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Jerry Chaney, 69, of Longville, peacefully left this world with his family by his side on Monday, February 1, 2021, following a hard-fought battle with Covid. The man who could fix just about anything couldn't fix what had been done to his body.

On October 22, 1951, in Leesville, Louisiana, Jerry entered this world as the 4th child of 8 born to Karl and Elizabeth Chaney of Florien. While he was a middle child, he assumed the role of a big brother. Due to unfortunate circumstances, he and his siblings entered foster care. He and his beloved brother, John, were cared for by the McDonald family of LaCamp.

He graduated from Pitkin High School in 1969, married Tanya Spikes in 1974, and later moved to Longville. He worked various jobs and then dedicated 48 years of his life to Prairie Construction, ending his career as a respected road construction superintendent. Along the way he owned Chaney Contract Services, providing a variety of services. He worked right up until the point of requiring a kidney transplant. After that he decided to spend his retirement selling produce at area farmers' markets. Always ready for a good conversation and with a story to tell, being surrounded by people brought him joy. Life's challenges never stopped him from living life exactly how he wanted - right up until the end. He took pride in taking care of his family, and he did it well. He adored his grandchildren. He was a true man, who worked hard, loved his family, saved a few lives, and helped many. We can honor his legacy by doing the same. He loved being outside, working on something, watching endless westerns for the horses, taking videos of his grandkids' antics, telling a good story, and pulling pranks. He was one of a kind.

Jerry was a big man with a proportionate heart. He has left behind a void that will never be filled, but we can all try by living life to the fullest and helping others any chance we get. Jerry will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of nearly 47 years, Tanya, of Longville; daughter, Charlotte, and husband, Jason Doucett, of Moss Bluff; daughter, Sarah Chaney, of Longville; grandchildren, Shaye Doucett, Joshua Doucett, & River Chaney as well as foster grandchildren, Jordan, Savannah, & Christopher; brother, Charles McDonald, of Pitkin; sisters, Carol Keys, of Oregon; Susan Robinson, of Leesville; Cindy, and husband, John Rowell, of Shreveport; Kathy Chaney, of Virginia; two sisters in law, Sandra Chaney, of Otis, and Lisa Stracener, of DeRidder; many loved nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Karl and Elizabeth Chaney; his foster parents, Mike and Thelma McDonald; sister, Wyetta Sasser; brother and friend, John Chaney; brothers, Dennis Chaney and Brian Chaney; a nephew and four grandchildren.

Being the manliest of men, Jerry requested no flowers for his funeral. If you considered honoring his life that way, his girls request that you instead bless Tanya or help someone in need.

With friends all over creation and service attendance not being an option for some, his family knows there are stories they have never heard and pictures they have never seen that would normally be shared at visitation. They would love for you to share them via video, letter, email: JerryLChaney@yahoo.com, or by speaking at his service.

A celebration of life will be held on February 6, 2021, at Heritage Funeral in Moss Bluff, Louisiana. Visitation will begin at noon and conclude with a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. Services will be officiated by Bro. Al Gist and Pastor Terry Ardizzone. No graveside services will be held.

His family would like to thank the family of Lillie Camille Harvey. When beautiful "Millie" tragically left them, they made the selfless choice to donate her organs. Her life saved many more. She lived on through Jerry, and his family is immensely grateful for the nearly 4 extra years she gave them with him.

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