



2026



Mic & Key

Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club
923 Boston Ave, Nederland, TX

W5SSV

CLUB NET is on Wednesday at 8:00 pm on the Club Repeater 145.470, - offset, pl: 103.5

ARES Net Immediately Follows the Club Net on Determined Frequency

ARES Dist 9 WinLink Digital Check In on First Week of the Month

*****NEXT ARES MEETING: Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 @ 6:00 pm*****

--- NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 @ 7:00 pm---

Mid/South County HAMS meet for Saturday Breakfast at La Fiesta on Nederland Ave near Hwy 366

Orange Area HAMS meet for breakfast on the 3rd Saturday at Denny's, 7112 IH-10 West in Orange



CHECK OUT THE JCARC WEBSITE PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's Website @ www.w5ssv.com.

CHECK OUT THE JCARC FACEBOOK PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's FaceBook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/990382200983839/>

CHECK OUT THE NEW JCARC YOUTUBE PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's YouTube Page at: [W5SSV - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW5SSV)

President	Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ	kb5nbj@aol.com	409-540-0477
Vice President	Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM	n5wkm06@gmail.com	409-718-5047
Treasurer	Jeff Simmons, KI5NOH	ki5noh@yahoo.com	409-728-0968
Secretary	Steve Gomez, KE5O	ke5o@sbcglobal.net	409-201-4749

2026 DUES ARE DUE



Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2026

Minutes:

General Meeting called to order by Chuck kb5nbj @ 7:06.
Self Introductions by all present.

No minutes from December 2025 due to Christmas Dinner.

A motion was made by Bob w5rjr to approve treasurer's report from 1-13-2026.
The motion was seconded by James ki5qfc. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed Christmas dinner which went rather well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Saturday 17th will be the tailgate sale and at noon the QCWA meeting at the Schooner. Permission given by Groves to have winter field day at Lion's Park. The PAPD trailer generator needs maintenance. W5ssv will be running mobile class for the exercise.

Orange hamfest discussed.

KIRK'S NEWS BITS: 2026 Arrl year of the club.

Discussed a book in grid down operating. Arrl awards.

Dxpedition to Bouviet Island.

STEVE'S SHOW & TELL: Johnney N5ned showed a nice sdr in a machined case that had built in multiple modes and spectral display.

James Ki5qfc showed a hand held IR camera with lots of features.

Steve Ke5o showed a WWII BC-191 transmitter with dynamotor used in the Rover Joe forward air control jeep.

Motion to Adjourn made by James Ki5qfc and was seconded by Jeff Ki5noh.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:22 by Chuck Kb5nbj.

Members Present: 15 + 10 online

Visitors Present: 0

Signed: Steve Gomez KE5O

ARES MEETING DISCUSSION:

- Local ARES/RACES Winlink Training P2P Exercise
- South Texas ARES HF Net AAR, Report and Schedule
- Discussion on Crossband Repeating

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ARES & RACES INFO 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13-14	Crisis Expo and Sustainable Living Event – Little Cypress Baptist Church
February 27-28	Orange HamFest
April 17 (16)	ARRL Frequency Measurement Test April 17 th @ 0230Z (Apr16 @ 19:30pm)
April 17-19	Texas State Parks on the Air
May 03-04	Tour du Rouge
May 09-10	US Islands on the Air – One Day Getaway
May 16	Don Allen Sports Day, Wildwood
June 05	Cops and Kids Picnic, Claiborne Park West 10A-2P (tentative)
June 27-28	ARRL Field Day
August 08-09	National Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
August 14-16	International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
September 07	Port Neches Labor Day 5K Run
October 03	Big Pumpkin 5K Run - Orange
October 16-18	BSA Jamboree on the Air
October 16-18	Fall Support Your Parks On The Air
November 26	Turkey Trot 10K Run - Beaumont
December 04-05	SkyWarn Recognition Day 6:00pm-6:00pm (12-6 00:00-24:00UTC)
December 08	HAM Christmas Party

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR JEFFERSON COUNTY ARES WEBSITE AT:

www.jctxares.org

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ARES Digital Nets on or about 1st of the Month

District 9 ARES send Winlink email to Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM

WinLink Weekly Net on Wednesdays until conclusion of Jefferson Co ARES Voice Net to tactical call sign: JCTXARES

Give info of what Winlink mode you are using and call sign of node used.

