



Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry

September 4, 1971 - November 24, 2017

OPELOUSAS-Memorial Services will be held at a later date for John F. Thierry, 46, who entered eternal life on Friday, November 24, 2017 in Opelousas General Health System.

John Thierry, affectionately known as Snoopy, JT, was born on September 4, 1971 in Houston Texas. He was the only son of Mary Louise Duckless and Joseph Clarence Thierry. John graduated from Plaisance High School in Plaisance Louisiana. John obtained a bachelors degree in pre-med biology from Alcorn State University in Lorman Mississippi.

John played the first five years of his nine-year career with the Bears after being drafted in the first round 11th overall pick in the 1994 NFL draft. He had his best season with the Cleveland Browns in 1999, when he had seven sacks and 33 tackles as a defensive end and linebacker. He also played for the Atlanta Falcons and Green Bay Packers before retiring after the 2002 season.

In 2000, John married Elin Womack. In 2001 they welcomed Jordan into the world followed by Taylor and Haley 2003. John was a dedicated husband and father and always put family first. He was involved in every aspect of his daughters lives. He supported all of their interests in and out school. This involved traveling to countless basketball games and tournaments, golf tournaments, tennis tournaments, guitar lessons, piano lessons, school plays

and talent shows. His family was his whole life. He would always say “seeing you happy makes me happy” when speaking with the girls and his wife. They have instilled in their daughters love, respect, honesty, and compassion for others. Even though their family did not celebrate worldly holidays because of his wife being a Jehovah’s Witness, and the girls being raised this way, they never wanted for anything. John was always providing gifts, surprises and trips for the girls and his wife on a regular basis. John was always talking with the girls and doing his best to explain the meaning of life. He was always instilling the value of respect for others as well as self respect and to be trustworthy and honest. John had a very high respect of the Bible and a Christian upbringing and wanted to instill those values in his daughters. He was always talking about giving to others and providing for those less fortunate. The best way he taught this to the girls was by his own example.

John was preceded in death by his brother Emile Fontenot Jr. and his father Joseph Clarence Thierry. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Elin, his daughters, Jordan, Taylor, Haley, his mother Mary Louise, his sisters Allison, Tammy (Ken), Jerrie (Ronald), Krystal, Dorian, Falon and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

The family request visiting hours be observed on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Williams Funeral Home Chapel.

Share words of comfort with the family of John F. Thierry on his Permanent Life Tribute Page at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net or [facebook.com/WilliamsFuneralHomeInc](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamsFuneralHomeInc) .

Expression of gratitude The family is profoundly grateful to all our friends, family and others who have sustained us with your prayers, love, words of consolation, cards, flowers, time and support during this time of bereavement. Please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

The Family of John Thierry

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *I had the good fortune of playing a round of golf with John when I worked at the Trophy Club in Dacula, Ga. He made me feel like one of the guys, and I really admired his gentle giant presence. He walked the walk, and he's surely on the streets of gold in a mansion right now. He was fearfully and wonderfully made.*

John Doran - December 05, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ *Wow, I'm so late but I'm just now finding out John died. He was such a good friend to me when he played for the Chicago Bears. I'm so hurt by this. I'm so sorry for y'all lost he was nice person. I'm praying for his family*

jackie lovelace - September 23, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *Wow. This was a blow. I hadn't seen John since our college days at Alcorn State. I had the opportunity to meet and befriend John and he was at that time and remained a genuine individual. I made mention of him to many I met who were NFL players, many of whom are my relatives, and they each had the same account as I had of John. I graduated a year or so ahead of him, but read of his great accomplishments on the grid iron. I wish the best for his family and love ones. The Almighty is always near.*

Derald J. Spear Sr. - March 4, 2018 11:39 PM

Derald J. Spears Sr. - March 05, 2018 at 12:40 AM

MC

“ Elin, Jordan, Hayley, Taylor & Granny~ Our hearts hurt for you and your entire extended family. I wish we could've been there with you at the services to celebrate John's life but know we think about you daily. You are the sweetest, kindest and loving family and we are so lucky to know you. We love you and are sending thoughts of strength and peace. Michelle, Chris, Zac & Rachel

Michelle Casto - December 12, 2017 at 02:21 PM

ES

“ After reading about your recent loss, I would like to send my condolences to the Thierry family. It brings me great joy to know that John had the resurrection hope of living again right here upon the earth. Reading John Chapter 5:28-29 in the Bible is such a wonderful hope that Jesus promised.

Ella Smith - December 04, 2017 at 09:50 AM

MD

“ Man, J.T. was a good teammate, friend, and even better person to me a my wife while in Chicago. Some fond memories of training camp in Platteville, great games at Soldier Field, and off season workouts with a true warrior! R.I.P. brother and may God Bless your beautiful family. Mike & Alisia Dulaney

Mike Dulaney - December 01, 2017 at 10:57 PM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathies to the family during this time of sorrow. R.I.P. my friend.

