



Donald Anthony Catchot

February 13, 2016

Donald Anthony Catchot, 81, passed away peacefully at his home early on Saturday, February 13, 2016.

Donald was born in Ocean Springs on September 5, 1934, to Anthony “Tony” Felix Catchot and Euta Annette Redden Catchot. He graduated from Ocean Springs High School, where he played football, baseball and basketball for the Greyhounds. In 1953, Donald and his future wife, Annie Lee McMurtray Catchot, were voted “Cutest Couple” by the senior class. They married on November 29, 1953, in what was one of the most widely attended wedding ceremonies the town had ever seen.

Following graduation, Donald played minor league baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals and Brooklyn Dodgers. Upon returning to Ocean Springs he worked at Ingalls Shipbuilding in a management position for 16 years before establishing his own paint contracting company with his brother, Robert “Bob” Catchot.

An expert fisherman, Donald spent countless hours on the Gulf and regularly won local fishing tournaments. He was also an avid tennis player at the Treasure Oaks Country Club earlier in his life.

Donald was a well-known member of the community and a dedicated family man who enjoyed vacationing in Gulf Shores, Alabama, with his wife, daughters and grandchildren. He was an active member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus named Donald “Knight of the Year” in 2004.

Donald is survived by his wife of 62 years Annie Lee, siblings Gay Lemien, Toni Blackmon (Arnold), Angus Catchot (Kathy), Milton Catchot (Diana) and Frances Boney (John). He is also survived by four daughters, Dianne Catchot, Donna Catchot Burt (Steve), Cathy Catchot and Leigh Catchot Miguez (Vito) and his nine grandchildren, Ashley Phillips Housley (Decker), Dustin Gemmill, Brandon Phillips (Jen), Lindsey Phillips Abernathy (Andrew), Alisha Gemmill Wise (Chris), Brooklyn Gemmill, Anthony Miguez, Melaina

Migues, and Selena Migue. Donald has three great-grandchildren, Bridger Housley, Quill Housley and Wryker Wise.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Euta, and brother Robert “Bob” Catchot.

A visitation will be held at Bradford O’Keefe Funeral Home in Ocean Springs on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Ocean Springs on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 11 a.m. Friends may visit from 10 a.m. until mass time. Burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Ocean Springs.

Cemetery

Events

Evergreen Cemetery

Ocean Springs, MS,

FEB 17 **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home - Ocean Springs
911 Porter Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS, US, 39564

FEB 18 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Elizabeth Seton
4900 Riley Road, Ocean Springs, MS, US, 39564

FEB 18 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Cathy and Annie Lee, you and our families are in my prayers and thoughts, With deepest sympathy.

Joyce Shaw - February 17 at 05:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Anthony Catchot.



February 16 at 09:54 PM



“ To my wonderful cousins and my sweet Aunt, thank you for sharing your lives with my family. We love you all so much. Uncle Donald will always have a very special place in our hearts. We love you all. Kelly McMurtray Evans

Kelly Evans - February 16 at 08:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I remember how he loved to fish, especially for those lemon fish. He will be missed by many. Neiani Foretich Bennett

Neiani Foretich Bennett - February 16 at 01:56 PM



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February 16 at 10:34 AM



“ May the Grace and Peace of our LORD keep and comfort you through this time of loss. Cathy, you and your family are in our prayers. Steve and Sandy Ballew

Steve Ballew - February 16 at 08:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Anthony Catchot.



February 15 at 11:41 AM