



Bright Light Foundation

Henry Joseph Sylve, Jr.

2011 BLF Recipient



Henry Joseph Sylve, Jr. was born on April 6, 1960 in City Price, Louisiana. After Hurricane Katrina, he resided in Hammond, Louisiana with his wife Melissa and two daughters, Ashley and Dereka. Henry Joseph Sylve, Jr. worked in the oil production field for 30 years. On June 4, 2010, Henry had to have his gall bladder removed and the sequence of events that followed was detrimental. His lungs kept filling with fluid. Two months later, Henry was diagnosed with malignant mesothelioma. Malignant mesothelioma is a rare, serious, and deadly disease caused from exposure to asbestos. Henry was treated at MD Anderson

Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He tried three different chemotherapies to combat the cancer but all were unsuccessful. After a mentally and physically strenuous six month battle, Henry passed away on January 12, 2011 at the age of 50.

Henry truly enjoyed being with family, playing golf, and working offshore in the oilfield industry. His caring, warm, and loving demeanor is terribly missed. We want to thank our family, friends, co-workers, doctors, and Bright Light Foundation for all the prayers, support, and acts of kindness shown to our family during and after this difficult and devastating experience.