Joseph Jackson - December 01, 2017 at 08:29 PM

BU

“ *My prayers are with the family. I am so sorry for your loss. John was such a wonderful person. He had such a big heart. You will be missed.*

Bobby Ulbrich - December 01, 2017 at 08:48 AM

DG

“ *Snoopy aka cousin john was also in a disney commercial from the spring of 1995 i can't remember if it was for disney land or disney world but the commercial went something like can you remember the time and there was a picture of john at disney in black and white then again in color as him as an adult i will have to look that picture up on you tube hopefully they will have it its a 22 year old commercial but you can find just about any thing on you tube our on line these days i'm sure other internet sites would probally have old commercials to*

DAVID GORDON - November 30, 2017 at 11:16 PM

DG

“ I met cousin John for the first time back in july of 2008 at the gordon family reunion in stafford texas at the regal ranch i felt like i had known him all my life he was a very warm kind person then I met him again in december of 2015 in opelousas louisiana for a cousin of mines 35th wedding anniversary who was john's uncle little did i know that was the pastime we would ever see each other for forever i'm glad i went and got to meet him those two times because two things would of happened if i had not gone to opelousas louisiana in december of 2015 i would of only meet him once in a 7 year time period july 2008 december 2015 and i would of never seen him again for the rest of my life so i am thankful to God that i made the choice to miss work to go see him and see m cousins celebrate their 35th weeding anniversary i also had no way of knowing i would never see john again for the rest of my life so i was very glad that i went family is more important than work work can be any were jobs change and we lose jobs get fired or laid off but family is for forever and it comes first and is way more important than any job past present or future

DAVID GORDON - November 30, 2017 at 11:07 PM


Herman
Arvie

“ My family's condolences goes out to the entire family. JT and I had the opportunity to compete against each other in college and in the NFL. Two hometown boys coming from the SWAC.. he was both well liked and well respected...a true gentleman, as well as competitor...he'll be sorely missed. Your friend, Herman Arvie and family.

Herman Arvie - November 30, 2017 at 02:26 AM

JT

“ So sorry for you loss. The Thibodeaux's: Joyce & Larry

Joyce & Larry Thibodeaux - November 29, 2017 at 10:06 PM



“Snoopy” came to visit me in the ICU when I was 9 years old after suffering a brain aneurysm. He and his family lived directly across the street from us in Evangeline subdivision. He brought me a signed NFL football and a snoopy bear. He really did lift my spirits up that day. He reminded me that I would be back to playing basketball again once I was out of the hospital. After my release from the hospital, he did come and play basketball with me and the rest of the neighborhood kids. He even broke our window while playing. I think my family actually took great pride in letting people know that John Thierry broke our window on our house playing basketball. I couldn’t play for some weeks after my release from the hospital. But Snoopy kept reminding me “you’ll be back out there playing.” He was right, as I went on to play basketball all through high school. I share this memory of him to his family as proof of what a beautiful soul he possessed. I will carry his caring spirit with me for the rest of my life.

-Lindsey Pitre

Lindsey Pitre - November 29, 2017 at 08:35 PM

KC

“ PRAYERS FOR MY FAMILY! IM GONNA TRULY MISS YOU CUZ!
LOVE YALL

Keisha Collins - November 29, 2017 at 06:27 PM

IF

“ Ivan(Mary) Thomas & Famiy sent a virtual gift
in memory of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry



Ivan(Mary) Thomas & Famiy - November 29, 2017 at 12:05 PM

KC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. We know the pain of losing your best friend and father suddenly and we are praying for your entire family. Please know we are all thinking of you all. xoxoxo Katie, Hannah, and Cooper Creveling.

Katie Creveling - November 29, 2017 at 11:34 AM

DT

“ Darrell Talbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry



Darrell Talbert - November 29, 2017 at 11:02 AM

HK

“ R I P SNOOPY AN MAY GOD BLESS THE FAMILY IN THEIR LOSS.

FROM HOWARD (MOONEY) KENNISON & THE KENNISON FAMILY

HOWARD (MOONEY) KENNISON - November 29, 2017 at 10:14 AM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of John. Blessed are they that mourn for the shall be comforted. Dr. Tammy Shadwick, Alcorn State University '90.

Dr. Tammy Shadwick - November 29, 2017 at 09:19 AM

ST

“ Dear Elin, Jordan, Haley and Taylor, I wish I could visit with you in person today, instead I offer my prayers, love, comfort, strength on this day and always. Sarah Tetzloff

Sarah Tetzloff - November 29, 2017 at 08:10 AM

FS

“ Frederick Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry



Frederick Singleton - November 29, 2017 at 08:03 AM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I can't begin to imagine the pain and heartache you all would be going through. A loss does not have to be walked through alone....Know that you're loved by so many...Out thought, love and prayers are with you all. John, has left behind a thousand memories that will live in our hearts forever. Please know that during this difficult time that you all are in many thoughts and prayers.

The Gentle Giant will Forever Be In Our Hearts ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Cornelia Shields - November 28, 2017 at 06:20 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry.



November 28, 2017 at 06:10 PM

AT

“Snoopy, I looked up to you as a big brother. From our days at Grolee Elementary when you had my back, until the day you died, you were there for me. We played together as kids, and you were always there no matter what went on in our lives. Thanks for being generous, and kind. It was an absolute honor to know you. I will miss you my cousin. Hopefully, I will see you again! Thanks for everything!”