TX ARES Winlink Net to TXARES-HF & AA5AF by Radio RF Only on Mondays until 7:30pm

Info requested: Name, Call Sign, Grid-square and RMS gateway used.



**Quarter Century Wireless Association
Chapter 51 Monthly Meeting**

Saturday, February 21, 2026 @ 12 Noon

The Schooner Restaurant

1507 South Hwy 69

Nederland, Tx 77627

You do **not** have to be licensed for 25 years to attend the meeting.

From The Beaumont Club

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Monday, February 23rd, at North End Baptist at 5115 Eastex Freeway at Odom Road. Social Time starts at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Our Club Net is on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm on 146.700 neg offset with pl tone of 107.2. Also the 146.760 and 444.700 repeaters are on line and there to be used. Please come join us. Check out our website at: www.qsl.net/w5rin.

From The Orange County Club

The Orange Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Friday, February 6th at the Red Cross Chapter House in Orange at 3901 IH10 East at MLK, Orange, Tx. ARES Meeting Starts at 6:00 pm and the Club Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!! Our club net is Mon-Thur at 6:30pm on 147.180 positive offset with a pl tone of 103.5. Remember our HAM Radio Breakfast Meeting at Denny's, 7112 IH10 West in Orange on the THIRD Saturday of the month at 8:30am. Hope to see you there!!! Check out our webpage at: www.qsl.net/w5nd.

From The Lakes Area Club

The Lakes Area Club will have their next meeting on Thursday, February 26th at the Bell Field, Jasper Airport in Jasper at 7:00pm. PLEASE JOIN US !!!! Our Club Net is on Tuesday Evenings at 8:00pm on 147.000 neg offset and pl tone of 118.8. EchoLink is available for use. Please check our webpage at: www.w5jas.org..... For the latest info.

From The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association

The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association meets the first Thursday, February 5th at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall located at 301 Veterans Way. Veterans way is the road beside Whataburger, turn east there and you will see the building on the left. It is the little log cabin. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Please check our webpage at: www.wd5tyl.org..... For the latest info. Our ARES net every Mondays on our repeater at 07:00pm. The frequency will be 147.220+ (pl=100.0) Please check in with us.

From Southwest Louisiana Amateur Repeater Club

The Southwest Louisiana Amateur Radio Club meets the fourth Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00pm, at the New Life Worship Center at 668 N Perkins Ferry Rd, Moss Bluff, LA 70611 at 7:00pm, VE Testing at 6:00pm. PLEASE JOIN US !!!! Our Club Net is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7:00pm on 146.730 neg offset and pl tone of 173.8. EchoLink is available for use. Our SWLA Digital Link is on DMR 311995 P25 - 31337 Fusion - US SWLA337 and Dstar XLX337 Please check our webpage at <https://swlarc.com/> For the latest info.

From The QCWA

We meet the third Saturday each month at noon at the Schooner, 1507 S. Hwy 69 Nederland, Tx. Meetings are very informal and usually involve a "show and tell" about some kind of old radio equipment the members have in their collections. You don't have to be licensed 25 years to attend the local meetings, as is required for National QCWA membership.

INFO FROM AREA HAMS:

From Ricky Adams, KE5PYX:

I am interested in starting a 2 meter "Traders Net". Please contact me about your interest and when and where you would like to see it. Email: raradams6@hotmail.com

From: Will Parr, K0AXX:

I wanted to get the word out to our local hams that I have created a secure message board. My hope is we can utilize this to help each other in sharing ideas, working through glitches, and better promote amateur radio in SE TX.

