CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

JOHNNIE Butler



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Johnny Butler, Jr. Leroy Butler, Jr. Gary Jones
Joseph Daniels Camile Haynes Rogers Washington

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Bret Butler Wilbur Guy, Jr. Wilfred Notto Kevin Butler
George Layton John Ray Allen Alvin Nico Gregory Williams

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our family and friends who have shown love and support through calls, visits, floral arrangements, and words of encouragement. Your kindness will always be remembered. May God bless and keep each of you in His care.

MK DIXON
FUNERAL HOME

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Alpha
December 4, 1952

Omega
October 11, 2026

October 17, 2026 | 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
MK Dixon Funeral Home
211 Main St. | Baldwin, LA 70514

YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING. YOUR MEMORIES ARE OUR TREASURES

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Looking back at the dash between those two dates, you'll see that Johnnie said yes to a lot of moments that made up an extraordinary life. The first yes was to life. After his birth on December 4, 1952, he wasn't expected to live very long. The situation was so dire that my grandmother didn't even get to name him. The nuns at Lafayette Charity Hospital (now Ochsner University Hospital) who tended to him gave him a name– Johnnie. It was his maternal grandfather's name who passed away over a decade before.

But against all odds, he started to heal and was finally able to go home. Having to run from his brother Ben's playful tickles, strengthened his legs. Having to keep up with his talkative sister Brenda, improved his stutter. Yes, to life. Yes, to walking and talking like all the other kids.

After graduating from Park Avenue High in 1970, the last segregated public-school class in Franklin, he said yes to continuing his education at Grambling State University on a band scholarship. He may have been slow to walk as a child, but he excelled to Team Leader of the brass section of Grambling's Marching Tigers. He pursued a degree in Mathematics, but he also said yes when asked to consider specializing in this new thing called "Computer Science". After graduation, he started his career as a computer programmer/analyst. Yes, to NASA. Yes, to Texas International (now United Airlines). Yes, to Exxon. He helped usher the latter two from analog into the Digital Age.

While in college, he started dating someone – THE ONE– from his hometown, Constance Marie Guy. She said "yes" to him when he asked for her hand. They wed at St. Jules Catholic Church on December 18, 1976. The newlyweds set out to start their lives together in Houston, Texas. In 1979, they welcomed a son, Johnny Jr. A few years later, his father-in-law was diagnosed with cancer, so he made the decision to leave Houston behind and move back to Franklin so that his wife could spend what time was left with her father. Back at home, the computer analyst started teaching computer programming at Franklin Junior High but also followed his childhood dream of owning a store, just like his best friend Gary Jones' father. And while expecting their second child, Ingrid Marie, he purchased a small neighborhood grocery store at auction in 1985.
Yes, to marriage. Yes, to fatherhood. Yes, to Butler's Food-A-Rama.

After settling back into his hometown, his love of the community and the future generations was demonstrated through acts of service: his position as a Sunday School Teacher at Triumph Baptist Church, a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., as a Freemason of St. Mark Lodge No. 25., a member of the Franklin Community Awareness Group with his brother Fred, a deacon at Unity One Baptist Church, King I of the Krewe of Guhmboh. As if that wasn't enough, he gave more of himself through personal donations, words of encouragement, and even as a listening ear at his store.
Yes, to his people, always. Yes, to true leadership. Yes, to guiding others toward hope and following their dreams.

He was moving fast & steady until his brother Fred, the heart of Butler's, passed in November 2019. Then he really slowed down when his wife Constance passed away suddenly on October 4, 2022. The grief of losing them eventually manifested in severe health issues for him– first a stroke then cancer. And still, he said yes to fighting for however much time could get with the help of his children.

We all believed more days were ahead but while surrounded by his children, Johnnie said his final "Yes" as his wife reached for his hand on the afternoon of October 11th to help him to the other side.

We rejoice in the 73 years he had because the doctor said, "maybe a few days." Not bad for "that boy was slow & pokey" as my grandmother would say as she smiled & laughed at what didn't happen.

Johnnie has taken his final rest. He is reunited with his beloved wife, Constance (Guy) Butler; mother, Marguerite (Freeman) Narcisse; father, Leroy Butler, Sr.; brothers, Fred and Ben Butler; and sister, Brenda (Butler) Phillips.

He leaves to cherish in his memory: his son, Johnny Jr.; daughter, Ingrid Marie; brothers, Leroy Jr. and Bret Butler; sisters, Barbara (Butler) Notto and Debra Narcisse; a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.



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