Anthony Thierry - November 28, 2017 at 04:20 PM



“Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry.”



November 28, 2017 at 04:14 PM

AT

“Anthony (Tony) Thierry purchased the Divine Light for the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry.”



Anthony (Tony) Thierry - November 28, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry.”



November 28, 2017 at 02:44 PM

RT

“ *Ruthie Tezeno purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald
Thierry.*



Ruthie Tezeno - November 28, 2017 at 12:07 PM

CT

“ *Coach Tim, Jamie, Mary Jane, and Timothy
purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr.
John Fitzgerald Thierry.*



Coach Tim, Jamie, Mary Jane, and Timothy - November 28,
2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry.*



November 28, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry.*



November 28, 2017 at 08:12 AM

DG

“ On Friday, I lost my best friend John Thierry. Over the years, we made trips to Hawaii and attended many Browns games and other events together. John was always positive and upbeat. John always made our time together fun. John was a very caring person I will surely miss him, he was the best friend a guy could have. He would often call just to see how me and my family were doing. Me and my family's thoughts and prayers are with John's family.

Denny Gustafson & Family

Denny Gustafson - November 28, 2017 at 07:06 AM

DP

“ Heartfelt condolences to the family my family had the pleasure of meeting your family during the 2015&2016 aau basketball season great guy and beautiful family !

Donna Peterson - November 28, 2017 at 12:56 AM

PJ

“ Praying for comfort and strength for the family. You have deepest sympathies and condolences. May God bless!

Pastor Larry V Jenkins - November 28, 2017 at 12:43 AM

TF

“ May your soul rest in peace. You were a kind person.

Tressa Moore Fontenot



Tressa Moore Fontenot - November 27, 2017 at 11:21 PM

AG

“ John was such a kind individual. When an Alcorn football game ended my daughters and I would go on the field and wait for John to come over and he would give each of us a hug. I have numerous items that he autographed for us. We will never forget him. May he Rest In Peace. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Alfreda Gibson - November 27, 2017 at 09:28 PM

EW

May the love of God abide with your family and ease your burdens during your time of sorrows. You have my deepest sympathy.

Emma Wyatt - November 27, 2017 at 10:47 PM

TD

“ Condolences to John's family. Always Alcorn!
Forever Brave! 🧡💜🧡



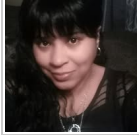
Tonya Harper Davis - November 27, 2017 at 09:25 PM

PC

“ Pamela Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr.
John Fitzgerald Thierry



Pamela Clemons - November 27, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ R.I.P....



Merline Leday - November 27, 2017 at 08:36 PM

SP

“ *Elin, Jordan, Taylor, Haley, Granny, Jerrie, Krystal and to the rest of the family, you all are in our continuous thoughts and prayers. Much love, Marlo and Sabrina Perry (Buffalo, NY)*

Sabrina Perry - November 27, 2017 at 08:09 PM

VT

“ *I remember John Thierry when he was a student at Alcorn State University. He often visited my office in the General College for Excellence (GCE). He would share with me how much he loved his mother and his sisters. John was a very respectful young man. He was an outstanding student athlete and scholar. The staff in GCE would often tell John as much as he visited our offices, we were going to employ him as one of our work study students. He would smile and say, "That's fine. What would you like for me to do?"*



John Thierry, will forever be remembered. May you find peace in knowing that he was loved and admired by many.

*Respectfully,
Dr. Valerie K. Thompson, Dean
University College
Alcorn State University*

Valerie Thompson - November 27, 2017 at 06:09 PM

MH

May God's perfect spirit of peace, comfort and understanding be upon the family during this time. Sincerest condolences extended to the Thierry family and God Bless them all.

Michelle Harnsberry-Richard - November 30, 2017 at 01:21 AM

OT

“ Oradell Thibodeaux lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Fitzgerald Thierry

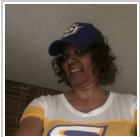


Oradell Thibodeaux - November 27, 2017 at 05:11 PM

KG

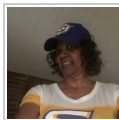
“ it was a pleasure watching him play at alcorn... my condolences to his family & friends #ForeverBrave

ken gordon - November 27, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ I remember Snoopy as a child sitting at my kitchen table every day after school because he wanted to be tutored. He wanted to always do well in school, and he did. His mother Louise made certain that he received the help he needed. Always a seeet, kind student. Our condolences to the family. This is one student that I enjoyed tutoring. He always was eager to learn. Mrs. Marie Renaud , neighbor.

Marie Renaud - November 27, 2017 at 03:58 PM



Always a sweet, kind student!

Marie Renaud - November 27, 2017 at 07:42 PM

CH

“ To this wonderful family,

Praying that God brings you comfort in this difficult time. I have so many memories with Snoopy. He will always be remembered as a gentle giant with a humble spirit. Gone too soon, but he will live forever with the Lord.

Connie (Prater) Hollins
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CONNIE HOLLINS - November 27, 2017 at 03:51 PM