman passed away peacefully at his home in Alexandria on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. On June 3, 1955, he was united in holy matrimony to Mildred Clark Francois of Newellton, Louisiana. From this union, one daughter, Kathy Marie Francois King, was born.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Clark Francois; parents, Clarence Joseph Francois and Loreana Brooks Francois; sisters, Ruffie Coco, Lessie Bazat, Effie Warmack, Virginia Gardner, and Bessie Francois; brothers, Farrell Joseph Francois, Will Joseph Francois, Leroy Joseph Francois, Malcolm Joseph Francois.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted daughter, Kathy Francois King; grandchildren: Derrick Fatheree (LaTina) of Pineville, La., Errick Fatheree of Jacksonville, FL., Andrew Rahmaan Fatheree and Evette M. Perry of Alexandria, LA; great-grandchildren: Darius Smith, and Zyanna Hughes of Alexandria, La. Dominick Fatheree of Pineville, La., (2) sisters, Doris Prevot of Alexandria, La and Nellie Rose Thompson of Kansas City, Missouri, and (4) great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and countless other relatives and friends.

Spellman J. Francois was a man of service, honor, and remarkable humor. He was authentically himself—witty, charismatic, and always impeccably dressed. With his sharp wit and natural charm, Spellman could easily command the attention of any room he entered. As the patriarch of his immediate family and the eldest of the Francois family, Spellman led with kindness, strength, and faith. He never met a stranger and touched the lives of everyone he encountered with his warm spirit and genuine heart. Spellman will be remembered as a man of integrity who truly knew and loved God. He exemplified what it meant to be honorable and steadfast in both his faith and family. His love for his church and his family was unwavering. Spellman will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, faith, and character will remain in our hearts forever.

Precious Memories



John 14:25-27 NIV

25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."



Forever in My Heart

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort
me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Order of Service

Processional.....	Soft Music
First Reading.....	Sharon Metoyerjones
Responsorial Psalm.....	Rodessa Metoyer
Second Reading.....	Sharon Metoyerjones
Gospel.....	Rev. Craig Scott, VG
Homily.....	Rev. Craig Scott, VG
Preparations of Gifts.....	Soft Music
Holy Communion.....	Rev. Craig Scott, VG
Meditation.....	In moments Like These
Recessional.....	Rodessa Metoyer



*My Daddy would say Kathy,
When Tomorrow Starts Without Me,*

*And I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
all filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you
and each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
and said my place was ready.
In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.*

*But when I walked through Heaven's gates,
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne.*

*He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past,
But here it starts anew*

*I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.*

*So, when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.*



I Thought of You Today,

But that is nothing new.

I thought of you yesterday,

And will tomorrow too.

I think of you in silence,

And make no outward show.

For what it meant to lose you,

Only those who love you know.

Remembering you is easy,

I do it every day.

It's the heartache of losing you,

That will never go away.

So even though you're not here our love will never fade

For when I thought of you today, I smiled and knew it would be ok.

We Love you always Papa,

Derrick, Errick, Rahmaan and Evette

Active Pallbearers

*Derrick Fatheree
Errick Fatheree
Dominick Fatheree*

*Darius Smith
Phillip Lacour
Marcus Augustine*

Andrew Rahmaan Fatheree

Acknowledgements

The family of Spellman J. Francois extends our heartfelt appreciation to all who have offered their love, prayers, and support during our time of bereavement. Your expressions of kindness, whether through visits, calls, cards, or other acts of compassion, have brought us great comfort and strength. We are deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and for sharing in the celebration of his life.

The Francois Family

Special Thanks

*To Mr. Phillip and Jennie Lacour for their unwavering love and support over the years, and to the Compassionate Hospice Care Team
We thank you!*

To our Beloved Andrew Rahmaan Fatheree

Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the immeasurable love and support you have shown to your grandfather over the years. Your kindness, care, and constant presence—both in joyful moments and during times of need—will forever be remembered and deeply cherished.

*We Love and Thank You
Mom and Siblings*

Interment

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819 Cocoville Road (Old River Rd.)
Mansura, LA 71350*

Arrangements Entrusted to

*Escude Funeral Home
6608 Porterie St. Mansura, LA 71350*

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*Francois Family Home
3108 Third Street
Alexandria, LA 71302*