



# Bright Light Foundation

## **Floyd Joseph Boudreaux Sr.**

*2010 BLF Recipient*



Floyd Boudreaux Sr. was no stranger to the waterways of South Louisiana as he was a commercial fisherman for quite some years. His love for boats helped him obtain his captain license to continue to work on the water, which in turn he began to work in the Oil and Gas Industry shuttling production and drilling personnel from dock to production facilities and drilling rigs in the marshes of South East Louisiana. Floyd was born and raised in Chauvin, Louisiana where he spent his time shrimping and working as a boat captain, while him and his wife raised three children one of which followed in her father's footsteps, also works in the Oil and Gas Industry.

Over the last four years Floyd was complaining of respiratory problems and his doctors were treating him for what they thought was a lung fungus. The respiratory issues continued and after PET scans and CAT scans were conducted with no answer to his issues, a surgical extraction of a lymph node in his neck was removed to be tested. On December 23, 2009 Floyd and family received the news that would forever change their lives, he was diagnosed with terminal stage 4 Lung Cancer (metastatic non small cell carcinoma). This news was devastating to him and his family as he was forced to take a medical leave of absence to begin treatment. Floyd could not continue to work with his diagnosis and had no retirement, 401k, or long term disability.

Floyd began his chemo treatment through a port in his chest once every three weeks. He continued to take PET scans, CAT scans, and blood work to check his progress while receiving chemo treatments. In May 2010 a PET scan showed no activity of his tumors so he was placed in remission. Unfortunately in August of the same year a follow up PET scan showed a new tumor in his wind pipe that was active with cancer. This placed him into a state of depression and is taking a toll on his body both mentally and physically.

This has been devastating to him and his wife who is also disabled, as well as the rest of the family. The Boudreaux family struggles with every day living expenses, utilities, food, etc, as well as mounting medical bills. It is difficult just to put gas in his truck to make it for chemo treatments that he has to drive round trip 88 miles sometimes driving himself to receive his treatments. Floyd and the Boudreaux family are grateful to God to receive a gift from the Bright Light Foundation and the Oil and Gas Community. A bit of positive light on this unfortunate situation is much needed!