Here is the web address : <https://k0axx.boardhost.com/index.php>it can be accessed direct or through my website, www.K0axx.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm TCARA Mtg 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net	6:00PM OARES 7:00PM OARC Mtg	
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FREQUENCIES & NETS

52.525 6 Meter FM National Calling Frequency
 53.150/52.150 Groves Repeater (pl 100.0)
 144.390 APRS
 145.010 BMT Packet Digi **NEW** KI5NOH-10 VARA Digi
 145.010 W5SSV-10/N5MTX-11/WB5YDA-10 RMS Packet
 145.050 KC5YSM-10 RMS Packet
 145.070 WinLink P2P
 145.130- Lake Charles (KC5JMJ, pl 173.8)
 145.190- Kirbyville (W5JAS, pl 118.8)
 145.210- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)* **DOWN**
 145.230- B.T.A.R.C. (N5BTC, pl 103.5)* **DOWN**
 145.250-Tyler Co (KF5YDG, pl 123.0)
 145.330- Anahuac (KK5XQ, pl 123.0)
 145.350- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)*
 145.390- Buna (W5JAS, pl 118.8)
 145.450- Beaumont (N5YX) **Wires-X/C4FM DIG ONLY**
 145.470- J.C.A.R.C. (W5SSV, pl 103.5*) @
 145.560 Simplex-Jeff Co & Jasper ARES Secondary
 146.450 Mid County Simplex
 146.520 National Simplex
 146.550 National SkyWarn Simplex
 146.560 Simplex Tyler Co ARES Prim
 146.580 Simplex Jeff Co & Jasper ARES Prim & Special Event
 146.620- Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater W5SSV **DOWN**
 146.640- Beaumont Repeater (KW5C, 103.5 pl) # @ &
 146.700- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN pl, 107.2 pl) #
 146.730- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 173.8) #
 146.760- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2) **C4FM**
 146.860- Port Arthur (KD5QDO) pl 103.5
 146.980- H.A.M.S. (Devers, N5FJX, pl 103.5)*
 147.000- Jasper (W5JAS, pl 118.8)* #
 147.060+ Orange ARC (AA5P, pl 67.0) * @
 147.105+ Lake Charles (KC5JMJ pl 103.5) @ #
 147.160+ Beaumont (N5YX, pl 100.0) **Coming Soon**
 147.180+ Orange A.R.C. (W5ND, pl 103.5)* **C4FM**
 147.200+ Port Arthur (KC5YSM) (pl 118.8)* # @
 147.220+ Tyler Co ARA (pl 100.0)* # + @
 147.300+ Mobil Oil (W5XOM) (pl 103.5)* @
 147.340+ Beaumont (WR5AAA - pl 131.8)* @
 147.360+ Sulphur ARC (W5SUL) D-STAR
 147.380+ Silsbee (KE5PYX - pl 131.8)* @
 147.420 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary
 147.440 Simplex-Orange ARES Secondary
 147.505 -3mHz Fannett (K1LFLK - pl 114.8) *
 147.570 Simplex-Hardin Co ARES Secondary
 223.800 Beaumont (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0) **DOWN**
 224.200-Vidor (KD5UNK) (no CTCSS)
 224.920 Devers (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0)
 440.725+ Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater
 441.525+ Beaumont Repeater (KW5C, 100.0 pl) # @ !
 442.400+ Silsbee (KB5OVJ) **DMR Repeater**
 442.575 Devers (KA5QDG, pl 103.5)
 444.625 Sulphur (AF5XP, pl 146.2) **C4FM**
 444.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2)
 444.800 Nederland PD (KC5YSM, pl 118.8) @ ^ **C4FM**
 444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5) **DOWN**
 444.925 Port Arthur (KG5HFL pl 103.5)* @
 446.000 National Simplex UHF

@ Denotes Emergency Power * Denotes transmitted PL tone.

Denotes echo link. + Denotes IRLP node ^ Denotes AllStar Node ! is WIN system & is South Coast Reflector

NETS:

Hardin Co ARES Thurs Night 7:00 pm 147.380/147.060
 BARC Net Thurs Night 7:30pm 146.700
 BARC C4FM NET 1st Sun 8:00pm 146.760 C4FM
 JCARC Net Wed Night 8:00pm 145.470 (ARES follows)
 LAARC (Jasper) Tues Night 8:00pm 147.000
 Org ARC Net Mon-Thurs 6:30pm 147.180
 LAARC ELMER Net SAT 7:00pm 147.000
 TCARA (Tyler CO) Mon Night 7:00pm 147.220
 SWLARC Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00pm 146.730
 2M SSB Roundtable USB Nightly Vertical 8:30pm 144.270
 2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
 10M CW Net Fri Night 7:45pm 28.970
 2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
 10M LAARC Ph Net Wed 7:30pm 28.325 USB
 Post Office Net Sunday 7:00am 3.905

