



## Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr

April 23, 1937 - August 31, 2019

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church at 1:00 P.M. for Benjamin Fontenot, Jr., 82, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Opelousas General Hospital. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Washington, LA. Pastor, Rev. Robert W. Dupre, Sr. will officiate the Celebration of Life.

Benjamin leaves to cherish his precious memories: two daughters, Dienitha Fontenot of Kyle, TX and Lavell Fournier of Opelousas, LA; four brothers, Willie Fontenot of Washington, LA, Henry Fontenot (Lucy) of Dayton, OH, Vurley Fontenot (Mary) of Columbus, OH and Leroy Fontenot of Opelousas, LA; two sisters, Lucille Fontenot of Opelousas, LA and Nora Fontenot of Dayton, OH; two grandchildren, Christopher Fournier, Jr. and Aundrell Patterson, one aunt Evelyn Sam Freeman; three great-grandchildren; a special niece, Carol Fontenot; two children whom he loved and saw as his own, Allen Bernard, Jr. and Monica Bernard Ealy, along with and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Gertrude Fontenot; a daughter, Cheryl Patterson; a grandson, Lonnie Joe Patterson, Jr. and a brother, Vernon Fontenot.

The family requests viewing be observed on Monday, September 9, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M. at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, 217 Hwy. 10, Opelousas, LA.

Share words of comfort with the family of Benjamin Fontenot, Jr. on his

Permanent Life Tribute Page at [www.williamsfuneralhomes.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhomes.net).

Final arrangements entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, LA,  
817 E. South Street, Opelousas, LA, 337-942-2037.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

Washington, LA 70589

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 9. 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Greater Shiloh Baptist Church  
217 Highway 10  
Opelousas, LA 70570

## Service

SEP 9. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Greater Shiloh Baptist Church  
217 Highway 10  
Opelousas, LA 70570

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Fontenot family.*



**Barbara W. Thomas** - September 09, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.*

**Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz** - September 09, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ *Sending our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Family! So sorry for your loss! R.I.P. Mr. Shawnee!!*

**Rita G. Pickens & Family** - September 06, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *Rest in Peace Mr. Shawee*

**Wilda Drawsand** - September 06, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr.*



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September 05, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr.*



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September 05, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ *From your family at the CDC purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr.*



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**From your family at the CDC - September 05, 2019 at 11:56 AM**



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr.*



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September 05, 2019 at 09:42 AM

MB

“ Oh God, gratefully departed death, I pray that the Soul of my father, Benjamin Fontenot, resting place is in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father. My children and I are forever grateful for you LORD, placing him in our lives. With his daily loving and compassionate words. We find peace in knowing that all is well with his soul. Thank you FATHER for 82 year of not only life, but love. My family and I are broken YET we know that YOUR will has been done. No more crying at night, no more lonely days, the storm is over now.



We'll always LOVE and MISS you. Rest well Good and faithful servant.

Monica Bernard and children. Cedric, Whitney and Tamara

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Monica Bernard - September 04, 2019 at 11:58 AM

BH

Monica, I am so very sorry to learn of Benjamin's death. Karen and I had tried to contact him and were unable. For whatever reason we didn't think he wanted to be contacted. We tried to find out about him through Lennis and that didn't work. David Dumesnil called Karen today and told her of Ben' passing. Again we send our apologies and love.

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Berniece Hanchey - July 04, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr.



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September 04, 2019 at 10:32 AM

JM

“ Uncle Shawee as we affectionately called him was a big, strong, hardworking, loveable, caring man who would give you the shirt off his back. He became my uncle along with my siblings through his relationship with our Aunt Connie Rosette. We were the four kids who came down from Lake Charles every summer and invaded Aunt Connie and his household. He treated us as if we were his own. He assisted us with every endeavor we undertook: College, Law School and Judgeship. For this my family and I thanked him. He will truly be missed by the Mayo Children from Lake Charles Louisiana. We would like to thank the Fontenot family for allowing him to be apart of our lives. We grieve right along with you. His legacy of love, compassion, and work ethic will live on in us all. Until we meet again.

*Judge Dianne Mayo*

*Constance Mayo-Engineer*

*Deborah Mayo Garriet- Lab Analyst*

*Latricia Hope Mayo- Revenue Auditor*

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**Judge Dianne Mayo** - September 04, 2019 at 09:39 AM

RJ

“ *Mr. Fontenot was always friendly and a gentleman to me. My memory of Ben Fontenot will be nothing but fond, and with warmest regard.*

*I convey my heartfelt sympathy to his family, especially his daughter Di, at this time of sadness.*

*It's hard to lose those we love. And, words never capture where our hearts and minds are at a time like this.*

*Treat people with kindness; it's truly the right thing to do.*

*Ron Jaap  
West Virginia*

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**Ron Jaap** - September 04, 2019 at 09:14 AM

JM

“ *Judge Dianne Mayo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr*



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**Judge Dianne Mayo** - September 04, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin "Shawee" Fontenot, Jr.*



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September 04, 2019 at 05:32 AM