



# Fred Junior Bender

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**O**bituary of Fred Junior Bender Please share a memory of Fred to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book Fred Junior Bender, 67, passed away Thursday, July 25, 2019. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Judy Latimer Bender; and brother, Roger Bender. Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Irene Castleberry; daughters, Bonnie Collins and husband, Brandon, Jenni Yancey and husband, James; brothers, Don Bender and wife, Diane, Stan Bender, Wesley House; sister, Patty House; grandchildren, Averie Yancey, Audrey Collins, Chloe Yancey, Lincoln Collins, and Luke Yancey; and a host of other family and dear friends. Fred was first and foremost a family man. He would tell you that his two greatest gifts in life were his girls, Bonnie and Jenni. When he graduated to “Papa Fred,” he found his new favorite role in caring for his grandchildren - Averie, Audrey, Chloe, Lincoln, and Luke. Fred was everyone’s “go-to” guy. He was always generous in every capacity and never met a stranger. Fred loved adventures whether it was video poker, cooking, skiing, boating, biking, fishing, or motorcycling. His favorite adventures were the trips he took with his brothers and life-long friends. He was also “Mr. Fix It.” He would fix anything that his friends and family could not figure out and prided himself on never hiring a repairman. Fred was a Veteran who proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1971 to 1975 during the Vietnam War. He was a loyal Lyondell Bassell employee and contractor for too many years to count. He served from 1993 until 2019 as a volunteer member on the Board of Directors for Texas Bay Credit Union. During his tenure at the credit union, there was significant growth both in membership and in numbers of locations. Fred had an amazing sense of humor and could tell the best jokes with a straight face. He will forever be remembered for his positive attitude, for helping others in need, and for his strong loyalty and love for his family. He would always say, “The only thing standing between you and a good day is your attitude.” Fred will be greatly missed by



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all who knew and loved him. We know that Fred is in Heaven with Judy, and now Fred has truly been everywhere. The visitation for Fred will be held Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm at Clayton Funeral Home – La Porte, at 201 South 3rd Street, La Porte, Texas 77571. The funeral service will take place Friday, August 2, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Bayshore Baptist, 11315 Spencer Highway, La Porte, Texas 77571 with Pastor Tom Gamble officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at La Porte Cemetery in La Porte, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to REAL LIFE MINISTRIES TEXAS in memory of Fred Bender. Please mail checks to 1222 W Main St, Tomball, TX 77375 (in memo "Fred Bender, First Fruits") or donations can be given online at <https://reallifetexas.churchcenter.com/giving> (First Fruits).



## Tribute Wall

**Fred Junior Bender**

JD

**Jim Daniel** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Fred at ARCO/Lyondell/LyondellBasell. Fred excelled at his craft, and often went beyond expectations by helping others first understand their problem, and then helping to solve it. Fred was exceedingly generous, volunteering for various activities always with the goal to help others. The refinery, his friends, family, and countless others are better off because they knew Fred and were a recipient of his generosity. May God comfort his family and friends during this time of loss. Jim Daniel

August 3 at 7:00 PM

JG

**Jesse Gutierrez** posted:

Too many favorite memories with Fred to list one. He was a great example of a good man and how people should treat one another. He was a true blessing to the world and I know heaven is smiling with the new arrival. He is with his beloved Judy. He will always be with us on our road trips in our hearts and memories.

August 1 at 7:00 PM

KH

**Keith Hill** posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Fred at ARCO/Lyondell. Fred was always a great guy and had a great sense of humor. Fred will be missed by all of his friends.

July 31 at 7:00 PM

HB

**Hope Bailey** posted:

Your light will always shine even in your physical absence.

July 30 at 7:00 PM

HB

**Hope Bailey** posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. If we can help in any way please reach out. Love and hugs,  
The Nancy Ruggles Family

July 30 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Fred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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