Texas Traffic Net Daily 8:30am 7.285
 Texas Traffic Net Daily 6:30pm 3.873
 Texas ARES HF Net Monday 7:30pm 3.873/7.285
 Gulf Coast SSB Net Daily 7:30pm (00:30UTC) 3.925
 Gulf Coast Radio Net Sunday 8:00am 3.910
 Delta SSB Net M-Sat 7:30am 3.905
 Ctn Gulf Cst Hurricane Net Daily 8:00pm 3.935
 Southwest Traffic Net Daily 9:30pm 3.935
 7290 Traffic Net M-Sat 10am-12N, 1-2pm 7.290
 Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 10:00am 7.245
 Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.922
 Louisiana Traffic Net 6:30pm 3.910
 Louisiana ARES HF Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.878
 Texas RACES HF Net 2nd Sat 4pm 7.255
 Texas RACES HF Net 4th Sun 8pm 3.975
 Texas RACES HF Net Last Fri 8pm 5.330.5 USB

Notes From a Couple of Repeater Owners

From David Swift, KG5HFL (444.925 Pt Arthur) So my repeater is no longer digital. Its back to analog and connected to All Star. It's going to be full time connected to a machine in Rosenberg, TX. Anyone can use the node I just ask that you disconnect from anything you connect.

From Donald Williams, KW5C (146.640 & 441.525 Beaumont) My Repeater 441.525. +. 100 tone is on the air and it will be interlinked to the east coast hub over a 1,000 repeaters all over the coast. All are welcome to make contacts also the same with my 146.640. It's interlinked to the South Coas

2026 ORANGE HAMFEST



Hosted By
Orange, Jefferson County, and Beaumont Amateur Radio Clubs
-ARRL Sanctioned-



Friday and Saturday, February 27-28, 2026

A Two-Day Event!

Orange County Convention & Expo Center

11475 FM 1442 Orange, Texas 77632

Exit 869 from either direction off IH-10

Talk-in Frequency 147.180 +600 PL 103.5

Event Fees:

Admission-

Adults	\$10.00 per person for the two days
Children 12 yrs and younger	Free
Indoor Dealer/Vendor tables	\$15.00 ea. for Friday only or \$25 ea. for the two days
Indoor Flea Market tables	\$15.00 ea. for Friday only or \$25 ea. for the two days
Outside Tailgate spaces (limited)	Free
Friday night Hamfest Dinner	\$20/plate, no reservations required.

Door Prizes!!!

Door Prize and Grand Prize Tickets: \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00, 12 for \$20.00, etc.

Drawing for the Grand Prizes at 1:30 PM. You NEED NOT BE PRESENT for the Grand Prize drawings; however, you MUST BE PRESENT for all door prize drawings. All Door Prize tickets go back into the hopper for the Grand Prize drawings!

GREAT DOOR PRIZES!	AWESOME GRAND PRIZES!
Many hourly door prizes Friday and Saturday	Saturday – 1 st prize ICOM IC-7300 HF/50MHz 100-Watt SDR Transceiver
	Saturday – 2 nd prize YAESU FT-710 Field HF/50MHz 100W SDR Transceiver
	Saturday – 3 rd prize Rig Expert AA-35 ZOOM
	Friday prize - ICOM IC-2730A Dual Band 50-Watt 2M/70CM Mobile

Hamfest Schedule:

Friday, February 27th-

6:00AM - Hall setup and preparation

8:00 AM - 12 Noon Commercial Dealers, Vendors, and Flea Market only set up. Enter at Vendor ramp.

1:00PM – 6:30PM – Open to public

4:00 PM - Hamfest Dinner at the Expo Center- \$20/plate

All Hams and their families are invited to join us for dinner featuring smoked chicken half, sides, and dessert!

