

We believe that all the ties of friendship
and affection which knit us as one
throughout our lives
do not unravel
with death.

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**John “Johnny” Jerry
LaBarbera, Sr.**

September 10, 1936 + June 2, 2020

Processional

“Be Not Afraid”

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of John’s Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his Baptism, is placed on the casket.

“If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory.”

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Response: “The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.”

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 11:17-27

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“I am the Bread of Life”</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	Holy, Holy, Holy Mystery of Faith Great Amen
Communion Rite	The Lord’s Prayer Sign of Peace Lamb of God
Communion	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>
Meditation	<i>“Ave Maria”</i>
Prayer After Communion	

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell:

PRESIDER: Saints of God, come to his aid. Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

PRESIDER: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself, and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

PRESIDER: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Recessional *“Songs of the Angels”*



John Jerry “Johnny” LaBarbera, Sr., 83, of Beaumont, died Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at Harbor Hospice of Beaumont. He was born on September 10, 1936, to John and Dorothy LaBarbera in New Orleans, Louisiana. His paternal grandparents were from Sicily. His maternal grandparents were German and Gibraltarian.

Johnny and his parents moved to Beaumont when he was ten years old. He attended St. Anthony’s High School and graduated in 1955. Johnny was also a member of Saint Jude’s parish.

Johnny proudly served in the United States Marine Corps starting in 1955 and proudly

wore his Marine cap especially later in life as the public began to truly appreciate military vets. He was often approached by strangers and thanked for his service.

He met the love of his life, Joanna Dattalo, who was working at the Jefferson Movie Theater selling tickets, while he was trying to sneak in. They were married on October 11, 1957.

Johnny worked at various jobs in Beaumont, starting out at Budweiser with his Dad, then Schlitz. He worked at Transit Mix concrete and moved on, becoming a process operator at several chemical plants including Unocal, Houston Chemical, then retiring from Huntsman.

Following retirement, he enjoyed working as a driver for Avis rental car as he and other retirees would return cars to the Houston airport from outlying areas. They all considered themselves “professional” drivers.

As his family was growing up, they got to visit many locations such as, New Orleans, where he cherished seeing family more than anything, Houston, San Antonio, Colorado and many other places. He would often take trips with Joanna to Lake Charles to play the nickel slots, and his favorite landmarks that he visited such as Alcatraz and Pikes Peak. He met rediscovered family in Sicily as well as on Joanna’s side in Rockford, Illinois and loved spending time with them as well.

Johnny was big into sports and an extremely avid Notre Dame fan. For their 50th wedding anniversary, his kids surprised him and Joanna with a trip to South Bend to see a Notre Dame football game. He also pulled for the Dallas Cowboys, Houston Oilers, Houston Texans, the New Orleans Saints and the Houston Astros. He was a star football player.

Some of Johnny's favorite music artists were Elvis Presley, Bee Gees, Franki Valli, Lionel Richie, and Kenny G. His favorite actors growing up were John Wayne and James Dean.

Survivors include his wife, Joanna LaBarbera; children, Michael LaBarbera and his wife, Gina, and son Kyle Larson, of Round Rock; John Jerry, Jr. and his girlfriend Marie Draycott, of Spring; Lisa Oller and her husband, Ronnie, of Humble; and Phillip LaBarbera and his wife, Deborah, of LaBelle; grandchildren, Brian, Jason, Kyle, Katie Oller, Cody, and Brandon.

He was preceded in death by his baby brother, Michael LaBarbera.















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Celebrant:	Reverend Steven L. Leger
Con-Celebrant:	Reverend Monsignor Jack Dinkins
Deacon of the Mass	
and Homilist:	Reverend Mr. Uriel Durr
Placing of Pall:	Brian LaBarbera, Jason LaBarbera, Kyle LaBarbera Brandon LaBarbera, Cody LaBarbera, Katie Oller
Lectors:	Brandon LaBarbera, Katie Oller
Music Ministers:	Tara Depew, Denise Truncale
Pallbearers:	Brian LaBarbera, Jason LaBarbera, Kyle LaBarbera Katie Oller, Cody LaBarbera, Brandon LaBarbera

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Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Beaumont, Texas

Interment

Memory Gardens of Jefferson County
Nederland, Texas

Military Honors

Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group
United States Marine Corps

Memorial Contributions

Humane Society of Southeast Texas
P.O. Box 1629
Beaumont, Texas 77704

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Wounded Warrior Project
P.O. Box 758516
Topeka, Kansas 66675

**“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow
that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”**
Mother Teresa



Please sign Mr. LaBarbera's guest book and share your memories at
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