



Dempsey John Markey

January 10, 2023

Dempsey John Markey was born May 8, 1949, in New Orleans, LA, to Ernest Markey Sr. and Dorothy Weber Markey as the 2nd oldest of 6 children.

He departed this life on January 10, 2023, at his longtime residence in Uptown New Orleans.

“D.J.” as he was affectionally known, received his education from Holy Ghost Elementary School, St. Augustine High School, and eventually he went on to graduate from Walter L. Cohen High School.

He married the love of his life and best friend, Ursula Arceneaux on December 31, 1970, and from that union came two sons, Duane John and Russell John.

D.J. had a long history in participating in Social Justice Endeavors in both Civil Rights and Disability Rights Movements. He was the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Pyramid Parent Community Resource Center in New Orleans.

Along with Ursula, he provided assistance to countless families seeking to improve the educational experiences of children with disabilities.

For their work, they were Nationally Recognized for successfully promoting awareness of the issues confronting families in underserved communities.

He is survived by his Son, Russell J. Markey of New Orleans, his Brothers,

Ernest Jr., Dwight (Gail), Gaylard (Hilda), Gregory (Etta), and his Sister, Arlette Markey Henderson (David Sr.) and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 38 years, Ursula, and eldest son, Duane.

His knowledge, talents, generosity will be missed.

A private service will be held for DJ. A public memorial celebrating his life and work will be held near his birthday in May.

In lieu of flowers, the Markey family kindly requests that donations be made to the Go Fund Me account set up to assist his son, Russell, with various support services and resources to survive in the long term: www.gofundme.com/dempsey-dj-markey

Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, New Orleans, LA. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the guestbook and share memories and condolences with the family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sincere Condolences to the family
Praying your strength in this time of bereavement*

Brenda A Rousell

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