Saturday, February 28th-

6:00 - 7:30 AM- Setup for Dealers, Vendors, and Flea Market

7:00 AM - Hamfest opens for attendees.

8:00 AM - 12 NOON- Forums (topics and times may change)

10:00 AM VE Testing -NOTE No pre-registration is required for VE Testing. The FCC now requires new amateur radio applicants to create an FCC user ID and register for an FCC Registration Number (FRN) on the FCC registration website before taking the examination. Bring your FRN, the original and a copy of any current FCC License and any C.S.C.E.'s, picture ID, and \$15 testing fee.

1:30 PM - Grand Prize Drawings

2:00 PM - Close

Orange Area Info: <https://orangetexas.gov/157/Convention-Visitors-Bureau>

Hotels- Click the "Stay" link: <https://orangetexas.gov/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=23>

Restaurants- Click the "Eat and Drink" link:

<https://orangetexas.gov/BusinessDirectoryII.aspx?lngBusinessCategoryID=22>

2026 Orange Hamfest Contact:

Phil Pollock at (409) 988-9898 text or call or email pollock.AF5DT@gmail.com

Latest Orange Hamfest information: https://www.qsl.net/w5nd/index_files/HAMFEST%20INFO/hamfest%20info.htm

2026 Orange Hamfest Table Reservations

Make your table reservations now! Tables normally sell out fast!

Dealer, Vendor, and Swap tables are located inside the 10,800 sq. ft. air-conditioned ADA-compliant Expo Center Ballroom and are available for \$15.00 ea. for Friday only or \$25.00 each for the two days for individuals, dealers, and vendors. One (1) admission ticket only is included with table(s) purchase. You can reserve your table(s) in advance by completing the Table Reservation Form below. Unreserved tables will be rented on a first-come/first-served basis. Dealer, Vendor, and Swap setup is 8:00: AM- 6:30 PM Friday, February 27th and 6:00 AM-7:30 AM Saturday, February 28th. Tables that are reserved but not claimed by 8:30 AM Saturday, February 28th will be re-rented. No refunds on unclaimed tables.

110V AC outlets are available for most but not all table locations. Please share. Please plan to provide your own power cords and power strips.

A limited number of tables are available for non-amateur radio-related sales. These tables will be located in the hallways outside the Expo Center Ballroom. Sale or display of firearms, weapons, or sexually offensive materials is prohibited. The Orange Amateur Radio Club/Hamfest Directors reserve the right to limit non-amateur radio-oriented table sales and to designate their location. Hamfest Directors will resolve any disputes fairly and will have the final decision.

To reserve tables, fill out the following Orange Hamfest Table Reservation Form, detach it, and mail it to:

**Orange Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 232
Orange, TX 77631-0232**

Note: In all cases we will confirm your table reservation by email. If you require a hard copy confirmation, check the appropriate box and include a SASE along with your completed Table Reservation Form.

2026 ORANGE HAMFEST TABLE RESERVATION FORM

-- Your Table Reservation Form envelope must be postmarked by February 16, 2026. --

--- We will send you an email confirmation. ---

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____

☐ Check if you need a 120V power outlet.

☐ Check if you need a hard-copy confirmation. (If you check this box, please enclose an SASE with this Table Reservation Form.)

Your email address for reservation confirmation: _____

Number of Tables ___ needed at ☐ \$15. ea. for Friday **or** ☐ \$25.00 ea. for two days: _____

Only **one** admission ticket is included with your tables purchased.

Number of additional admission(s) at \$10.00 each: _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

For tables questions you can email us at orangehamfesttables1@outlook.com or text 409-988-8906

SILENT KEYS



DELORES HEINTSCHEL, KC5NEO

April 26, 1942 – January 29, 2026

Delores M. Heintschel, KC5NEO, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2026, in Groves, Texas, at the age of 83. Born on April 26, 1942, in New Iberia, Louisiana.

