



# **Jerry “Coach” Covington**

**January 14, 1944 - April 27, 2024**

## **Funeral Mass**

**Friday, May 3, 2024 10:00 a.m.**

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**

**Sour Lake, Texas**

Processional

*“Amazing Grace”*

## **GATHERING RITE**

### **GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY**

As a reminder of Jerry’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

Isaiah 25:6a,7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

Response: *“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.”*

Second Reading

II Corinthians 4:14-5:1

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-6

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</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>“I Am the Bread of Life”</i>
Meditation	<i>“I’ll Fly Away”</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

Recessional *“On Eagle’s Wings”*



*Jerry Wayne “Coach” Covington*, 80, of Sour Lake, Texas, died Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Houston Methodist Hospital. He was born on January 14, 1944, to Effie Lee Jones Covington and Francis Covington in Meridian, Mississippi, and was a United States Marine Corps veteran.

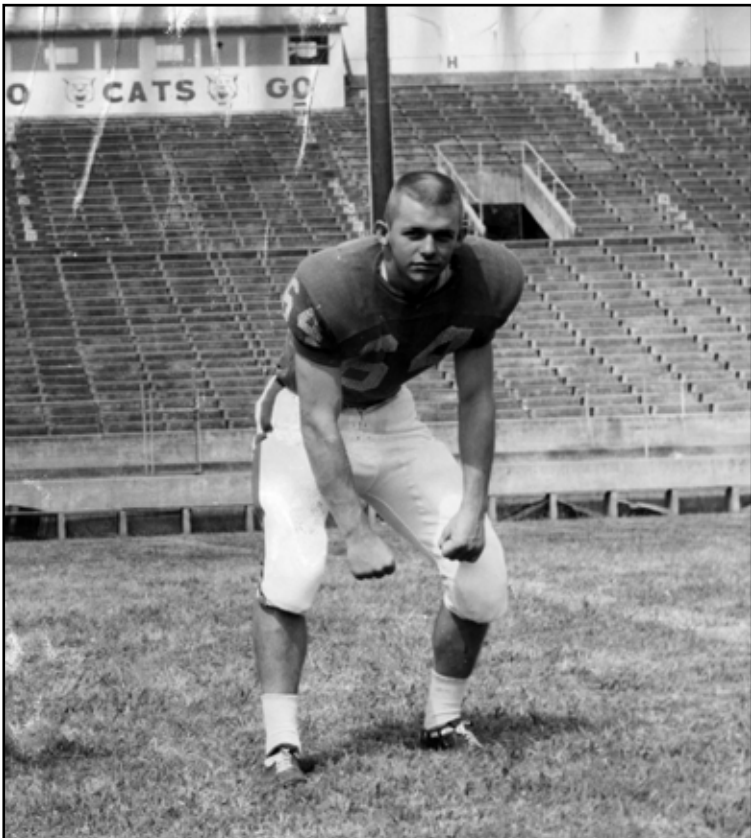
While dad was growing up in Meridian, where he was active in sports, he developed lasting and loving friendships that he carried throughout his life. After his military service he located to Beaumont, Texas and became a Beaumont City Firefighter while attaining his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Lamar University. He then began a 40+ year career in private and public education while coaching football, basketball, and track at Kelly High School, South Park High School and West Brook High School. Dad was passionate about being a coach so that he could help kids in the same way that his coaches growing up had helped him. His students and players were a part of some of his proudest memories. Many of his students continued to maintain a relationship with “Coach” long after he retired.

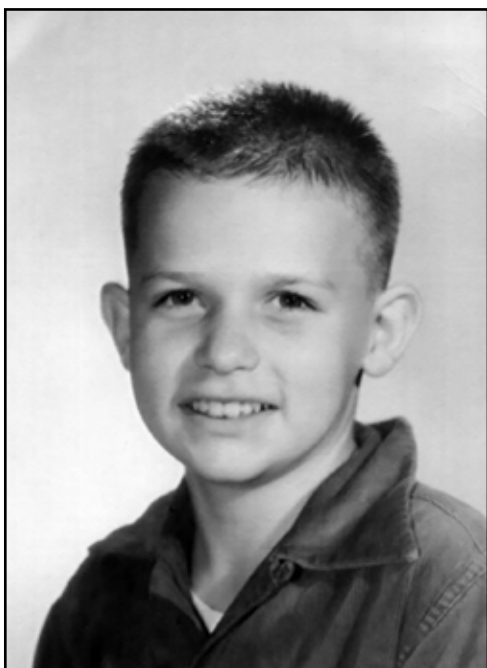
Throughout his adult life, there wasn’t a person he met that didn’t earn a nickname from him. He had friends scattered throughout the area that knew “Coach” and had wonderful crazy stories about their version of his relationship with them. Dad loved to send cards to everyone he knew, with little poems written in them or maybe a note or a set of stickers he thought they or their kids might like. He loved to work in his yard and took such pride in the trees and plants he put in the ground and nursed them with love to watch them grow.

His survivors include his children, Kelly Covington and wife, Paola, of Bossier City, Louisiana; Jesse Covington and wife, Samantha, of Austin; Kathryn Covington Cole and husband, Monte, of Canyon Lake; grandchildren, Elijah Cole, Kennedy Covington, Hudson Covington, and Theresa Covington; siblings, Michael Covington and wife, Renee, Barbara Pope, and Suzzon Covington; niece, Lauren Figard and husband, Daniel; nephew, Johnny Pope and wife, KaAnne; niece, Tiffany Pope; niece, Brookly Rosen and husband, John; nephew, Kevin Rhodes, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph Covington; sister, Patricia McLelland; and his beloved, Grandma Hannah.

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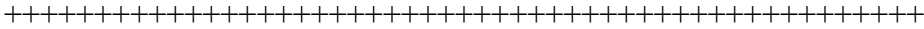




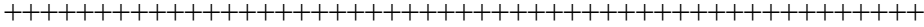








Celebrant	Reverend Polycarp Otieno-fmh
Con-Celebrant	Reverend Martin L. Nelson
Placing of the Pall	Jerry Giardina and Don Mull
Gift Bearers	Jesse Covington and Katie Cole
Lectors	Jerry Giardina and Monte Cole
Music Ministers	Our Lady of Victory Choir and Jody Aiena
Pallbearers	Kelly Covington, Jesse Covington Mickey Covington, Johnny Pope Monte Cole, Elijah Cole
Honorary Pallbearers	Greg Jones, Mac Haik, Jerry Murphy Rodney Robichau, Doug Pierce



**Military Honors**  
Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

**Memorial Contributions**  
The Humane Society of Southeast Texas  
2050 Spindletop Avenue  
Beaumont, Texas 77705

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ASPCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 96929  
Washington, D.C. 20090-6929

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St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital  
501 St. Jude Place  
Memphis, Tennessee 38105

**Committal**  
Broussard’s Crematorium  
Beaumont, Texas

*Please join the family for a reception  
in the parish hall following the service.*



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