Delores was a devoted co-owner of C & D Appliance Repair, along with her husband Clarence “Tootie” Heintschel, Jr., who preceded her in death. Together, they built a thriving business that served their community with integrity and care. She was also treasurer of Jefferson County Ham Radio Club (KC5NEO). Delores’s work ethic extended far beyond her professional life; she was deeply committed to animal welfare, serving as a volunteer with Mid-County Paws of Hope, where her love for animals shined brightly. Delores was also an avid animal lover at home, finding companionship and joy in her beloved dog, Bella Rose Heintschel, who has also crossed the rainbow bridge.

Her personal interests included gardening, garage sales, and thrifting, activities that delighted her and provided joy in the simplest of moments. She nurtured her passion for music by attending numerous performances by her husband, savoring the melodies and memories they created together.

She was a devoted mother to her son, Gary Heintschel and his wife, Nelda, of Mauriceville; and her daughters, Cheryl Richie and her husband, Rickie of Groves, and Carol Heintschel and her partner, Joel. Delores was also immensely proud of her grandchildren: Jessica LaCaze, Ronny LeBeouf, Garrett Heintschel, Holly Brown, Rickie Richie, Jr., Monica Richie, Andrew Richie, Ashlyn Lamance, Dillon Richie, Cierra Richie, and Devon Sanchez, as well as her five great-grandchildren, who brought her immeasurable joy and fulfillment.

Delores' brother, Donald Gachassin of Beaumont, and her beloved godchild Ellen Duplantis of New Iberia, Louisiana, also survive her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Horace and Amy Gachassin, her beloved husband, Tootie, and her cherished dog, Bella Rose Heintschel.

A graveside service will be held on February 2, 2026, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Nederland, Texas, where friends and family are invited to gather at 10:00 AM to honor the memory of Delores M. Heintschel.

The family would like to thank Remarkable Hospice for the loving care they gave to Delores, Victor and Melanie, Pam Lambright, and housekeeper, Phyllis Denby.



JOSEPH FRANK DOMINO, WA5FQK

November 13, 1948 - January 19, 2026

Covered with love and prayers by his family and friends, Joseph Frank Domino passed away peacefully at home on Monday afternoon, January 19, 2026.

A beloved husband, dad, grandpa, son, son-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, godfather, and friend, Joe was born on November 13, 1948 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the only child of Genevieve Incavido Domino and Joseph Domino. Although Joe grew up in Franklin, a small town in Southwest Louisiana, his Texas roots were deep. His children were born and raised in Beaumont and, for the past 55 years, he lived, worked, and served in Southeast Texas. God had a wonderful plan for Joe's life...he was in the same first grade class as Linda Lombardo, who, years later, became the love of his life. Joe was educated by the Christian Brothers at Hanson Memorial High School. He was a Phi Kappa Phi graduate of Louisiana State University, where in 1970, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. That same year, Joe married Linda, his high school sweetheart, and moved to Beaumont, where he began his career as a long-range planning engineer with Gulf States Utilities (GSU), which later merged with Entergy Corporation. Joe quickly recognized Lamar University as one of Southeast Texas' greatest treasures and continued his education at Lamar, earning a Master of Engineering Science in 1975.

During his 44 years of service with GSU and Entergy, Joe received a steady stream of promotions. In October of 1998, Joe was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Entergy Texas. This was a very meaningful moment in Joe's career, not only because he was offered that opportunity, but also because Entergy Corporation's CEO informed Joe that his name was repeatedly recommended by both management and labor personnel during the search to fill the position. As President and CEO of Entergy Texas, Joe brought a wealth of "hands on" experience that covered the spectrum of the power company business, from generation to transmission to distribution. That experience helped bring the company to an entirely new level of providing quality, reliable service to Entergy Texas customers, along with a strong commitment to safety.

Shortly after being named President and CEO, Joe established a system-wide Safety Council for Entergy Corporation and served as its first Chairman. The Safety Council was part of a renewed emphasis on what Joe considered the most important aspect of the job – providing safe, reliable service to utility customers. Joe truly cared about Entergy employees, and their safety was of utmost importance to him. There was a sign at an Entergy location that originally stated, Rule #1 – "If we don't take care of the customer... somebody else will." Joe scratched out #1 and inserted #2 and wrote: Rule #1 "If we don't take care of our employees... there will be no one to take care of our customers!" This was his "trademark" and guiding principle.

Joe had a career that many GSU and Entergy employees would consider "unique" not only because he became President of Entergy Texas, but also because while promoted many times, he and his family were able to spend his entire career residing in Beaumont. Joe made countless lifelong friends during his career at GSU and Entergy while working at the Beaumont Service Center, Neches Station, Sabine Station (where he served as Plant Manager), Edison Plaza, and at other locations throughout Entergy's service area. He loved working with his fellow GSU and Entergy employees, and the feeling was mutual. For 25+ years, Joe loved frying oysters at the annual event for the Live Wires Club, a social group of company employees and retirees, using his "secret" batter recipe.

During Joe's 14 years as President and CEO of Entergy Texas, he emerged into the public spotlight in Southeast Texas and established an excellent reputation for his leadership, integrity, and commitment to community service. Joe was a servant leader and made the world a better place by supporting many organizations in Southeast Texas including serving two terms as Chairman of the Board of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, President of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, President of the Symphony of Southeast Texas, President of the Texas Energy Museum Board of Directors, Secretary-Treasurer of the Golden Triangle Business Roundtable, and Campaign Chairman for the United Way of Beaumont and North Jefferson County. Joe also supported Lamar University. He served as a Trustee of the Lamar University Foundation and served as Foundation Board President for two terms. He also served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Lamar University College of Engineering Advisory Council, and he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Lamar University in 2005. Joe served on numerous other boards over the years including the Foundation for Southeast Texas, Golden Triangle Minority Business Council, and the LSU Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisory Board. In 2014, Joe was appointed to serve on the Beaumont ISD Board of Managers, serving four years of what was originally a two-year term, first as Vice-President and then as President.

Additionally, Joe served as a member of the Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program Advisory Board, Alzheimer's Association "Family Portrait Luncheon" Honorary Chair and committee member, and Christus Southeast Texas Health System Advisory Board and Foundation Board member. Joe was a member of the Lion's Club, the first organization he joined when he moved to Beaumont. He also served as President of SETERF (Southeast Texas Emergency Relief Fund) to assist people in our community who were devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

Joe's service to the Boy Scouts of America is well known in Southeast Texas and beyond. He served as President of the Board of the Boy Scouts of America Three Rivers Council and Vice President of the BSA Southern Region Board. He also served on the national level as a member of the BSA National Commissioner Task Force and as Dean of the College of Commissioner Science. Over the years, Boy Scouts of America honored Joe with the Bronze Pelican Award, the St. George Award, the Silver Beaver Award, the BSA Distinguished Citizen Award, and the prestigious Silver Antelope Award.

For his dedication to public service, Joe was honored locally with the Jefferson Award in 2007; in 2008 he was named Executive of the Year by the Sales and Marketing Executive Club of Southeast Texas. In 2007 Joe was named Neches River Festival Citizen of the Year, and in 2008 the Neches River Festival proclaimed him King Neches LX. In 2009 he received the J. C. Crager Award presented by the American Heart Association, and in 2011 he received the Julie Rogers Special Service Award presented by the Mental Health Association. He was selected twice by the Press Club of Southeast Texas as Newsmaker of the Year – once in 2006 for his leadership as President and CEO of Entergy Texas in restoring power to Southeast Texas just 21 days after the area was devastated by Hurricane Rita, and in 2015 for his service on the Beaumont ISD Board of Managers. In 2017 Temple Emanuel awarded the Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award to Joe and, in 2019 Joe was named an Honorary Distinguished Alumnus by the Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School Alumni Board. The most recent recognition Joe received was from Bishop David Toups, who honored him with the St. Joseph the Worker Excellence in Stewardship award from the Diocese of Beaumont, presented in December of 2025.

In addition to leadership and service in the community, Joe was a faithful member of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica parish, and he also supported the Diocese of Beaumont. Joe served as Chairman of the Bishop's Faith Appeal and was involved in many ministries, including ACTS, Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas and, for the past 33 years served as a member of the St. Joseph's Day Committee. Joe was a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 951 with 48 years of continuous service. In 2001 Joe was invested as a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a Papal Order.

Joe's favorite hobby since his teen years was amateur "ham" radio. Using his call sign, WA5KFQ, he communicated with people all over the world using Morse code, the official language of ham radio operators. Joe often participated in local Amateur Radio Emergency Service events sponsored by the ARRL which provided communication support for emergencies, public events, and non-emergency functions, focusing on local/regional disasters and public safety partners. WA5KFQ is now a Silent Key.

For many years, Joe spent his vacation days on Boy Scout campouts with his son, where he also served as a mentor to numerous young men in the local scouting program. Joe also assisted in training adult volunteer leaders in Scouting through Wood Badge, an advanced leadership course for Scouting volunteers and professionals. He attended a multitude of campouts locally and nationally including hiking the trails of Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico with his son and Troop 85. Additionally, Joe taught and participated in multiple Walking Wood Badge training programs at Philmont, and he attended the National Jamboree many times as a staff member at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia and later at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The proudest moment of Joe's scouting experience occurred when his son, Frank, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The "cherry on top" was when his two eldest grandsons, Brady and Frankie, also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Lovingly called "Grandpa" by his grandsons, Joe was able to repair their broken toys, cars, trains, or whatever they brought to him. He would always say, "Let's go to my workshop..." and they would follow him completely convinced he could fix anything.

Joe loved traveling with Linda. Some of his favorite destinations included the Holy Land, Rome (especially St. Peter's Basilica), Venice, Assisi, Florence, and many other beautiful cities in Italy. He enjoyed vacations to London, Montreal, Niagara Falls, Alaska, and cruises to the Caribbean. Many happy memories were also made with his family at Crystal Beach, Texas.

Although Joe received many recognitions and accolades during his lifetime, which he appreciated very much, none of those awards were as important to him as his faith, his family, his friends, and the people he worked with. Joe loved God and was a prayerful man who was very thankful and grateful for all of his blessings. Joe treasured and enjoyed spending time with the people he loved and with those who loved him.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Genevieve and Joseph Domino, his parents-in-law, Jennie and Louis Lombardo, Sr., his sister-in-law, Rose Marie Lombardo Charpentier, and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Claudette and Louis Lombardo, Jr.

Joe is survived by his wife of fifty-five years, Linda Lombardo Domino; son, Frank Anthony Domino and his wife, Tamara Glaze Domino; daughter, Jennifer Domino Bellah and her husband, Christopher Chad Bellah; grandchildren, Frank Anthony Domino, Jr., Brady Christopher Bellah, Benjamin Joseph Bellah, and Oliver Jack Bellah; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Monica Lombardo Davis and her

husband, Jerry Wayne Davis, Larry Paul Lombardo and his wife, Theresa Boudreaux Lombardo, Hillary John Charpentier, and several nieces and nephews. Additionally, Joe leaves behind his “adopted sister,” Patti Borona Ibert.

Joe was blessed to live at home during the course of his illness. This was made possible through a combination of care provided by Celeste Anselmo, RN, Rhonda Gill, CNA, Pastor Warren, other members of the Altus Hospice staff, and also by three caregiving angels, Leyda Tzul, Maria Martinez, and Isabel Black. The Domino family is deeply grateful for the loving and compassionate care they provided to Joe and for the spiritual care and nourishment provided by Bishop David Toups, Bishop Curtis Guillory, Rev. Shane Baxter, Rev. Antony Paulose, Dr. James Fuller, and Eucharistic Ministers Donna Harris, Toni Marino Landry, Debbie Gier, and Jane Ann Kemplay.

A gathering of Joe’s family and friends will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Time of Sharing at 7:00 p.m., and a Rosary to follow, Friday, January 30, 2026, at Broussard’s, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 31, 2026, at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont. His entombment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Beaumont, with a reception to follow at St. Anthony Cathedral Center.

For those desiring, and in lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Joe Domino may be made to St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701 (St. Joseph Altar Fund); Gift of Life Program, 2390 Dowlen Road, Beaumont, Texas 77706; Symphony of Southeast Texas, 4345 Phelan Boulevard, Suite 105, Beaumont, Texas 77707; Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas, 2780 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas 77703; or Three Rivers Council – Scouting America, 4650 West Cardinal Drive, Beaumont, Texas 77705.